



## President's Message

### Our voices will be heard

—by Raj G. Rao

Our work is just beginning. While the process of global warming has been slowly occurring for centuries, the burst of activity over climate change legislation has been a much quicker process. President Obama has pledged to curb greenhouse gas emissions, and he is wasting no time in pursuing that pledge. The day that a bill passes out of Congress will be here sooner rather than later.

With action occurring so quickly in Washington, we must be proactive as well. Now is the time for our voices and the voices of *our* constituents, our utility customers who voted for their representatives in Washington, to be heard. IMPA has launched a grassroots effort designed to educate both consumers and members of Congress on the effect climate change legislation will have on Midwestern retail, industrial and commercial utility customers.

The responsibility of education and awareness falls upon those of us in the utility sector. We must provide our customers with information on climate change legislation, including the impact that legislation can have on future energy bills. Through press releases, newsletters, presentations, advertisements, news articles and discussions, we must voice our support of a fair, balanced, and affordable approach to legislation that protects the environment with-

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## IMPA urges legislators to consider least cost cap and trade climate change legislation

The Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA) and its members are concerned about the rising cost of electricity and the impact climate change policy could have on rate-payers. The Agency sent letters to congressional leaders expressing support for a specific policy that will not burden Midwestern electric consumers, businesses and industries by charging coal-fired generating facilities for carbon dioxide emissions.

IMPA is working with its members to pass resolutions in its 53 member communities regarding federal legislation designed to address climate change.

As Midwestern communities, IMPA members primarily rely on coal-fired generating resources for electricity. Currently, Congress is considering a policy that will greatly affect coal-fired generation facilities. Depending on the timeline for these changes, consumers, businesses and industries will be burdened by the costs of implementing new technology and generating resources.

In its letters to Congress, IMPA stated its support of climate change legislation and advocates a cap and trade policy with no-cost allowances. Implementing such a policy that distributes allowances to utilities without imposing immediate costs on utilities or customers will give the economy and the electric industry time to transition to the changes that are being proposed in Congress.

IMPA member communities are also asking electric consumers to write to members of Congress to let them know that they do not support legislation that will increase the cost of electricity to Hoosiers. *W*

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## IMPA Commissioners recognized for commitment to public power



*Left to right: 2008 Chairman of the Board Mayor William Graham, Marlow Smethurst, IMPA President Raj Rao, 2009 Chairman of the Board Mike Martin, Jerry Schitter*

The Indiana Municipal Power Agency is pleased to announce that two of the Agency's commissioners have been named to the American Public Power Association's (APPA) Honor Roll.

Jasper Municipal Electric Utility Distribution Manager Jerry Schitter and Tell City Electric Department Superintendent Marlow Smethurst were recently recognized for their dedication to their public power communities and for their support of APPA. APPA is the not-for-profit national association representing the interests of over 2,000 public power utilities throughout the United States.

Schitter has been with Jasper Municipal Electric Utility for 17 years. In addition to representing Jasper on the IMPA Board of Commissioners, he also holds a seat on the Agency's Demand Response and Energy Efficiency Committee.

He is also a board member and former Chairman of the Indiana Municipal Electric Association and has held several offices within the association. In addition to being an avid golfer in the Jasper community, Jerry bowls in the local Knights of Columbus league.

Smethurst has been with Tell City Electric Department for six years. Smethurst is the Vice-Chairman of the IMPA Board of Commissioners and a member of the executive, legislative and nominating committees. In addition, Smethurst sits on the Board of Directors for the Perry County Chamber of Commerce, Riverside Communications and the Perry County Solid Waste Management. He also serves on the Tell City Floodwall Committee and Technical Advisory Board of the Tell City Planning Commission. He is a member of Kiwanis and sits on the Board of Trustees for the First United Methodist Church in Tell City. *W*

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out hurting our customers.

The second part of the equation is a call to action. We must encourage all of our customers to contact members of Congress and stress to them the importance of a balanced policy that protects the economic viability of Indiana and the Midwest. It is not enough to sit back and wish for a solution – customers must step forward and be a part of the process.

