



—by Raj G. Rao

## President's Message

### Breaking ground and surpassing goals

On October 1, 2007, IMPA participated in a monumental event – the groundbreaking for the Prairie State Energy Campus.

While the concept of building a 1580 megawatt generating facility is a towering thought in itself, even more monumental is the affect it will have on IMPA as an Agency. With our investment in Prairie State, IMPA has crossed the \$1 billion mark in assets. While the billion dollar threshold is an achievement for any company, it is truly a feat for IMPA – an organization that began operations in 1983 with ownership in only one generation facility and with only \$150 million in assets. In addition, IMPA's status as a not-for-profit agency makes this accomplishment rather remarkable.

In the Agency's 24 years of operations, we have continued to invest wisely in projects and facilities, always mindful of the affect they could have on our member utilities. Gibson Station, Trimble County Unit 1, our combustion turbines in Anderson, Richmond and Indianapolis – all were pursued with a goal of obtaining low-cost, reliable electricity and with the ultimate consumer in mind. Now, through our participation in Trimble County Unit 2 and Prairie State, we are continuing a tradition of wise decisions.

With this accomplishment, IMPA

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## IMPA Project Watch

IMPA continues to see progress on both the Trimble County Unit 2 and Prairie State generation projects.

### Trimble County Unit 2 (TC2)

Construction continues on schedule for this generation project. The new cooling tower to be used for TC1 has been completed and is currently being tested. The contractor is continuing work in the boiler and steam turbine-generator areas. Foundation work is nearing completion for the air quality control system components and the induced draft fans.

### Prairie State Energy Campus

Bechtel Power Corp. has been performing the engineering, procurement and other activities for the project to support the construction schedule. American Municipal Power Ohio (AMP Ohio) has joined the project with its commitment for a 300 MW share. Also, Southern Illinois Power Cooperative (SIPC) has recently acquired a 125 MW ownership position. In early July, the Illinois Commerce Commission approved development of the transmission lines that will connect Prairie State Generating Station in Southern Illinois to the transmission grid in the region. St. Louis-based Ameren Corp., its transmission subsidiary Ameren Illinois Transmission Company, and AmerenIP will construct the transmission lines. On August 24, 2007 a significant milestone for the project was achieved when a three-judge panel from the Seventh Circuit of the U. S. Court of Appeals unanimously affirmed the air permit for the Prairie State Energy Campus, denying the petition for review filed by environmental groups. *90*

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## Derailed no longer

### ISC assists Town of Bremen with underground railway crossing

For years, Bremen Utilities faced a roadblock in the expansion of its electric distribution and water supply systems – more specifically, a railroad- block.

The location of the railroad through the center of town divided Bremen's utility services to south- side residents and businesses, limiting service back- up options and impact- ing reliability. While building distribution lines over the railroad would seem an obvious choice, clearance restrictions made this option unfeasible. In addition, the community's water lines had to pass beneath the ground in order to access the other side of the railroad. It became apparent the best solution would be to obtain approval from the railroad to place the electric and water service under the railroad.

"For several years, Bremen Utilities has considered solutions to our need to extend electric lines in that area," commented Tim Montague, Electric Superintendent for Bremen Utilities. "Our system had grown to the point where we could no longer delay the installation." This desire to complete the ongoing project eventually led to Bremen's request for assistance from ISC, the engineering subsidiary of the Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA). Rather than fulfilling its traditional project development and

management role, ISC played the part of intermediary between Bremen Utilities and the railroad, assisting in the permitting process required by the railroad.

Upon receiving approval from the railroad, the Town had two casing pipes installed beneath the railway, one to carry the water line and the other to carry the electric. ISC also devised a creative solution to properly support the conduits installed in the casing, which will protect the electric conductors. It was decided that bore spacers, which provided the necessary support and had rollers for ease of installation, would be inserted along the conduit at five foot intervals. "The use of the bore spacers was perfect for our application," remarked Tim. "The conduit installation went quickly and easily."


The water department has connected the additional line to its system and anticipates completion of testing soon, with the line being placed in

service thereafter.

