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Frankfort City Light & Power Lineworkers Represent Public Power at State House Event

On Monday, February 29, 2016, electric utility lineworkers from across the State of Indiana were recognized and honored by the Indiana State Legislature for their dedication to keeping the lights on for Indiana's over six million residents. Four Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA) member communities, including Frankfort, represented municipal electric utilities at the State House event.

The Legislature passed a resolution honoring these public servants. In part, the resolution recognizes Indiana's lineworkers for their dedication to constructing and maintaining the state's

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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

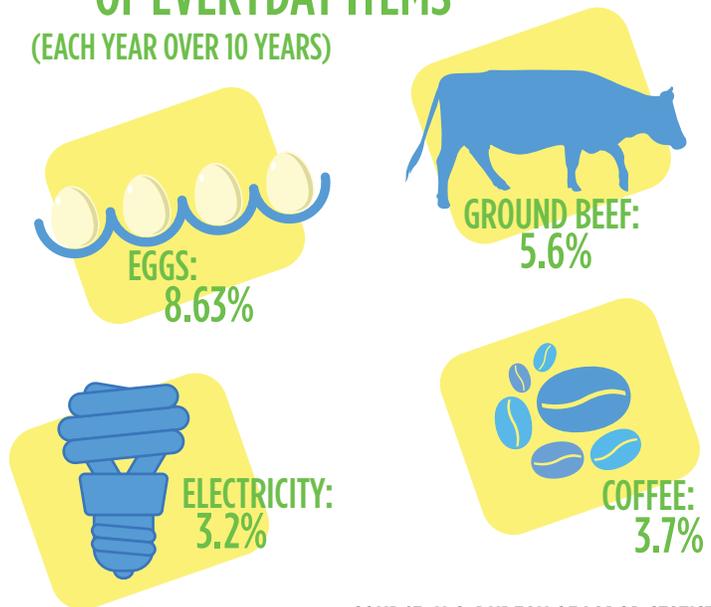
So, since electricity plays such a vital role in nearly all aspects of life, the cost of electricity must be high to keep up with its demand, right? Actually, no. The cost of electricity is one of the greatest values in today's world. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, a government 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

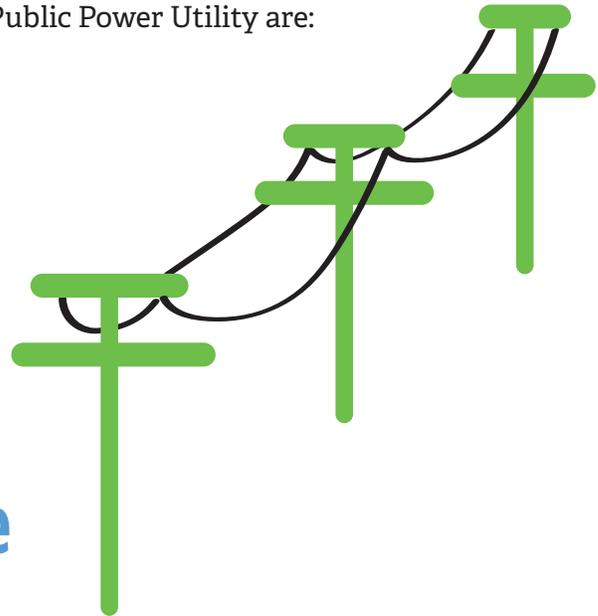


Electricity's average annual price increase is even more impressive when the amount of new technology and the energy it takes to power those devices is taken into consideration. While the advent and invention of new technology has been rapid over the past decade, the cost of electricity has not jumped 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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Frankfort Landmark to Undergo Extensive Renovations

Serving as an iconic symbol since its construction in 1892, Old Stoney, currently Frankfort's City Hall, is in the process of undergoing significant renovations and restorations to bring the building into the 21st century while still retaining its historic charm. The building has served many different functions throughout the last hundred plus years. It was originally built to house Frankfort's high school, and served in that role until 1962 when the present high school opened its doors to students. Since then, it has been the hub for city government in addition to housing other community based organizations.

