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I&M TO ENHANCE TRANSMISSION LINE IN ST. JOSEPH AND LaPORTE COUNTIES

SOUTH BEND, Ind. – Indiana Michigan Power (I&M), an operating unit of American Electric Power, is launching the final of six projects in a program to enhance service to South Bend area customers. The newest project – affecting western St. Joseph and eastern LaPorte counties – is part of the \$170 million Powering Up Greater South Bend Program that will upgrade, replace and modernize aging facilities to better serve customers and support economic development.

The New Carlisle-Bosserman Area Improvements Project is an approximately \$55 million investment in the electric transmission system. Major components of the project include:

- Building approximately 10 miles of 138 kilovolt (kV) line
- Upgrading approximately 6 miles of line from 34.5 kV to 138kV
- Constructing a new Silver Lake Substation and retiring the existing Silver Lake Substation
- Building the new Marquette Substation
- Retiring the Springville Substation

The current transmission line, built in the 1930s and 1940s, requires upgrades to better serve customers in the area. Improvements address performance concerns, decreases outages and speeds recovery of service when outages occur. Increasing the voltage reinforces the system to meet customer demands for electricity.

The proposed routes extend from the New Carlisle into LaPorte County. Local residents are invited to learn more about the New Carlisle-Bosserman Area Improvements Project at a come-and-go open house on **Wednesday, May 3, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Rolling Prairie Elementary School, 605 E. Michigan St. in Rolling Prairie**. Attendees can arrive at any time to review maps, speak with company representatives and provide input regarding route selection.

The open house allows I&M an opportunity to communicate directly with landowners, gain their feedback regarding the project and proposed route options.

Construction is expected to start in early 2018 and be completed by the end of 2019. Additional information is also available on the project website at www.IndianaMichiganPower.com/NewCarlisle-Bosserman.

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Indiana Michigan Power (I&M) is headquartered in Fort Wayne, and its 2,450 employees serve more than 589,000 customers. More than half of its generation is emission-free, including 2,160 MW of nuclear generation in Michigan, 450 MW of purchased wind generation from Indiana, 22 MW of hydro generation in both states and approximately 15 MW of large-scale solar generation in both states. The company's generation portfolio also includes 2,600 MW of coal-fueled generation in Indiana.

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.