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**Kewaunee Power Station License Renewal
Statement by State Representative Jim Soletski
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I wish to express my strong support for the Kewaunee Power Station being granted a 20-year extension to the reactor license.

Since 1974, almost 35 years now, the Kewaunee power station has operated with exemplary performance. It generates 568 megawatts of electricity from its single unit. That is enough energy to meet the needs of 140,000 homes. The energy that it produces through the use of nuclear power is cheap, safe and reliable.

As we try to balance the growing demand for energy and the need for reducing carbon emissions, the use of nuclear power is an important component. It would be a major step backwards, if Wisconsin did not continue to produce inexpensive, non-combustion electricity at the Kewaunee Power Station. And, hopefully, someday expand the use of this important component in addressing our energy and green house gas environmental concerns.

Given its sound record and our need for clean reliable energy, it would be a grave mistake not to renew the Kewaunee Power Station license. Wisconsin currently imports 15 % of our electrical energy needs and it would be a mistake to allow that deficit to grow. Not only would we lose this important source of energy, we would lose hundreds of good paying family supporting jobs, creating a ripple effect and the loss of good neighbors. As we are seeing happening in Kimberly and Janesville, when good jobs are lost all of the community suffers. Wisconsin can ill afford more lost jobs in our struggling economy.

I strongly urge that the license renewal be granted.