



**Watts for sale?** Everywhere you look in the electric power industry, something large is going on the block or has been sold this summer. Still in the process of refocusing on core domestic utility business after a temporarily exhilarating 1990s diversification, Madison-based holding company **Alliant Energy** will offload power plants in **China**; has announced sale of all its **Illinois** gas and electric assets to two co-ops, **Rock County Electric** of Janesville, WI, and **Jo Carroll** of Elizabeth, IL; and reached agreement to sell its 70-percent share of the Duane Arnold nuke plant in **Iowa** to Florida's **FPL Energy**. Alliant is also a participant, with **Wisconsin Public Service Corp.**, in the sale of the Kewaunee nuclear plant to Virginia's **Dominion Resources**. Once rejected by regulators who later reversed themselves, the deal closed in July. And a little-noticed provision in the **state budget bill** requires the Department of Administration to sell or contract out for the operation of **state-owned power plants**, which are mostly smallish and built to serve university campuses and correctional institutions. The provision affects 32 plants valued at \$236 million.