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[Document 1 - Presentation to Leaders]

**NewCo Organizational Structure**

Presentation to Leaders

October 9, 2006

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**Three Burning Questions**

1.

Will I continue to have a job?

2.

If I do, where do I fit into NewCo's organization?

3.

What else do these changes mean for me?

**Today We *Begin* to Answer**

These Questions

Organizational design process still underway

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All positions not yet identified

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Some leaders appointed

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Others yet to be appointed

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Following defined process to place qualified  
employees from both companies

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Nothing happens immediately, and only if merger is  
approved by regulators and shareholders

**NewCo Organizational Structure**

You'll see:

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Completely different structure

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Promotes integration of both companies

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Draws leadership from both companies

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Existing functions in new places, and some  
completely new functions

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New titles and new service descriptions

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New faces in existing roles, and familiar faces in new  
roles

**NewCo Organizational Structure**

You won't see...

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All the answers

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All the positions filled

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New opportunities yet to be created

Remember:

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We're working through this together

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Looking through both organizations to find the best  
talent

**NewCo Organizational Structure**

Overview

1.

The Holding Company

2.

The Operating Companies

3.

The Services Group

**Why This Design?**

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Establishes small holding company

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Facilitates long-term growth and expansion

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Aligns with business strategy and focus on operational  
excellence and customer service

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Streamlines our businesses and corporate organization

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Simplifies communication and coordination

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Accommodates regulatory requirements

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Provides separation between our regulated and  
non-regulated entities

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Flexible and adaptable to changing business  
environment.

**NewCo Organizational Structure**

Presentation  
10,000 Foot  
5,000 Foot  
Ground Level



**Holding Company Structure:**

10,000 Foot View

Oversees and manages entire organization

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Interact with the Board of Directors

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Take the new name

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Listed on NYSE

Senior Vice President  
and Chief Financial  
Officer

President and Chief  
Executive Officer

Larry Weyers

Corporate Secretary  
and Chief

Governance Officer

Senior Vice President  
and Chief Human

Resource Officer

Executive Vice President  
and Chief Development

Officer

**Holding Company Structure:**

10,000 Foot View

**Holding Company Structure:**

5,000 Foot View

The Holding Company will manage:

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Overall Financial Operations

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Strategic Human Resources

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Corporate Governance

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Corporate Development

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Strategic Planning

Senior Vice President  
and Chief Financial  
Officer

President and Chief  
Executive Officer  
Larry Weyers

Senior Vice President  
and Chief Human  
Resource Officer  
Vice President and  
Treasurer

Vice President and  
Corporate Controller

Vice President,  
Investor Relations  
Vice President,  
Financial and

Accounting Services

Vice President., Human  
Resource Services

Vice President,  
Risk Management  
Services

Executive Vice President  
and Chief Development  
Officer

Director,  
Strategic Planning

Vice President,  
Development

Director,

Business Performance

*These shaded units report on a solid-line  
basis to the President of the Services*

Company

Corporate Secretary  
and Chief

Governance Officer

Vice President, Legal  
Services and Chief

Compliance Officer

**Holding Company Structure:**

5,000 Foot View

**The Holding Company Name?**

Name is being finalized

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Will be announced very soon

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Branding platform also underway

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Will apply *only* to holding company

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Regulated subsidiaries will retain current names and  
brand identities

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New non-regulated company name will complement  
Holding Company name

**Operating Companies Structure:**

10,000 Foot View

Four operational groups report to Holding Company

1.

Peoples Energy Production

2.

NewCo Gas Group

3.

Wisconsin Public Service Corporation

4.

NewCo Non-Regulated Group

President, Peoples  
Energy Production  
President and Chief  
Executive Officer  
President and Chief  
Operating Officer,  
NewCo Gas Group  
President of Wisconsin  
Public Service Corporation  
President,  
NewCo Non-Regulated  
Larry  
Weyers  
**Operating Companies Structure:**  
10,000 Foot View

Operating Companies Structure:

5,000 Foot View

1. Peoples Energy Production

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Concentrates on acquiring proven, onshore reserves

(primarily natural gas)

2. NewCo Gas Group

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Peoples Gas

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North Shore Gas

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Minnesota Energy Resources Group

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Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation

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Gas Services

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Customer Relations



**Operating Companies Structure:**

5,000 Foot View

3. Wisconsin Public Service Corporation

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Upper Peninsula Power Company (UPPCO)

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Energy Supply Generation

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Energy Delivery

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Fuels Management

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Generation Planning

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Energy Supply & Control

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Transmission

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Major Projects

**Operating Companies Structure:**

5,000 Foot View

4. NewCo Non-Regulated Group

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WPS Energy Services (ESI)

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Peoples Energy Services Corp (PES)

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Peoples Energy Resources Corp (PER)

President, Peoples  
Energy Production  
President and Chief  
Executive Officer  
Vice President,  
Gas Services  
Vice President,  
Energy Supply  
(Generation)  
Vice President,  
Major Projects  
President,  
North Shore Gas  
Vice President,  
Customer Relations  
Vice President,  
Transmission  
Senior Vice  
President, Energy  
Delivery  
Director, Energy  
Supply and Control  
Director,  
Generation  
Planning  
President,  
Minnesota Energy  
Resources Corp  
President, Michigan  
Gas Utilities Corp  
President and Chief  
Operating Officer,  
NewCo Gas Group  
President of Wisconsin  
Public Service Corp.  
President,  
NewCo Non-Regulated  
President,  
Peoples Gas  
Director, Fuels  
Management  
Larry Weyers