The final part of the equation is commitment. Just as global warming did not occur overnight, we can not expect this process to succeed in just one day. We must continually explore, continually learn, and continually work with our customers and our legislators to develop a sensible policy that will help the environment with a minimal financial impact on Midwestern consumers. *W*

### Congratulations Bev Matthews

IMPA is pleased to announce that Bev Matthews has recently been promoted to Vice President of Rates and Billing. Bev joined IMPA in February, 2008 and was previously employed with Wisconsin Public Power Inc, now WPPI Energy. She received a B. S. in Agricultural Economics from the University of Missouri at Columbia. *W*



## IMPA encourages consumers to utilize free online energy audit



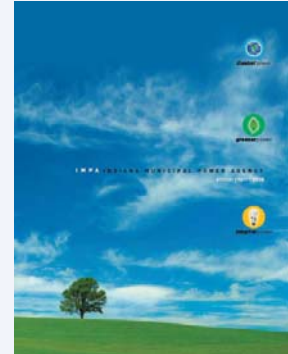
To promote energy efficiency and help consumers beat the rising cost of electricity, IMPA launched a free online home energy audit at [www.impa.com](http://www.impa.com).

By simply clicking on the “energy calculators” button on the homepage, consumers have access to valuable, money-saving tips and personal insight into their individual energy consumption.

The Home Energy Calculator enables consumers to enter details about their homes, such as square footage, number of occupants and average temperature settings, as well as information on appliances and electronics. The calculator estimates annual and monthly electric bills and rates the overall efficiency of a consumer’s home on a scale of 1 to 10.

By making changes on the calculator, such as sealing air leaks or installing energy efficient appliances, consumers can reduce monthly bills and improve their efficiency rating. The more they do, the more they can virtually watch their bills shrink. ☺

## 2008 Annual Report now available!



Visit our website at [www.impa.com](http://www.impa.com) to view an online version of IMPA’s 2008 Annual Report, or contact Niki Dick at 317-575-3371 or [niki@impa.com](mailto:niki@impa.com) to request a copy. ☺

## Project Watch



*View of Prairie State Energy Campus stack-boiler*

### Prairie State Energy Campus

The Prairie State project is nearly 17 percent complete. Construction on the Unit 1 boiler and turbine building steel has begun, along with construction on the Unit 2 boiler structural steel. Other work at the plant consisted of foundation work in the AQCS and cooling tower areas, chimney fiberglass liner assembly, and completion of the raw water line. The mine site slope construction work is continuing to progress and the air shaft construction has begun. Prairie State Generating Company is also continuing with the purchase of mining equipment.

### Trimble County Unit 2

The Trimble County Unit 2 project is 55 percent complete. Construction is concentrated on the boiler tube weld-out, AQCS system installation, and steam turbine installation. Other areas of work include finishing and starting-up the new fly-ash facility, construction of the fuel blending system, and installation of the new auxiliary boiler. ☺



*Installing generator rotor on Trimble County Unit 2*

## Thanks to IMPA's 2009 Annual Meeting Presenters

- **Philip T. Powell, Kelley School of Business, IUPUI.** Clinical Associate Professor of Business Economics and Public Policy Philip Powell presented the Agency with an economic outlook over the next year. Although unemployment rates may continue to rise, Powell predicted an upswing in the economy at the end of the year.
- **Scott Straight, E. ON- US, Trimble County.** As Director of Project Engineering at Trimble County Unit 2, Scott Straight updated the commissioners on progress at the Agency's generating unit under construction. With more than half of the project complete, Unit 2 is scheduled to be online in 2010.
- **Peter DeQuattro, Prairie State Generating Company.** Prairie State Energy Campus is well on its way to being one of the nation's cleanest coal-fired generating facilities, CEO Peter DeQuattro reported at IMPA's Annual Meeting. In addition to making a physical presence in the community, Prairie State employees have been involved in community outreach throughout Washington County, Illinois.
- **David Ziegner, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.** IURC Commissioner David Ziegner reported to the IMPA Board of Commissioners regarding pending IURC electric utility cases of interest to the Agency. He included a discussion on the establishment of a statewide demand side management program. His discussion also touched on Integrated Resource Planning and investigation into Smart Grid investments.
- **Rob Talley, Talley & Associates.** Politicians are drafting a legislative framework to address global warming. Rob Talley gave IMPA staff and commissioners an overview of what to expect and the key players in Congress.
- **Suzanne Hammelman, The Hawthorn Group.** Forming a grassroots effort takes careful planning and a dedicated, determined group of individuals. The Hawthorn Group Senior Partner Suzanne Hammelman gave IMPA a blueprint for developing its own grassroots movement. *W*

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