



Pulling the plug on the biggest energy project in state history, a Dane County judge rules the Public Service Commission's go-ahead for **WE Energies'** Power the Future project falls short of legal requirements and sends the case back to the PSC, saying start over on **'siting and fuel-choice issues**. New facilities would use a 50-year-old generation site for two of nation's cleanest coal plants. The court denies that three plans for a single parcel constitute the required alternate sites; supporters cite the practice of building on existing utility properties and avoiding use of undeveloped land. Some fear the precedent may force backtracking on other projects already approved, such as the **clean-coal plant** at Wausau and the **Duluth** transmission line. The **PSC** will appeal, but the length of delay is unpredictable. **Gaveltown** could be the new nickname as **Green Bay** Republicans take chairs of both the Legislature's utility oversight committees. The unusual move keeps State Sen. Robert **Cowles** in a Senate chairmanship while also holding a seat on the budget-writing Joint Finance Committee. Assembly chair goes to State Rep. Phil **Montgomery**, whose chief area of interest has been telecommunications utilities.