**Operating Companies Structure:**  
5,000 Foot View

**The Services Group Structure:**

10,000 Foot View

Divided into two main areas

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The Services Company (ServCo LLC)

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External Affairs

Executive Vice  
President, External  
Affairs  
President and Chief  
Executive Officer  
President,  
Services Company  
(ServCo LLC)  
Larry Weyers

**The Services Group Structure:**  
10,000 Foot View

**The Services Group Structure:**

5,000 Foot View

The Services Company

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Risk Management

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Finance & Accounting

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Human Resources

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Legal Services and Compliance

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Information Technology

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Supply Chain Services

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Environmental Services

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Administrative Services

External Affairs Group

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Regulatory Affairs

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Government Relations & Community Affairs

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Corporate Communications

Executive Vice  
President, External  
Affairs  
President and Chief  
Executive Officer  
President,  
Services Company  
(ServCo LLC)  
Vice President,  
Regulatory Affairs  
Vice President,  
Government Relations  
and Community Affairs  
Director, Corporate  
Communications  
Vice President and  
Chief Information Officer  
Director, Supply  
Chain Services  
Director, Environmental  
Services  
Director, Administration  
Services  
Vice President, Finance  
and Accounting  
Services  
Vice President, Human  
Resource Services  
Vice President,  
Legal Services and Chief  
Compliance Officer  
Vice President, Risk  
Management Services  
*These shaded units report on a  
solid-line basis to the President of  
the Services Company*  
Larry Weyers  
**The Services Group Structure:**  
5,000 Foot View

**Introducing NewCo Leadership**  
The Ground Level View



**NewCo Leadership**

Ground Level View

Structure

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Level 1: CEO & President

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Level 2: My direct reports

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Level 3: Their direct reports

Defined as of today

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Level 2 leaders

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*Some* Level 3 leaders

*These shaded units report on a solid-line basis to the  
President of the Services Company.*

Senior Vice President  
and Chief Financial  
Officer

Joe O'Leary

President and Chief  
Executive Officer

Larry Weyers

Corporate Secretary  
and Chief

Governance Officer

Peter Kauffman

Senior Vice President  
and Chief Human  
Resource Officer

Bud Treml

Vice President, Legal  
Services and Chief  
Compliance Officer

Vice President and  
Treasurer

Vice President and  
Corporate Controller

Vice President,

Investor Relations

Vice President,

Financial and

Accounting Services

Vice President., Human  
Resource Services

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Corporate HR

strategies, policies and  
standards

§

Executive

Compensation and  
Benefits

§

Talent Management

§

Diversity/Inclusion  
Programs

§

Organization

Development

§

Governance Support

§

Corporate Accounting  
Issues, Policies, Standards,  
and Research

§

External Financial  
Reporting/Compliance

§

Holding Company Financial  
Control

§

Corporate Secretary  
Services

§

Governance Support  
Vice President,  
Risk Management  
Services

§

Financing and Banking  
Relationships

§

M&A Support

§

Venture Investing

§

Financial Planning and  
Analysis

§

Pension Investment  
Executive Vice President  
and Chief Development  
Officer

Phil Mikulsky

Director,

Strategic Planning

Vice President,

Development

Director,

Business Performance

§

Performance  
Accountability System

§

Project Management and  
Support

§

Synergy Capture

§

Competitive Excellence

§

Project Support Office

§  
Business Analysis and  
Decision Support  
§  
Strategic Planning  
Stewardship  
§  
Strategic Studies/Decision  
Support  
§  
Competitive Research/Analysis  
§  
Capital/ O&M Budgeting  
Alignment  
§  
Acquisition Search and  
Analysis  
§  
Negotiations Support and Due  
Diligence Coordination  
§  
Strategic Alliances and Joint  
Ventures  
§  
Asset Analysis and Divestiture  
Boris Brevnov  
**Leaders: Holding Company Ground View**

President, Peoples  
Energy Production  
Steve Nance  
President and Chief  
Executive Officer  
Larry Weyers  
Charlie Schrock  
Vice President,  
Gas Services  
Vice President,  
Energy Supply  
(Generation)  
Terry Jensky  
Vice President,  
Major Projects  
Dave Harpole  
President,  
North Shore Gas  
Desiree Rogers  
Vice President,  
Customer Relations  
§  
Gas Engineering  
§  
Gas Projects  
§  
Meter Shop and  
Testing  
§  
Gas Supply  
§  
Gas Control  
§  
Sales Forecasting  
§  
Market, Product and  
Sales Planning  
§  
Customer Billing and  
Cash Remittance/Bill  
Processing  
§  
Credit and Collections  
§  
Customer Research  
§  
Advertising and  
Promotions  
§  
Meter Reading

§  
Account Management  
and Support

§  
Call Center Operations  
(customer Inquiry)

