

## **‘Green Bus Tour’ to visit Orion Energy Systems**

*Utility professionals to learn how they can reduce energy grid strain with PDLR*

**MANITOWOC, Wis. — June 23, 2009** — Approximately 45 members of the Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin will tour Orion Energy Systems Inc. (Nasdaq: OESX) on Wednesday, June 24, to learn how they can help relieve strain on the electric grid by promoting energy efficiency, thermal storage, distributed generation and direct renewable technology.

The stop is part of the Green Bus Tour, which kicks off MEUW’s 80<sup>th</sup> annual conference being held in Manitowoc on Thursday, June 25, and Friday, June 26. The theme of this year’s conference is “It’s So Easy Being Green,” a reference for all utilities to be environmentally responsible energy providers, according to the MEUW.

The media is invited to attend the meeting and tour at Orion. The bus is scheduled to arrive at Orion at approximately 1:10 p.m. The meeting and tour is expected to last 1 hour.

At Orion, MEUW members will learn about permanent distributed load reduction, or PDLR, as a way they can help manage the growing demand of electricity while keeping rates in check.

PDLR is achieved by implementing Orion’s energy-efficient technology, which includes Orion’s high-intensity fluorescent Compact Modular™ lighting platform, the Intelite® wireless control system and the direct renewable Apollo® Solar Light Pipe, which harvests daylight and directs it to the work area of a facility using no electricity.

When deployed in industrial and commercial facilities, Orion’s technology permanently reduces energy consumption, freeing electrical capacity for constrained utilities, and decreasing greenhouse gases, which are the byproduct of electricity generation.

MEUW members also will learn about thermal storage, distributed generation and load control options to help them better optimize supply and demand on the grid.

Orion’s innovation and technology recently won the praise of President Barack Obama, who applauded Orion in a White House speech promoting clean energy, the creation of green collar jobs and the importance of energy efficiency. Obama challenged Orion and

other clean energy companies to “mount a historic effort to end once and for all our dependence on foreign oil.”

Following the tour at Orion Energy Systems, the Green Bus Tour will stop at Tower Tech Systems Inc. and Manitowoc Public Utilities, MEUW’s largest member utility.

Orion has deployed its energy management systems in 4,581 facilities across North America. Since 2001, Orion technology has displaced more than 435 megawatts, saving customers more than \$577 million and reducing indirect carbon dioxide emissions by 4.9 million tons. Orion’s technology was recently internationally recognized with a Platts Global Energy Award for the single most innovative and sustainable green technology of 2008.

***The Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin*** is a state association representing the locally-owned, locally-controlled municipal electric utilities in Wisconsin. The association has served municipal electric utilities in Wisconsin since 1928. MEUW’s 82 member communities range in size from Manitowoc with a population of 35,000, to Merrilan with a population of 582. Collectively, these 82 public power utilities distribute more than 11 percent of the electricity in Wisconsin. For more information, visit the association’s Web site at [www.meuw.org](http://www.meuw.org).

***Orion Energy Systems Inc. (Nasdaq: OESX)*** is a leading power technology enterprise that designs, manufactures and implements energy management systems, consisting primarily of high-performance, energy-efficient lighting systems, controls and related services for commercial and industrial customers without compromising their quantity or quality of light. For more information, visit [www.oesx.com](http://www.oesx.com).

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