



NEWS from Indiana Michigan Power

MEDIA CONTACT:

Schnee' Garrett
Indiana Michigan Power Communications
574-283-1852
Cell: 574-218-5987
smgarrett@aep.com

February 7, 2018

I&M ANNOUNCES CENTRAL SOUTH BEND TRANSMISSION LINE ROUTE

SOUTH BEND, Ind. – Indiana Michigan Power (I&M), an operating unit of American Electric Power, through customer engagement has selected the planned transmission line route for the Central South Bend Reliability Project.

The company determined the final proposed route for the transmission line following a comprehensive routing study and public open house held in February 2017 to gather landowner and community feedback. Also included was input from city and community representatives.

The Central South Bend Reliability Project includes an approximately 2 mile 69-kilovolt transmission line that will be underground due to the congested and constrained urban path. The new line will create a redundant supply of electricity to improve reliability and lessen impacts of outages in the area.

As part of the project, I&M will rebuild the Colfax Substation on Colfax Avenue east of Sycamore Street. The rebuilt substation will require a limited expansion on the east side of I&M property and will be enclosed by a wall.

Soon, right-of-way agents will begin discussions with landowners along the route to acquire easements, as needed. Pre-construction activities are anticipated to start in the spring of 2018 with construction estimated to start in fall 2018. The project is expected to be completed in 2020.

To view an interactive map of the line route, receive project updates, and view schedule information, please visit the project website at www.IndianaMichiganPower.com/CentralSB

#

Indiana Michigan Power (I&M) is headquartered in Fort Wayne, and its 2,450 employees serve more than 589,000 customers. It operates 2,600 MW of coal-fired generation in Indiana, 2,160 MW of nuclear generation in Michigan and 22 MW of hydro generation in both states. The company also provides its customers 450 MW of purchased wind generation and approximately 15 MW of large-scale solar generation.

American Electric Power is one of the largest electric utilities in the United States, delivering electricity and custom energy solutions to nearly 5.4 million customers in 11 states. AEP owns the nation's largest electricity transmission system, a more than 40,000-mile network that includes more 765-kilovolt extra-high voltage transmission lines than all other U.S. transmission systems combined. AEP also operates 223,000 miles of distribution lines. AEP ranks among the nation's largest generators of electricity, owning approximately 31,000 megawatts of generating capacity in the U.S. AEP's utility units operate as AEP Ohio, AEP Texas, Appalachian Power (in Virginia and West Virginia), AEP Appalachian Power (in Tennessee), Indiana Michigan Power, Kentucky Power, Public Service Company of Oklahoma, and Southwestern Electric Power Company (in Arkansas, Louisiana and east Texas). AEP's headquarters are in Columbus, Ohio.

News releases and other information about I&M are available at IndianaMichiganPower.com