§  
Customer  
Communications  
Vice President,  
Transmission  
Bill

Bourbonnais

§  
Plant Managers

§  
Generation Support

§  
Nuclear Oversight

§  
Environmental  
Compliance

§  
Portfolio Management  
(Planning)

§  
Physical Asset Operations

§  
Gas Trading

§  
Power Trading

§  
Power Operations

§  
Embedded Support and  
Matrix Services

§  
MISO Coordination

§  
American  
Transmission Co.  
(Coordination)

§  
Electric Distribution  
System Planning

§  
Electric Distribution  
Operations

§  
Electric Transmission

Operations  
§  
Customer Relations  
§  
Upper Peninsula  
Power Co.  
§  
Gas Distribution  
§  
Supply and  
Wholesale Services  
§  
Energy Supply  
Projects (e.g., New  
Power Plants)  
§  
Energy Delivery  
Projects (e.g.,  
Substation Projects)  
§  
Retail Energy Marketing  
§  
Wholesale Energy Marketing  
§  
Power Generation  
§  
Asset Development  
§  
NGL Business  
Senior Vice  
President, Energy  
Delivery  
Barb Nick  
Director, Energy  
Supply and Control  
Paul Spicer  
Director,  
Generation  
Planning  
Tom Smies  
§  
Electric Supply and  
Control  
§  
Gas Distribution  
President,  
Minnesota Energy  
Resources Corp  
Chuck  
Cloninger  
President, Michigan

Gas Utilities Corp  
Gary Erickson  
§  
Gas Distribution  
§  
Gas Distribution  
§  
Load Forecasting  
§  
Supply Planning  
§  
Gas Distribution  
President and Chief  
Operating Officer,  
NewCo Gas Group  
Larry Borgard  
President of Wisconsin  
Public Service Corp.  
President,  
NewCo Non-Regulated  
Mark Radtke  
President,  
Peoples Gas  
Desiree Rogers  
Director, Fuels  
Management  
Karen Kollmann

**Leaders: Operating Companies Ground View**



Executive Vice  
President, External  
Affairs  
Tom Meinz  
President and Chief  
Executive Officer  
L. Weyers  
President,  
Services Company  
(ServCo LLC)  
Tom Nardi  
Vice President,  
Regulatory Affairs  
Jim Schott  
Vice President,  
Government Relations  
and Community Affairs  
Rod Sierra  
Director, Corporate  
Communications  
§  
SOX Compliance and  
Reporting  
§  
Risk Assessment  
§  
Audit Services  
§  
Trading Risk  
Management  
§  
Procurement (Buyers)  
§  
Material  
Handling/Logistics  
§  
Materials Management  
§  
Investment Recovery  
§  
Supply Chain Systems  
§  
Permitting and  
Licensing  
§  
Air and Water  
Programs  
§  
Environmental  
Compliance

§  
Remediation and Solid  
Waste  
§  
Office Services  
§  
Real Estate  
§  
Printing Services  
§  
Security and Facilities  
§  
Applications Development  
§  
Computer Operations  
§  
Information Services  
§  
Applied and Emerging  
Technology  
§  
Telecommunications and  
Network Support  
§  
Database Administration  
and Security  
§  
Accounts Payable  
§  
Property Accounting  
§  
GL and Corporate  
Accounting  
§  
Trust Funds and Benefits  
Accounting  
§  
Tax Services  
§  
Rates and Budgeting  
§  
Cash Management  
§  
ServCo Accounting  
Allocations  
§  
Compensation and  
Benefits  
§  
Learning and Development  
§

Labor Relations and Safety  
§  
Employee Relations and  
Communications  
§  
Recruiting and Staffing  
§  
HRI Systems  
§  
Medical, Health and  
Wellness Services  
§  
Payroll  
§  
Regulatory Policy and  
Analysis  
§  
Rate Case Preparation  
§  
Regulatory Services  
§  
Public Affairs  
§  
Communication  
Strategies/Support  
§  
Corporate Advertising  
§  
Policy Development  
§  
Lobbying  
§  
Community and Economic  
Development  
§  
State and Federal Relations  
§  
Legal Services  
§  
Litigation Coordination  
§  
Contracts  
Administration/ Support  
§  
Legal Counsel to  
Executive Management  
§  
Insurance and Claims  
§  
Legal Compliance  
Vice President and

Chief Information Officer

Director, Supply  
Chain Services

Director, Environmental  
Services

Director, Administration  
Services

Vice President, Finance  
and Accounting  
Services

Vice President, Human  
Resource Services

Vice President,  
Legal Services and Chief  
Compliance Officer

Barth Wolf

Vice President, Risk  
Management Services

*These shaded units report on a  
solid-line basis to the President of the  
Services Company.*

**Leaders: Services Group Ground View**

**NewCo Leader Selection**

Six-step assessment and selection process

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Mandatory process to fill all available positions

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No exceptions

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All eligible candidates from both companies  
considered

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Process to be used to fill all positions moving forward

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More details about the process coming

1.  
Announce NewCo  
organization, including Level 2  
appointments

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Announce approach and  
timing for staffing the  
balance of the  
organization

