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Edinburgh Municipal Utilities Remembers John Drybread

The Town of Edinburgh and Edinburgh Municipal Utilities mourn the loss of dear friend and Town Manager - John Drybread, a longtime public servant and friend of many. Drybread passed away on March 29, 2016 at the age of 65 after a courageous battle with brain cancer. He is remembered for his sense of humor, easygoing personality and passion and love for his hometown of Edinburgh.

"Not only was John a great boss, but he was also a great friend," said Edinburgh Building Commissioner Wade Watson. "He was very committed to this town, and really was instrumental in a lot of community efforts. He is and will continue to be greatly missed."

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The Value of Electricity

If a group of people were asked to think of a few items that they cannot live without, a variety of answers may come up: food, water and basic shelter are usually some of the first objects that people may think of. Others may say their smart phones or their tablets. Still others might say their microwaves, televisions or vehicles. While these items run the gamut in terms of necessities and luxuries, they all have one component in common: the utilization of electricity. Without electricity, there would be no refrigerators to store food, or heaters and air conditioners to regulate the temperatures inside homes. Without electricity, there would be no way to power or charge electronics and other appliances. An extended power outage would also make it difficult to fill a car with gasoline and provide clean, filtered water. Virtually all of the necessities and luxuries in life are powered by electricity.

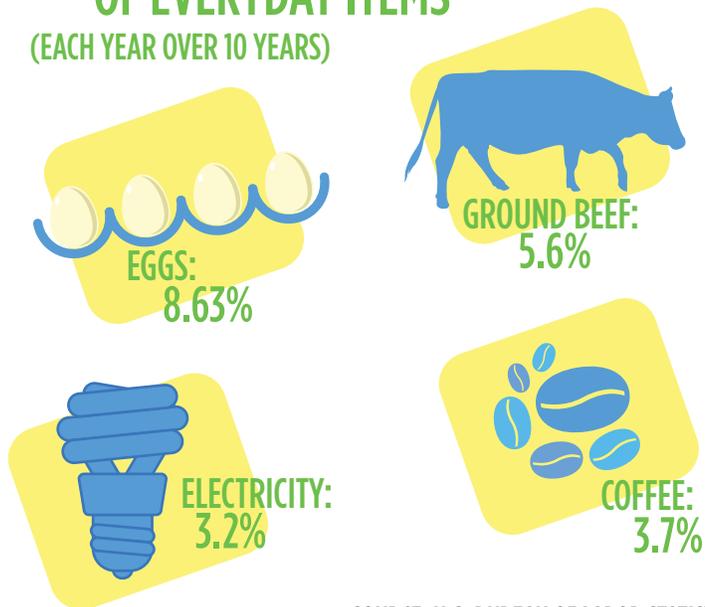
Cost Calculation of Electricity

So, since electricity plays such a vital role in nearly all aspects of life, the cost of electricity must be high to keep up with its demand, right? Actually, no. The cost of electricity is one of the greatest values in today's world. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, a government agency that collects, analyzes, and disseminates information pertaining to energy, the average monthly residential electric bill in Indiana is \$115.56. When that total is divided by the 31 days that make up an

average month, the average cost of electricity per day in Indiana is only \$3.73. That means that you are able to do laundry, prepare meals, watch television, charge smart phones, tablets and laptops, and complete a variety of other tasks at any time of the day or night, all for less than \$5 a day. In today's world, it's difficult to find anything of worth for under \$5, making the value of electricity even more surprising.

Not only is electricity a great value, but its average annual price increase is also low when compared to other daily staples. According to data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the cost of electricity has increased an average of 3.2% each year, over the last ten years. In comparison, the cost of coffee has increased 3.7%, ground beef has increased 5.6% and eggs have increased by 8.63%.

AVERAGE PERCENT PRICE INCREASE OF EVERYDAY ITEMS (EACH YEAR OVER 10 YEARS)



SOURCE: U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

Average
Daily Cost of
Electricity in
Indiana

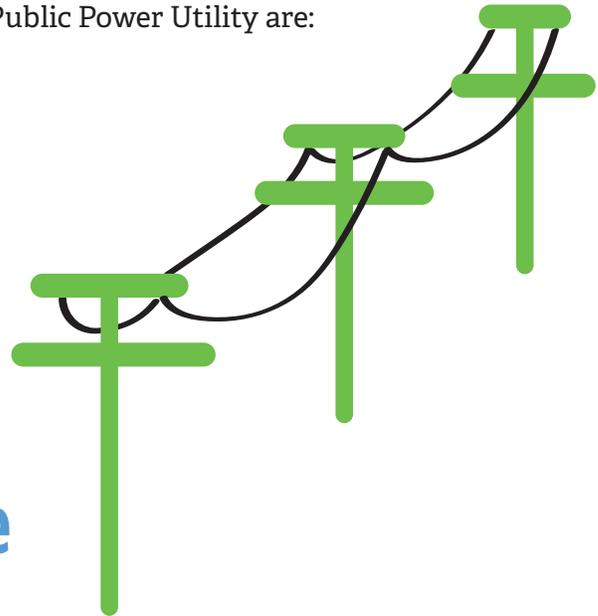


Electricity's average annual price increase is even more impressive when the amount of new technology and the energy it takes to power those devices is taken into consideration. While the advent and invention of new technology has been rapid over the past decade, the cost of electricity has not jumped significantly. Additionally, electricity is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, allowing light switches to be turned on at any hour, and heaters and air conditioners to run through the night. The value of having access to electricity at any time of the day or night for only a few dollars a day makes it one of the most economically advantageous products available.

