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SMALL CELL ATTACHMENTS

Members:

Yesterday a co-sponsorship memo was introduced regarding Small Cell attachments. MEUW and our Lobbying and Legal teams have been following the development of this fast-moving legislation. We have had several meetings with Representative Kuglitsch and other interested parties including ATT and the League of Wisconsin Municipalities.

We have expressed concern regarding a number of the elements of the legislation, and have met with the author and number of legislators who we believe will be engaged with this legislation.

Today we met with Representative Neylon, the Chair of the Committee that will hear the bill next week. We have asked for several changes to the bill, included grandfathering of existing agreements. Also, the addition of language that assures that our utilities will be indemnified for any damage or liabilities resulting from these attachments.

We also are seeking to have some restrictions regarding engineering fees reduced or eliminated. The cap in attachment fees remains an issue and we will continue to work with legislators on that topic. We anticipate a public hearing on the bill as early as next week on the 30th.

Attached is the co-sponsorship memo for the bill, and the most recent draft of the bill is attached.