1.  
Prepare position summaries  
for Level 3 organization

2.  
Conduct Peer Review of Level  
3 candidates

3.  
Identify candidates for each  
Level 3 position

4.  
Evaluate and select Level 3  
executives

5.  
Conduct adverse impact  
review

6.  
Offer positions and conduct  
conversations with  
non-selectees

7.  
Announce selections

**25**

**Sept**

**2**

**October**

**9**

**16**

**23**

**6**

**November**

**13**

**20**

**27**

**4**

**11**

**18**

**25**

**December**

**Week Beginning**

*Continuous Activity*

*Intermittent Activity*

*Event/Announcement*

Preliminary

**Key Steps**

***This timeline assumes a December 31***

close. Steps 5-8 would initiate once there is a reasonable assurance of favorable decisions by the regulators (especially ICC and SEC)

**Assessment & Selection Timeline**

**What's Next?**

Nothing changes until the merger is completed

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All employees remain in current positions

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Busiest season ahead for gas utilities

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Maintain focus on our customers



**When Changes *Do* Happen**

When Transaction Approved

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Begin transitioning to the NewCo Organizational structure

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New leaders assume their positions

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Two companies begin operating as one

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Systems and processes merged

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Functions streamlined as quickly as possible to achieve operational efficiencies

**Will My People Or I Be Affected?**

Who will be impacted?

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Some people will experience a lot of change

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Some people will experience very little

What is the company doing to help?

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Appropriate services will be provided to ease the transition for people impacted because of the merger

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Special Severance

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Outplacement

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Cobra

**Building Our New Company**

We are working together

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WPS Resources and Peoples Energy both  
contributing

§

Systematically creating a new organization

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Hitting all milestones as promised

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Impressive coordination and cooperation

**In the Months Ahead**

Challenges lie ahead

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Can be difficult to maintain focus during uncertainty

Our commitment to you

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Continue sharing information regularly

What we need from employees

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Participate in the process

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Seek out information

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Share your ideas

**NewCo Organizational Structure**  
Questions & Discussion

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**What's Next Today**

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Talking points and organizational charts are available

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Leaders packet emailed from

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Jody Trost (WPS)

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Elizabeth Castro (Peoples)

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Packet contains

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Announcement memo

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Leadership talking points

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Org charts

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Q&A

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Press release

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E-mail to all employees

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Announcement memo

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Org charts

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Posted on PowerNet and Peoples Net

**Meet With Employees and  
Share Their Feedback With Us**

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Meet with employees to review the announcement

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Assure them the process to successfully combine the two  
companies is moving forward

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Address their questions

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We need your feedback

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How did your meetings go?

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What questions did you get?

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Email by Wednesday to:

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Suzan Murray (WPS)

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Kathy Donofrio (Peoples)

[Document 2 - News Release]

(WPS Logo and Peoples Energy Logo)

## News Release

### **WPS Resources and Peoples Energy Announce Organizational Structure and Senior Leadership for Proposed Combined Company**

*New Organizational Structure Is Designed to Promote Customer Service, Efficiency and Growth, and Combines Best Features of Both Companies*

Green Bay, WI, and Chicago, October 9, 2006 -- WPS Resources Corporation (NYSE: WPS) and Peoples Energy Corporation (NYSE: PGL) today announced the organizational structure for the proposed combined company and the managers who will fill top positions. The companies announced the signing of a definitive merger agreement on July 10, 2006, and expect the transaction to close in the first calendar quarter of 2007, subject to necessary regulatory and shareholder approvals.

“Joining WPS Resources and Peoples Energy presents an opportunity to create a structure that is best-positioned to serve customers, facilitate the full integration of the two companies and their cultures, operate more efficiently and effectively, and promote our long-term growth strategy,” said Larry L. Weyers, 61, chairman, president, and CEO of WPS Resources and president and CEO of the new company.

“The structure we developed marks an important milestone in preparing to combine the two organizations. It paves the way to create a stronger and more competitive Midwest-based diversified energy company and also indicates that our integration program is proceeding as planned. Drawing from the talents of both companies, we have identified leaders for the senior level positions of the new company and created a process for naming the personnel below them,” Weyers added.

### **Organizational Design**

The organizational structure for the new company is built around three distinct entities: the holding company, the operating companies, and a services group that will provide support services to the holding company and operating companies.

The Holding Company will oversee the entire organization, take the new name, and be listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

The Operating Companies, which will compose four operational groups and will deliver services to WPS Resources’ and Peoples Energy’s customers. The operational groups are:

- **Peoples Energy Production**, which will acquire onshore reserves, primarily natural gas, with upside potential in a limited number of strategic basins.

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- **The NewCo Gas Group**, including Peoples Gas, North Shore Gas, Minnesota Energy Resources Corp., and Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation. Other functions within this subsidiary include gas services and customer relations.
- **Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC)**, including Upper Peninsula Power Company (UPPCO) and the following functional areas: energy supply generation, energy delivery, fuels management, generation planning, energy supply and control, transmission and major projects.
- **The NewCo Non-Regulated Group**, including WPS Energy Services, Inc., Peoples Energy Services Corp., and Peoples Energy Resources Corp.

