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**Senator Dan Coats Shows Support for IMPA Efforts
Visit to Greenfield highlights dedication to keep electric rates affordable in Indiana**

GREENFIELD, IN – United States Senator Dan Coats was in Greenfield, Ind. on Thursday morning to show his support for Indiana electric customers and keeping their utility rates low.

Senator Coats visited Greenfield Power and Light, a municipal public power utility and a wholesale power customer of the Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA), to listen to concerns regarding impending US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations and their potential impact on electric utilities in Indiana and throughout the country. Upcoming EPA regulations aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions could place an undue hardship on many coal-fired generation plants, substantially increasing the cost of producing coal-generated electricity. Required modifications to existing plants that would meet the new requirements are expensive, and the burden of the increasing cost would ultimately be borne by utility customers. More than 90 percent of the power in Indiana is generated from coal. As a result, the EPA rules will have a significant impact on Hoosier businesses, municipalities and consumers.

Senator Coats met with a variety of public power officials, representatives from IMPA, as well as State Senator Beverly Gard to listen to concerns and express his clear support for IMPA's efforts. "I commend IMPA for its commitment to meeting the energy needs of Indiana citizens," Coats said. "In these tough economic times, it is important that Hoosier families have access to affordable energy. Implementing harmful federal regulations is not a responsible solution for increasing our supply of domestic energy. As a member of the Senate Energy Committee, I will continue to work with IMPA to prevent ratepayers in Indiana and across the country from being unfairly penalized by the EPA's overreach."

"We are pleased Senator Coats took the time to speak with us regarding our concerns with EPA regulations of coal-fired generation," commented Raj Rao, President and CEO of IMPA. "We appreciate

his efforts and we are confident he will continue to spread the message in Washington D.C. that these EPA regulations must be stopped so that electric rates stay affordable for Indiana utility customers.”

Public power utilities like Greenfield Power & Light are owned by the customers they serve and traditionally have some of the lowest electric rates in the state. As the wholesale power provider to Greenfield and 53 other communities, a majority of IMPA’s generation portfolio is comprised of coal-fired generation.

The Indiana Municipal Power Agency is the not-for-profit wholesale power provider to 53 cities and towns across Indiana and one Ohio community who own and operate the municipal electric distribution systems in their communities. IMPA member communities deliver electric service to approximately 320,000 individuals throughout the state. For more information, visit www.IMPACOM.com.

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