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Progress Muscatine Releases, “The 4%” Episode Three of *Know Better. Do Better.*

(Muscatine, Iowa) “The 4%” is the third episode of Progress Muscatine’s educational series, *Know Better. Do Better.*

“The goal of this episode is to show how Muscatine Power & Water’s plan fits into the big picture of energy production in the United States,” and Jessica Brackett, President of Progress Muscatine.

Natural gas will power 4% of all new electricity generating capacity added to the United States energy grid in 2024. This is, “the least new natural gas capacity in 25 years,” according to an analysis released by the U.S. Energy Information Administration in February 2024.

According to Brackett, “MPW is an extremely late adapter. Many of their energy producing colleagues around the United States added natural gas infrastructure over the past 15 to 25 years, and now they are overwhelmingly shifting new capacity to solar with batteries, because batteries are necessary to make solar a viable option to cover baseload needs of a utility.”

“As United States energy producers are coming up with cheaper and more sustainable transition plans, the Muscatine community should be asking why MPW plans are aligning with only 4% of their colleagues across the United States,” said Brackett.

The Muscatine Power and Water Board of Trustees is expected to vote on this aspect of their transition plan at the public board meeting beginning at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, June 25.

Know Better. Do Better. is an educational video series prompting viewers to observe a problem or situation, learn something, and visualize a better path forward. Every Tuesday through June, Progress Muscatine will release an episode of the Know Better. Do Better on their website and YouTube channel. Each episode will feature issues in one of three priority areas, LGBTQ+

Equality, Good Governance, and Energy Independence and Transition at Muscatine Power and Water.

Progress Muscatine is a multi-issue 501c3 non-profit organization. The mission of Progress Muscatine is to empower Muscatine County residents to identify problems and work toward sustainable solutions for the common good.

All videos can be found at www.ProgressMuscatine.org or on YouTube.