Finally, the new services group comprises the services company, ServCo LLC, which will provide central support services such as human resources, finance, and legal to the subsidiaries and to the holding company; and the external affairs group, which will oversee regulatory, government relations and community affairs, and corporate communications.

### **Leaders Named to Manage Combined Company**

Weyers also identified many of the combined company's senior leaders, who will manage the new company after the transaction closes. He noted that the process of identifying the new company's leaders is ongoing, and many appointments remain to be made in the months ahead.

The managers named as part of today's announcement include:

#### **Holding Company:**

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer: Joe O'Leary, 51

Corporate Secretary and Chief Governance Office: Peter Kauffman, 60

Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer: Bud Treml, 57

Executive Vice President and Chief Development Officer: Phil Mikulsky, 58

#### **Operating Companies:**

President, Peoples Energy Production: Steve Nance, 49

President and Chief Operating Officer: NewCo Gas Group: Larry Borgard, 44

President of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation: Charlie Schrock, 53

President, NewCo Non-Regulated: Mark Radtke, 45

President, Peoples Gas; and President, North Shore Gas: Desiree Rogers, 46

President, Minnesota Energy Resources Corp.: Chuck Cloninger, 48

President, Michigan Gas Utilities Corp.: Gary Erickson, 64

#### **Services Group:**

Executive Vice President, External Affairs: Tom Meinz, 59

President, Service Company (ServCo LLC): Tom Nardi, 52

Vice President, Government Relations and Community Affairs: Rod Sierra, 46

Vice President, Regulatory Affairs: Jim Schott, 49

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Following the close of the transaction, James R. Boris, 61, the current lead director for Peoples Energy, will serve as non-executive chairman of the board. Thomas M. Patrick, 60, chairman, president and CEO of Peoples Energy, earlier this year announced his intention to retire once the transaction is completed.

#### About WPS Resources Corporation

WPS Resources (NYSE: WPS), based in Green Bay, Wisconsin, is a holding company with five major subsidiaries providing electric and natural gas energy and related services in both regulated and non-regulated energy markets. Its largest subsidiary is Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, a regulated electric and natural gas utility serving northeastern Wisconsin and a portion of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Wisconsin Public Service serves more than 425,000 electric customers and 308,000 natural gas customers. Another subsidiary, Upper Peninsula Power Company, is a regulated electric utility that serves approximately 52,000 electric customers in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation is a regulated natural gas utility serving 161,000 customers in lower Michigan. Minnesota Energy Services Corporation is a regulated natural gas utility serving more than 200,000 customers throughout Minnesota.

WPS Resources' major non-regulated subsidiary consists of WPS Energy Services, Inc., a diversified non-regulated energy supply and services company serving commercial, industrial and wholesale customers and aggregated groups of residential customers. Its principal market is the northeast quadrant of the United States and adjacent portions of Canada. Its principal operations are in Illinois, Maine, Michigan, Ohio, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin in the United States and Alberta, Ontario, and Quebec in Canada. WPS Energy Services also owns and/or operates non-regulated electric generation facilities in Wisconsin, Maine, Pennsylvania, New York, and New Brunswick, Canada; steam production facilities in Arkansas and Oregon; and a partial interest in a synthetic fuel processing facility in Kentucky.

Visit the WPS Resources Web site at [www.wpsr.com](http://www.wpsr.com) for additional information.

#### About Peoples Energy

Peoples Energy, (NYSE: PGL) a member of the S&P 500, is a diversified energy company consisting of three primary business segments: Gas Distribution, Oil and Gas Production, and Energy Assets & Energy Marketing. Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas, regulated utilities, deliver natural gas to about one million customers in the City of Chicago and 54 communities in northeastern Illinois. The company's non-utility businesses include Peoples Energy Services (PESC) and Peoples Energy Production (PEP). PESC, launched in 1996, serves more than 25,000 customers. PESC provides a portfolio of products to manage energy needs of business, institutional and residential consumers in today's volatile and complex energy market. The company recently won approval to offer services in Michigan, Ohio and New York. PEP, founded in 1998, is primarily focused on acquiring proven, onshore reserves with upside potential in a limited number of strategic supply basins. Value is then added through drilling programs, production enhancements and reservoir optimization. The company's acquisition and drilling efforts are primarily focused on natural gas. Visit the Peoples Energy website at [www.peoplesenergy.com](http://www.peoplesenergy.com)

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## Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. You can identify these statements by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts and often include words such as “anticipate,” “expect,” “intend,” “may,” “could,” “project,” “believe” and other similar words. Forward-looking statements are beyond the ability of WPS Resources and Peoples Energy to control and, in many cases, neither WPS Resources nor Peoples Energy can predict what factors would cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated by forward-looking statements. Please see WPS Resources’ and Peoples Energy’s periodic reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (including their 10-Ks and 10-Qs) for listings of certain factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements included in this press release are based upon information presently available, and neither WPS Resources nor Peoples Energy assume any obligation to update any forward-looking statements.

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[Document 3 - Memo to Employees]

**Date:** October 9, 2006

**To:** WPS Resources and Peoples Energy Employees:

**From:** Larry Weyers

**Subject:** Presenting the NewCo Organizational Structure

On behalf of the Transition Committee, I am pleased to announce the organizational structure for the proposed new company that will be created, pending necessary approvals, when the WPS/Peoples Energy merger is completed; and also to explain the principles that the Committee followed in designing the new organization.

