



## Summer Readiness

*A note from Jack Alvey,  
IMPA President and CEO*

As the hot and humid weather of the summer is upon us, it's that time of year to consider generation capacity and seasonal reliability. As IMPA does every year, IMPA staff prepared for the 2023 summer to ensure electric reliability to our member communities. These preparations included fuel supply adequacy analysis, completed planned and maintenance outages, and additional system checks. With strategic planning under our belt, the Agency ensured our capacity position for the summer would provide sufficient coverage for each month through the season.

Not only do we remain prepared for forecasted weather patterns, but IMPA continues to monitor the weather and grid status should there be any indication of unexpected events. During hot weather events, IMPA employees are ready to staff generation units 24/7 to safeguard the delivery of power to our members.

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## IMPA Members Tour Prairie State Generating Campus

During the first week of May, leaders from several IMPA member communities traveled to southern Illinois to tour the Prairie State Generating Campus (PSGC). IMPA holds a 12.64% undivided ownership interest in PSGC, contributing about 200 megawatts to the Agency's power supply portfolio. The entire campus includes a pulverized coal-fired generating station and an adjacent underground coal mine that is expected to supply all fuel for PSGC three decades out from its initial date of operation.

The visiting group was escorted through a supercritical unit of the coal-fired power plant as well as the coal mine, located over 200 feet underground. While touring PSGC, the IMPA group was educated on the daily operations of the facility with a large focus on its safety culture and reliability. Campus employees emphasized that PSGC

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# State Legislative Recap

by Carolyn Wright, IMPA Vice President of Government Relations

The Indiana General Assembly closed out the 2023 “long” legislative session in the wee hours of April 28th and adjourned *Sine Die*! The legislature finalized several key policy issues before those magic words were spoken, including a new \$44.5 billion two-year state budget, various tax matters, mental and public health funding, and several education issues.

Back in early January, Governor Holcomb set the tone for the session, outlining his top priorities – his Next Level Agenda – for legislators. That agenda included a focus on a new, balanced two-year state budget, implementing the Governor’s Public Health Commission recommendations for increased public health funding, crafting an energy policy for the state

as recommended by the 21st Century Energy Policy Development Task Force, and continued funding increases for K-12 education.

In total, there were 1,182 bills and Joint Resolutions introduced during the legislative session. At the end of session, legislators approved 252 of those and sent them to Governor Holcomb, who signed all of them into law. Legislators now turn their attention to interim activities, including constituent meetings, campaign fundraisers, interim study committee meetings, vacations, and conferences.

On the energy and utility fronts, IMPA worked diligently with our investor-owned and cooperative partners on all legislation of significance to the electric utility industry. IMPA ensured that our municipal interests were protected and well-served, both as a generation and transmission provider and on behalf of our members’ distribution utilities. Last year’s 21st

## Bremen Solar Park Commissioned

On May 11, Bremen utility officials and the public gathered with IMPA staff members to cut the ribbon on the community’s solar park. The bright, sunny day was a perfect opportunity to welcome the facility’s operation in the town and educate over 100 local students who attended the ceremony and learned about the function of solar energy. The Bremen solar park is rated at 6.7 megawatts (MW)—enough capacity to power approximately 1,000 homes.

This solar park is one of 44 in member communities throughout Indiana. Altogether, IMPA currently has 173.3 MW of constructed solar capacity in member communities and expects another 33 MW to be brought online in future developments by 2025.●



Century Energy Policy Development Task Force made several recommendations to the General Assembly for the 2023 legislative session and, as a result, several consequential bills pertaining to reliability, electricity generation, battery storage, and natural gas were considered and passed into law. House Enrolled Act 1007 was a priority bill that establishes criteria for Indiana's energy policy. It provides that any and all decisions about the state's electric generation resource mix, energy infrastructure and ratemaking constructs must reflect "5 Pillars" of electric utility service - Reliability, Adequacy, Resiliency, Stability, and Environmental Sustainability. HEA 1007 also addresses reliability metrics for the state's generation companies and organizations, including IMPA. It reduces the current 30% cap that a public utility is authorized to acquire from capacity markets for a utility's summer or winter unforced capacity (UCAP) to 15%.

The Legislative Council, which is the governing arm of the Indiana General Assembly when the legislature is not in session, met on June 13th. The 2023 interim study committee topics were announced, and other organizational and administrative business was conducted. Throughout the interim, IMPA will monitor all study committees that will consider matters relevant to IMPA and our member municipal electric communities.

On a final note, along with the five investor-owned electric utilities, Hoosier Energy, and WVPA, IMPA participated in the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission 2023 Summer Preparedness Forum on May 3rd. IMPA presented its preparations for the 2023 summer season to the IURC, including preparations for severe weather events, resource availability, and shared perspectives related to both the MISO and PJM markets. ●

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with reliability, safety is always a top concern, which is also why IMPA provides regular heat stress training to keep staff safe and minimize danger during critical times. IMPA Service Corp line crews are also ready to respond to unanticipated weather events to bring power back to communities who've experienced an outage.

As we make our way through summer, our staff is already planning ahead to ensure resource adequacy through the winter of 2023 and early 2024. Our continuous forethought is what has brought us success for the last four decades, allowing members to depend on us with confidence as we move ahead.

As you enjoy summertime festivals, holidays, and vacations this year, know that IMPA has put in the work to ensure that your community has the essential service of power supply. ●

## Prairie State Tours

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is among the cleanest coal plants in the United States, with state-of-the-art environmental control technologies. These controls include low NOx burner controls, dry electrostatic precipitators, wet flue gas desulfurization, and wet electrostatic precipitators, among others. Altogether, about \$1 billion has been invested in environmental controls at PSGC so that the campus may continue providing 2.5 million families with electricity while maintaining clean coal standards.

IMPA is proud to be a partial owner of PSGC and hopes to continue providing tour opportunities to community members. ●



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## Congrats to Former Etna Green Superintendent

On June 20, previous Etna Green Superintendent and former IMPA commissioner Barry Baker accepted the American Public Power Association's Larry Hobart Seven Hats Award, one of only six awarded nationally. This nationwide award recognizes utility managers who have served in smaller communities and whose variety of management responsibilities extends well beyond those of a manager in a larger system with larger staff.

Congratulations Barry! •



Barry Baker, center, receives APPA's  
Larry Hobart Seven Hats Award