The Value of an IMPA Community

Electricity is an excellent value all around, but because your community owns its own Municipal Electric Utility, electric rates in your community are even lower than in other towns and cities in Indiana. A Municipal Electric Utility, also sometimes called a Public Power Utility, means that a utility is owned and operated by the town or city in which it is located. Your hometown electric utility purchases low-cost and reliable electricity from the Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA), and then uses its own equipment and infrastructure to deliver power to residents and businesses in the community. Some of the greatest benefits of a Public Power Utility are:

1. Low-cost power
2. Reliability
3. Local, hometown service



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Downtown Building Restoration in Progress

After receiving a grant for \$400,000 from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA), dreams of restoring a downtown Edinburgh building became a reality. The former Blue River Building, located at 100 and 102 E. Main Cross Street, had fallen into disrepair, and was no longer safe. Its historical nature motivated town officials to seek funding so that the building could be restored back to its former glory.

Since receiving the funds from OCRA, plans were put in place to turn the space into Edinburgh's new community center. The center will offer activities and a safe haven for Edinburgh's senior citizens, and will also provide space for conference rooms, among many other uses. Restoration on the building began in May, and the town anticipates that it should be completed by the end of September. ●



Edinburgh to Improve Stormwater System

In December 2015, the Town of Edinburgh was notified that it received a generous grant of \$858,700 from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs to update, repair and improve much of the stormwater system on the east side of town. This area has needed attention since the 2008 flood, but the town struggled to find funding to complete all of the upgrades and repairs that the system needed. Now that grant funds have been secured, the project can officially begin.

This project is a major one and consists of installing a new stormwater pipe underneath East Main Cross Street, which will connect dry wells on the east side of town to a stormwater drain that runs underneath Kyle Street. Currently, homes in the Heatherview, Old Town Estates and Pruitt East neighborhoods deal with standing water in yards and streets after it rains. Installing this pipeline will assist with moving water out of those neighborhoods and into the main stormwater system, alleviating flooding and standing water issues.

Town officials expect to begin construction on this project in August and estimate that it should be complete by the spring of 2017. Open house meetings will be held prior to construction so that residents understand what is happening and how it may affect streets, traffic and homes. ●

Celebrate Indiana's Bicentennial!

In an effort to celebrate Indiana's Bicentennial all year long, IMPA is bringing readers of the *Municipal Power News* fun facts about Indiana history. Read on to learn more about the Hoosier state.

In October 1824, a group of state officials loaded four spring wagons and moved the state capital from Corydon to Indianapolis, which was a distance of more than 130 miles. The journey took 11 days.

Indiana's Statehouse was built at its present site in 1835. The building was demolished in 1878 to make way for the current Capitol Building, which was completed in 1888.

Indiana has 16 million acres of farmland, which makes up 70 percent of all state land.



Tidbits & Trivia

Question: Which of the following is a benefit of living in a municipal electric community?

- a) Local, hometown service
- b) Low-cost service
- c) Reliability
- d) All of the above

Send your answer to the question to IMPA, and we will randomly select winners from all of the correct entries to receive an energy efficiency prize pack. Please send your name, e-mail address and address with your answer to:

newsletter@impa.com

OR

MPN Energy Efficiency Quiz
11610 North College Avenue
Carmel, IN 46032

The Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA) is a not-for-profit organization that provides an economic, reliable and environmentally-responsible power supply to its members.

IMPA member utilities purchase their power through IMPA and deliver that power to the residents and companies within the community.

Joint Action Agency

noun.

A not-for-profit organization of municipal utilities that band together to jointly own and operate generation and transmission facilities to gain economies of scale.

Example: *IMPA is a Joint Action Agency.*

The Value of Electricity

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Municipally owned utilities are often able to provide lower-cost power to their customers than investor-owned utilities because they do not exist to make a profit for shareholders. All money earned by a municipally owned utility is used to cover costs and is invested to improve the electric system for everyone. For example, the average monthly bill for a community that is a Member of IMPA is \$111.62, while the monthly bill for a customer from an investor-owned utility is \$119.42, showing that those who live and work in an IMPA community receive an even greater value in terms of electricity.

