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Wisconsin Utilities purchase Plug-Hybrid Utility Trucks

Waukesha, WI – Marshfield and Plymouth Utilities, both headquartered in Wisconsin, are the first utilities in the state to own and add a Plug-In Hybrid Utility truck to their fleets. The units are available exclusively from two Wisconsin manufacturers Odyne Systems and DUECO, Inc.

Officials from Marshfield Utilities welcomed Wisconsin's first Plug-In Hybrid Electric bucket truck delivered in May of this year. The Odyne Plug-in Hybrid Electric propulsion system minimizes fuel use (while driving) and emissions found in a typical bucket truck. When at a job site, batteries power all boom hydraulic functions and the climate control system for a full workday, without the use of the diesel engine. This means reduced noise from engine idle and elimination of any emissions while in electric mode.

Plymouth Utilities is the first utility nationwide to own a 4x4 Plug-in Hybrid Digger Derrick, a common piece of equipment used to dig holes and set electric poles by utility companies throughout the nation. This unit is a Terex C4047 with a full hydraulic control station at the pedestal. A foot throttle actuates the PHEV system, allowing the batteries system to turn on. The unit is equipped with a force option, only turning on the engine on if you need to dig in rough conditions.

Both the Marshfield and Plymouth Plug-in trucks are able to recharge their battery system at night by using off-peak energy from the electricity their own utility produces.

Design, manufacture and assembly for both the Marshfield and Plymouth trucks was done in Waukesha, WI, "We are excited our local utilities have chosen Odyne and DUECO to manufacture the first two Hybrid Plug-in work trucks in the state," states Judie Taylor, president of DUECO. "It shows Wisconsin's strong environmental commitment to enhance fuel economy and reduce emissions."

About Marshfield Utilities

The mission of Marshfield Utilities is to provide all customers with high-quality service, manage rates to enhance the service area's economy and maintain a rate of operating profit that provides adequate funds to meet current and future operational needs. Currently, there are 11,500 electric customers and Marshfield Utilities is continuing to grow to keep pace with local development.

About Plymouth Utilities

Plymouth Utilities is a community-owned, customer-driven electric utility providing electric service to the City of Plymouth and parts of 10 surrounding townships including Forest, Greenbush, Herman, Lyndon, Mitchell, Osceola, Plymouth, Rhine, Scott and Sheboygan Falls. Plymouth Utilities is a member-owner of Wisconsin Public Power Inc. (WPPI). Through this association, Plymouth Utilities is able to acquire power supply expertise and negotiating strength that would be difficult to obtain individually.

About DUECO

Specializing in the final stage manufacturing of aerial lifts, digger derricks, cranes, and custom bodies, DUECO can also provide trailers, mini-diggers, cable placers, parts, and service. Family owned and operated for more than 50 years, DUECO's philosophy of teamwork, integrity, and open communication with customers and employees help ensure high quality equipment at the best value.

With headquarters in the Metro Milwaukee area, DUECO has six full service facilities, serving customers in fifteen states. To learn more about DUECO and what the company can offer please call us at 800-558-4004 or visit us on the web at www.dueco.com.

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