At the outset, I recognize that everyone wants to know where their function and position fits into the new company. Because the organizational design process will take several months to complete, we don't have *all* the positions identified, but we have identified leaders who will hold many of them.

For that reason, and consistent with my commitment to provide information to you on a timely basis, we are unveiling NewCo's structure and many of the key positions to address your questions and concerns.

We welcome your questions and I will update you periodically as we continue this important staffing process in the months ahead.

### **Completely New Structure**

It's important for everyone to understand that NewCo's organizational structure will be completely different from that of either WPS Resources or Peoples Energy.

Our goal has been to create a new entity, one that creates a new, efficient and effective organization that best meets the needs of all our customers, both regulated and non-regulated, in all of our locations.

In addition, we wanted the new structure to promote full integration of the two companies and their cultures. Our staffing plan draws from the leadership talents of both companies.

This means that the various functions of the new organization may fall under a new area, have new names or new service descriptions. In addition, you may find that current leaders will take on a new role in a different part of the organization or that a new leader has been selected to run an existing part of the new organization.

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## Don't Forget the Big Picture

We realize that it may be confusing and disconcerting as you try to figure out where you fit into the overall organization. But remember: This is a process that is affecting all of us. When completed, NewCo - with its broadened range of services and geographic reach - will create many new opportunities, some of which you may be asked to help us define.

I can tell you without hesitation that we will be looking throughout both organizations for the right people who are best qualified to fill those positions so we can continue to serve the needs of all our stakeholders: employees, customers, and shareholders.

## How NewCo's Organizational Structure Was Developed

To recommend the best way to integrate the operations of WPS and Peoples Energy into a single, successful organization, the Transition Committee's Organizational Design (OD) Team looked at both companies' current structures and researched how other companies are set up.

The final decision was to build the NewCo organizational structure around three distinct entities, each of which has a particular focus:

- 1. The holding company** will oversee and manage the entire organization. It is the holding company that will interact with the board, take the new name and be the public company listed on the New York Stock Exchange.
- 2. The operating companies** deliver services to our customers and compose four operational groups that are described in further detail below.
- 3. The services group**, which is divided into two main areas - the services company (ServCo LLC), and the external affairs group.

Although it seems complex at first glance, the OD team selected this structure because it met specific criteria. The new organizational model:

- Facilitates greater synergy among all parts of the organization by combining similar services;
  - Increases the speed, and ease of implementation, while decreasing the costs;
- Makes it easier to provide cost allocation information to regulators and government officials;
- Clarifies organizational roles and accountabilities and establishes clear P&L accountability;

- Promotes efficient and effective organizational performance because, in most cases, operational services will be closer to their operating units, and nearly all similar services will be combined;
  - Aligns with the overall corporate strategy of growth through acquisition; and,
- Promotes customer focus and operational excellence by elevating the customer relations function in the gas business, and keeping the operational support functions close to the responsible executives.

### **In More Detail: NewCo's Organizational Structure**

To help you better understand the specific functions that fall within each part of the new company, here is an overview of each area:

#### Holding Company

The new Holding Company will manage the overall financial operations of the company, human resources, corporate governance, and corporate development and strategic planning.

We are in the process of finalizing a name for the Holding Company, which we will announce soon. We are also developing a branding platform, including logo and graphics for the holding company, which we will share as it is developed.

**Note:** The new name will apply *only* to the holding company. The utility companies will retain their current names and brand identity, and the new non-regulated company will take a name that is complementary to the holding company name (See Operating Companies section below).

#### The Operating Companies

There will be four operational groups reporting to the Holding Company:

- 1. Peoples Energy Production:** concentrates on acquiring proven, onshore reserves - primarily natural gas - with upside potential in a limited number of strategic basins.
- 2. NewCo Gas Group:** including Peoples Gas, North Shore Gas, Minnesota Energy Resources Corp, and Michigan Gas Utilities Corp. Other functions within this subsidiary include Gas Services and Customer Relations;
- 3. Wisconsin Public Service Corporation** including Upper Peninsula Power Co. and the following functional areas -- Energy Supply Generation, Energy Delivery, Fuels Management, Generation Planning, Energy Supply & Control, Transmission, and Major Projects. WPSC will remain an integrated electric and natural-gas provider because there are more synergies to be gained this way than if it were separated.

**4. NewCo Non-Regulated Group:** including WPS Energy Services, Inc. (ESI), Peoples Energy Services Corp (PES), and Peoples Energy Resources Corp. (PER).

As I mentioned above, each regulated subsidiary and Peoples Energy Production will retain its current name and brand identity. We made this decision because we want to make it very clear to our customers that they will continue to receive the services from the people they know and trust.

The Services Group

This group provides the infrastructure and central support services to the entire organization, including the operating company and the four operational groups.

The Service Company (ServCo LLC) includes risk management, finance and accounting, human resources, legal, IT, as well as supply chain, environmental and administrative services; and the External Affairs Group includes regulatory affairs, government relations and community affairs, and corporate communications.