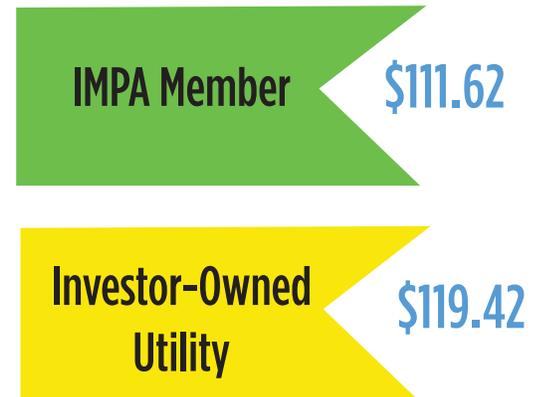
Additionally, a municipally owned utility often provides more reliable power because it is owned by the community that it serves. Whenever there is a problem or a power outage, it is addressed immediately by the employees at the utility. Those employees have a sense of pride and a sense of ownership in the utility because they, too, live in the community that they serve.

Finally, a municipally owned utility prides itself on local, hometown service. Public power employees are your friends and neighbors, and they have the same pride in your community that you do. That pride shows in their work on the utility distribution system – every pole, meter and wire is maintained to the highest standards by someone in the community. If there is a problem with your service and you contact the utility office, you talk with an actual person that works in a local office just a few miles down the road.

The Great Value of Electricity

Electricity is a necessity that is available and ready to be used at any time. For under \$5 a day (and even less if living in a Public Power community!), you have the capability to fully power your homes and businesses. So, next time you flip on a light switch, run a load of laundry, or make a cup of coffee, remember that electricity is not only a necessity in daily life, but that it also offers one of the greatest values of any product or service in today's world.●

Cost of Average Monthly Retail Electric Bill



New Look for the Municipal Power News

Readers of the Municipal Power News may notice something different about the publication: it's now in full color! This change is in response to a growing need for visual imagery, making the newsletter more visually pleasing for its readers.

The Municipal Power News is a periodic publication by the Indiana Municipal Power Agency, your community's wholesale power provider. This newsletter aims to inform readers about local community news as well as relevant and helpful information about power and the electric industry. IMPA welcomes comments, questions and suggestions about the newsletter's new look – please send all comments to newsletter@impa.com or 11610 N. College Ave.; Carmel, IN 46032.

The newsletters are also available online! To receive your newsletter electronically, visit www.impa.com, click on News & Publications, and then Municipal Power News. You can then enter your name, e-mail address and community.●

Cooking Corner

For a chance to be featured in the newsletter and win a prize, send your recipe to:

MPN Recipes
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Pecan Pie

Recipe submitted by Gail Norton of Washington, Indiana.

- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup dark Karo syrup
- 2 tbs. vanilla
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 9-inch pie shell
- 2 tbs. vanilla
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 stick (1/4 cup) butter- melted
- 1 1/2 cups pecan halves

Stir eggs, Karo syrup, brown sugar, butter, vanilla and salt until blended. Add pecans to the mixture and coat well. Pour mixture over a 9-inch pie shell. Bake in center of oven 15 minutes at 425 degrees. Turn oven down to 350 degrees and bake another 40 minutes or until center is done.

Smoked Sausage Soup

Recipe submitted by Jean Marion of Rensselaer, Indiana.

- 1/2 pound smoked peeled sausage
- 2 cups frozen corn
- 1 rib of celery
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- salt and pepper to taste
- 6 medium potatoes, and diced
- 1 can chicken broth
- 1/4 cup sliced carrots
- 1/2 tsp. onion powder
- 2/3 cup shredded cheese

Dice and brown the 1/2 pound of smoked sausage until done. Set the sausage aside and add the remaining ingredients into a large stockpot. Bring to a boil and then reduce to a simmer. Add the sausage, and simmer for 15 minutes.

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Anderson	Covington	Greenfield	Montezuma	Spiceland
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Bargersville	Dublin	Jasper	Pendleton	Thorntown
Blanchester, OH	Dunreith	Kingsford Heights	Peru	Tipton
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IMPA Commissioner: Mike Jenner

Drybread

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Drybread was born in Johnson County, graduated from Edinburgh High School, attended Western Kentucky University and later joined the United States Navy. After retiring from the Navy, Drybread went to work for Cummins Engine Company where he worked as a plant manager for more than 30 years. After retiring from Cummins, he then took on the role of Town Manager, which he held for ten years.

Not only did Drybread serve as Edinburgh's Town Manager, but he was also a Town Council member for more than 25 years. He was instrumental in building two new water towers as well as a new wastewater plant, but his greatest achievements showed in the employees that he managed. A master at managing people, Drybread brought out the best in everyone who worked for him, which showed in his staff's work. He was also committed to preparing Edinburgh for the future, always looking for new commercial or industrial businesses to welcome to town.

"John's passion for his community was evident through his many years of service to the town," stated Raj Rao, President and CEO of the Indiana Municipal Power Agency, Edinburgh's wholesale power provider. "He will be greatly missed by everyone who had the pleasure of working with him."

In addition to his many years of work for the Town of Edinburgh, Drybread was also an active member of the Edinburgh United Methodist Church and the American Legion Post 233. He was married to his wife Kathy for over 40 years, and had two children, Jason and SaraBeth. The Town of Edinburgh and Edinburgh Municipal Utilities honors Drybread, and thanks him for devoting much of his life to public service. Memorial contributions may be made in Drybread's name to the Edinburgh Cheer Fund, and may be mailed to 107 S. Holland Street. ●