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Indiana consumer-owned power companies launch campaign for fair, affordable energy policy

Indiana's consumer-owned electric cooperatives and municipal electric utilities have formed a partnership to inform Hoosiers about proposed carbon legislation and its potential impact on Indiana's electric rates.

Congress is currently considering legislation designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that could increase Indiana consumers' electric bills by more than \$50 a month. The proposal will particularly impact states that rely on coal-fired generation, especially Indiana where 94 percent of electricity comes from coal.

The Indiana Partnership for Fair & Affordable Energy supports responsible carbon legislation and public policy that achieves carbon reductions at an affordable cost for consumers and with minimal economic impact. To educate consumers about the proposed legislation and its impact, the Partnership recently launched a statewide television advertising campaign and website at www.FairPowerNow.org. Hoosiers can support fair carbon legislation that balances environmental goals with consumer affordability by signing a petition, contacting elected officials, and sharing the message with friends and family.

To learn more about carbon legislation, the impact on Hoosiers and the Partnership for Fair & Affordable Energy, go to www.FairPowerNow.org.

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About Indiana Municipal Power Agency

The Indiana Municipal Power Agency was created by a group of municipally-owned electric utilities, enabling them to share power resources and provide electricity more economically to their customers. As a not-for-profit organization owned and governed by its members, IMPA focuses on providing its 52 members with a power supply that is low-cost, reliable and environmentally responsible.

About Indiana Statewide Association of Electric Cooperatives

Indiana Statewide Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives (Statewide) was the first organization of its kind in the nation. Established in 1935, Statewide serves as a central resource to meet the needs of its 39 member cooperatives.

About Hoosier Energy

Hoosier Energy is a generation and transmission cooperative providing electric power to 17 member electric distribution cooperatives in central and southern Indiana and one member cooperative in Illinois. Based in Bloomington, Hoosier Energy operates coal, natural gas and renewable energy power plants and delivers power through a 1,450-mile transmission network.

About Wabash Valley Power

Wabash Valley Power Association is a generation and transmission cooperative based in Indianapolis that provides wholesale electricity to 28 distribution systems located in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri and Ohio. Wabash Valley Power owns 10 renewable energy power plants, in addition to coal, petroleum coke and natural gas facilities.

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