**Introducing NewCo Leadership**

As defined by the OD team, Level 1 is the President and CEO; Level 2 includes my direct reports; and Level 3 leaders report to them. As of today, we have defined the Level 2 leaders and several of the Level 3 leaders. Over the next few months, they will work through a process to complete the Level 3 staffing and then staff Level 4 and beyond.

The leaders announced today were selected through a six-step assessment and selection process developed by my team and me, with support from Human Resources leaders from both companies, and the HR Horizontal Support Team.

Moving forward, every position across the new organization will be filled using this process to ensure all eligible candidates are considered from both organizations. There will be no exceptions. We will share more information about this process as we begin to fill positions below the Level 3 leaders described above.

For today, however, I'd like to introduce some of the leaders who have been selected to help run the NewCo organization:

The Level 2 leaders are:

Holding Company:

- Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer: Joe O'Leary



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- Corporate Secretary and Chief Governance Officer: Peter Kauffman
- Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer: Bud Trembl
- Executive Vice President and Chief Development Officer: Phil Mikulsky

### Operating Companies:

- President, Peoples Energy Production: Steve Nance
- President and Chief Operating Officer: NewCo Gas Group: Larry Borgard
  - President of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation: Charlie Schrock
    - President, NewCo Non-Regulated: Mark Radtke

### Services Group:

- Executive Vice President, External Affairs: Tom Meinz
- President, Service Company (ServCo LLC): Tom Nardi

The Level 3 leaders that have been selected to date include:

### Holding Company:

- Vice President, Development: Boris Brevnov

### Operating Companies:

- President, Peoples Gas; and President, North Shore Gas: Desiree Rogers
  - President, Minnesota Energy Resources Corp.: Chuck Cloninger
    - President, Michigan Gas Utilities Corp.: Gary Erickson
- Vice President, Energy Supply (Generation): Terry Jensky
  - Senior Vice President, Energy Delivery: Barb Nick
    - Director, Fuels Management: Karen Kollman
    - Vice President, Major Projects: Dave Harpole
  - Director, Energy Supply and Control: Paul Spicer
  - Vice President, Transmission: Bill Bourbonnais
    - Director, Generation Planning: Tom Smies

### Services Group (The Services Company and External Affairs):

- Vice President, Legal Services and Chief Compliance Officer, the Services Company: Barth Wolf
  - Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, External Affairs: Jim Schott
- Vice President, Government Relations and Community Affairs, External Affairs: Rod Sierra

As you can see, our Level 3 leadership is not yet complete. In the coming weeks, the Level 2 leaders and I will identify and interview qualified candidates

from both companies to fill these positions. We will continue to keep you updated as new information becomes available.

### **What's Next?**

As we've said many times, until the WPS Resources/Peoples Energy transaction receives regulatory and shareholder approval and the deal closes, nothing changes. All employees will remain in their current positions, including the new leadership listed above, until the merger is finalized later this year or early next.

It is essential to remember, especially as we enter our busiest season at the gas utilities, that our primary focus until the merger is finalized is to continue delivering high-quality services to our customers.

In the meantime, we will continue developing the organizational structure and identifying and interviewing qualified candidates to fill open positions. As we move down through the organization, this process will continue even after the merger is finalized.

### **When Changes *Do* Happen...**

Assuming the merger is approved and finalized, we will transition to the NewCo organizational structure. Our new leaders will assume their positions, and the two companies will begin operating as one. Systems and processes will be merged and functions streamlined as quickly as possible to ensure the company operates efficiently and effectively. This is the work our Integration Teams are preparing now.

At that time, some employees may experience very little change, while others will experience significant change. For those employees whose jobs are affected as a result of the merger, we will provide appropriate support services (such as the special severance plan announced recently) to ease their transition.

### **Let Us Build Our New Company Together**

We are making every effort to build our new company together - with input from both WPS Resources and Peoples Energy. We are carefully and systematically moving forward to build the new organization, and are hitting the important milestones as promised last July.

At the same time, we understand the challenges that lie ahead, and also how difficult it can be to maintain focus when faced with uncertainty and change. Our commitment to you is to continue sharing this kind of information on a regular basis. In return, we ask that you participate in the process by continually seeking out new information, asking questions, and sharing your ideas.

For more information about the NewCo organizational structure, you can speak directly with your leader or manager. You can also access the information available on PowerNet and PeoplesNet. And you can submit questions to [transition@wpsr.com](mailto:transition@wpsr.com) or via the “Answers to Your Questions” link on PeoplesNet.

Three months into the transaction process, I am enormously pleased and impressed with the talent that resides in both organizations and the cooperation and teamwork I have seen between our two companies. It gives me great confidence in our combined future, and in our ability to create one of the country’s leading energy companies.

[Document 4 - Employee Questions and Answers]

**WPS Resources and Peoples Energy  
NewCo Organizational Announcement**

**Questions & Answers**

**Employee Questions**

1. Q: How is the organizational structure different than the current organizational design of WPS Resources and Peoples Energy?