Bremen Electric Light and Power expects to have the extension of the electric distribution system in service early this fall.

"It has been a long time coming," Tim commented, "but we can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel." Or in this case, the conduit.

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*Bremen utility crews work to install conduits underneath a railroad to carry service from one side of Bremen to the other.*



*Bremen used bore spacers to support the conduits within the casing pipes and to increase ease of installation.*

## Staff Announcements



*Kris Wheeler*

IMPA proudly welcomes Lezli Lingerfeldt to its staff. Lezli joins the Agency as Accounting Associate. She is a graduate of Indiana University with a B. S. in Elementary Education and was most recently employed with Schneider & Company as Bookkeeper/ Administrative Assistant.

In addition, IMPA is pleased to announce the promotions of Kris Wheeler, Scott Berry and Brian Markley. Kris now holds the position of Vice President and Staff Counsel. She joined the Agency in 2006 as Staff Counsel and was previously employed with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission. Kris holds a B. S. in Education and received her J. D. from the Indiana University School of Law.

Scott Berry was recently named Generation/ Compliance Engineer for IMPA. He has been with IMPA since 1994, and most recently served as Plant Superintendent of CT Facilities. Berry holds an Associate Degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology from Purdue University and served six years in the U. S. Navy's nuclear power program.

Brian Markley joined IMPA in 2000 as a CT Operator/ Technician and was recently named Plant Superintendent of CT Facilities. As Plant Superintendent, Brian will oversee the operations of IMPA's combustion turbine units throughout Indiana. ☞



*Lezli Lingerfeldt*



*Scott Berry*



*Brian Markley*

## Mark your calendars!

Public Power Week is almost here! October 7<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup>, the nation will once again celebrate the benefits of community-owned utilities and hometown service. Sponsored by the American Public Power Association, this year marks Public Power Week's 21st anniversary as a cross-country program to explain the importance of public power to local citizens and other key publics, including state and national officials. ☞



**Public Power Week  
October 7-13, 2007**

## Forum builds foundation for economic development

### IEF to present annual meeting at IMPA

The Indiana Economic Forum (IEF) will once again host its annual meeting at IMPA's offices on Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a. m. to 1:30 p. m. This year's event, "Building a Foundation for Economic Development," will feature speakers from the Indiana State Office of Community and Rural Affairs, Ball State University, Katz, Sapper and Miller, the State Treasurer's Office and many others.

Founded in 1964, the IEF holds meetings featuring speakers on topics of interest related to national, regional and local economic development. The IEF also provides the Robert Palmer scholarship to a college student majoring in economic development within the central Indiana area.

To register for the event, please visit IMPA's website at [www.impa.com/impa\\_events.asp](http://www.impa.com/impa_events.asp). Cost is \$60 per person. ☞

## Contract extensions nearing completion

Following a summer filled with informational meetings, to date 47 of IMPA's 51 power-purchasing communities have chosen to amend their long-term power sales contracts, accounting for nearly 95% of IMPA's load. Contracts are under consideration in the remaining four IMPA member communities. The amended contracts, initially scheduled to expire in 2032, include a new contract term extending IMPA's obligation to provide total energy requirements to participating communities until at least 2042.

IMPA has always been a proponent of long-term power contracts, which enable the Agency to plan for members' power supply and transmission needs. The contracts are used as collateral for tax-exempt bonds issued by IMPA to acquire generation and transmission resources. IMPA recently issued bonds for the Agency's participation in the Prairie State Generation Campus, a project that will have an economic life of 50 years once it comes online in 2012. The amended contracts will enable Prairie State to be financed over a period of 30 years rather than only 20 years.

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joins only a handful of other not-for-profits in the state at surpassing the billion dollar threshold in assets. We are thankful for the support shown in the Agency by our growing member communities, as well as the bondholders who see the value in a small not-for-profit Agency with big goals. As we have since 1983, IMPA's Board and management look forward to continually providing our members the services they need in the most economic, reliable and environmentally-responsible way.

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