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## Sierra Club Applauds Madison Vote for Clean Energy

**Madison:** The Four Lakes Group of the Sierra Club applauds the Madison City Council's unanimous vote tonight and rare unanimous sponsorship to oppose the highly contentious rate proposal by Madison Gas & Electric (MG&E). The MG&E proposal would dramatically raise electricity connection costs for customers while lowering the fossil fuel fee, which would discourage clean energy solutions. The resolution provides \$60,000 for the City of Madison to intervene in the MG&E rate case before the Wisconsin Public Service Commission.

Don Ferber, Four Lakes Group Conservation Chair, said "The MG&E proposal is deeply troubling and does not reflect the values of the Madison community. This regressive scheme would hinder efforts to reduce fossil fuel use and limit CO2 emissions, create an unfair burden on many lower and middle income customers, and harm small businesses and put Madison's economic future at risk."

The Sierra Club has long been dedicated to moving beyond fossil fuels and was instrumental in getting the Blount St and Charter St power plants off coal, and will continue to work for a clean energy future for our community.

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