A: The new organizational structure was designed to integrate the operations of WPS and Peoples Energy into a single, successful organization that best meets the needs of customers, employees, shareholders and all of our stakeholders. The NewCo organizational structure is built around three distinct entities: the holding company - which will oversee and manage the entire organization; the operating companies - which are the regulated and non-regulated subsidiaries that deliver services to our customers; and the services group - which is divided into two areas, shared services - which provides support to all areas of the company and External Affairs, which oversees Regulatory, Government, Community Relations and Communications.

2. Q: What other organizational structures were considered?

A: The organizational design team worked with an outside consultant to review and consider an array of potential structures for the new company. It was determined that the one we selected would best meet the needs of our customers, employees, shareholders and all of our stakeholders.

3. Q: What was the rationale for using this structure?

A: This new structure was selected because it promotes a more efficient, effective company that will better serve customers.

- Facilitates greater synergy among all parts of the organization by combining similar services;
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- Promotes customer focus and operational excellence by elevating the customer relations function in the gas business, and keeping the operational support functions close to the responsible executives.

4. Q: How did the company choose the managers it named today?

A: The leaders announced today were selected through a six-step assessment and selection process developed by Larry Weyers and his team, with support from Human Resources leaders from both companies, and the HR Horizontal Support Team.

The leaders are being drawn from the talents of both companies to ensure we integrate the operations of WPS and Peoples Energy into a single, successful organization that exceeds the needs of customers, employees, shareholders and all of our stakeholders.

Moving forward, every position across the new organization will be filled using the assessment and selection process described above to ensure all eligible candidates are considered from both organizations. There will be no exceptions. We will share more information about this process as we gradually begin to fill the remaining positions in the new company.

5.Q: The leaders you announced today seem to come mostly from WPS with only a few exceptions. Did you think it was necessary to remove some of Peoples leaders due to the criticism that the company has faced in recent years?

A: The leaders of the proposed new company are being drawn from the talents of both companies. All eligible candidates, including the leaders announced today, must go through the same job assessment and selection process. The leaders announced today were selected through this process and are the most qualified for the jobs.

6.Q: When will the rest of the people be selected for the positions on the organizational charts? Why is it taking so long?

A: We are actually moving rather quickly through this process, but we want to make sure we get it right. The remaining open positions will be filled in the coming months using the formal assessment and selection process that identifies the best qualified candidates from both companies to fill the roles we will need to achieve operational excellence in the new company.

7. Q: How will these other managers be chosen?

A: The Level 2 and Level 3 managers who were named today will begin identifying and interviewing candidates for their respective teams in the coming months using the formal assessment and selection a process that identifies the best qualified candidates from both companies to fill the roles we will need to achieve operational excellence in the new company.

8. Q: Did anyone lose their job today?

A: No. This organizational structure shows how the company will look after the transaction is approved. Until that time, everyone will continue in their present roles at WPS and Peoples. In fact, we are asking all of our employees to remain committed to serving the needs of our customers as we enter our busiest season at the natural gas utilities.

9. Q: When will any layoffs be announced?

A: No jobs will be affected prior to the closing of the transaction. When the time comes to make staffing changes, the company will provide appropriate support to employees who are impacted as a result of the merger.

10. Q: Will displaced managers receive severance packages? How much are they worth?

A: The company will provide appropriate support for employees who are impacted as a result of the merger. For more details about the special severance plan that was announced last week, please go to the October 3, 2006 Transition Update posted on PowerNet and PeoplesNet. It provides more detail about the terms of the plan.

11. Q: When will non-manager employees find out if they have a job?

A: The organizational design process for the new company is ongoing and will likely continue after the two companies become one. Therefore, it's impossible to predict when and if specific functions or jobs will be impacted. Remember: no jobs will be affected prior to the closing of the transaction. Once the transaction is approved, as changes and decisions are made, the company will act quickly to notify any employees whose jobs are affected by the integration, and will provide them appropriate support to ease their transition.

12. Q: If an employee decides to leave the company before the merger is finalized, will they get a severance package?

A: No. The special severance package that was recently announced is designed to encourage employees to remain at the company during the transition process to continue serving our customers well. The severance plan is intended for employees who leave the company involuntarily as a direct result of the WPS-Peoples Energy merger. This plan was put in place to offer appropriate assistance to employees who are affected by the merger.

13. Q: What about Union employees? Are their jobs secure?

A: As we've said previously, union employees will be treated in accordance with their individual bargaining unit agreements with the companies. Remember, despite the merger, we still have to continue serving the needs of our customers and we need the continued commitment of employees at every level in all of our businesses in order to achieve this goal.

14. Q: How many employees will have to relocate? Which functions will move?

A: It is still too early to determine exactly how many employees or what functions may be needed in the four states in which the new company will operate. It is safe to say that very few of our overall combined workforce of more than 5,000 employees will have to relocate.

15. Q: How many employees will eventually lose their job?

A: At this point, we can't say. Although some positions may be eliminated, new opportunities will also be created once our two companies combine. We are committed to identifying qualified employees from throughout both companies to fill any open positions.

16. Q: When will you announce the new Holding Company name?

A: We believe we will be ready to announce the new Holding Company name in the very near future. And, of course, we will share this information with you as soon as it is finalized. Remember, the names and brand platforms for all of the regulated utilities will remain the same. The name of the new non-regulated company that will be created as a result of the merger will take a name that is complementary to the new holding company name. .

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