Historic preservation is an important component to the renovations, as well as updating and providing modern conveniences, amenities and technologies. Frankfort City Light & Power will play an integral role in updating the building, ensuring that its electrical infrastructure is up to code and is safe for everyone who works inside the building. "The electric department will do a lot of work at Old Stoney," said Steve Miller, Superintendent at Frankfort City Light & Power. "One of the main components is working on underground electrical infrastructure, which will not only provide a safer means of electricity, but will also increase reliability." In addition, the department will also aid in installing decorative streetlights and lighting around the building, among other projects.

The updates at Old Stoney don't just stop with its electrical infrastructure. This project aims to update a building that hasn't seen a major renovation since 1922. This means updates to its drainage pipes, heating and air conditioning systems, new windows, roof repair, boiler and water heater updates are all planned, as well as a new parking lot. The building will also be updated in order to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities standards. Various other aspects of the building will also be addressed during the renovation.

Because the renovations are so extensive, all offices and staff members have had to be relocated throughout the construction process. This includes the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer's offices along with the Building Services Department, the Clinton County Area Plan Commission, the Veterans Affairs Office, the Clinton County Republican Party Headquarters and the Clinton County Chapter of the American Red Cross. These offices have temporarily moved into new locations, and once the construction on Old Stoney is complete, will move back into the building. Two other organizations, the Clinton County Chamber of Commerce and Frankfort Main Street, also relocated but will remain in their new permanent location at 62 N. Main Street.

Construction officially began on Old Stoney in February, and the city hopes to have the building completed by the end of the year. Once the renovations are complete, the City of Frankfort will have an updated City Hall that not only looks ahead to the future, but also gives a nod to its historic past. ●



Old Stoney is in the midst of undergoing a major renovation aimed at updating much of the building's infrastructure.

Lineworkers

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electrical infrastructure, ability to persevere in challenging situations, and dedication to their craft.

Frankfort City Light & Power Employee Phil Ferrel, along with Steve Miller, the utility's superintendent, visited the Indiana State House, and were honored by Governor Pence, the Indiana House of Representatives and the Indiana Senate. "Indiana's electric lineworkers are truly unsung hometown heroes," said Raj Rao, IMPA's President and CEO. "Many people do not realize the hazards they face on a daily basis. This day was just a small token of thanks to the hardworking lineworkers across Indiana – and the country – for everything they do to protect our safety and keep our electricity on." ●

Save the Date

Frankfort's annual Hot Dog Festival is scheduled for July 29th and 30th in downtown Frankfort. Planning for the festival is in the works, and vendor applications are currently available. This two-day family friendly festival features music, games, a 5k Bun Run , arts and craft vendors, food, a car show, live performances and much more. For more information about the festival and other Frankfort events, visit www.frankfortmainstreet.com. ●

Tidbits & Trivia

Question: Which of the following is a benefit of being an IMPA 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 a low cost, reliable and environmentally-responsible power supply to its members.

IMPA member utilities purchase their power from 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.

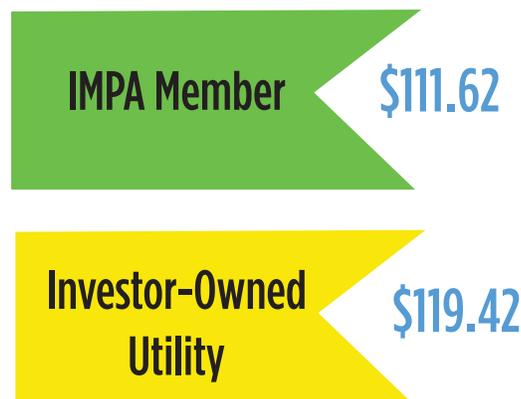
Additionally, a municipally owned utility often provides more reliable power because it is owned by the community that it serves. Whenever there is a problem or a power outage, it is addressed immediately by the employees at the utility. Those employees have a sense of pride and a sense of ownership 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
11610 N. College Ave.
Carmel, IN 46032

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Pecan Pie

Recipe submitted by Gail Norton of Washington, Indiana.

- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup dark Karo syrup
- 2 tbsp. vanilla
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 9-inch pie shell
- 2 tbsp. vanilla
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 stick (1/4 cup) butter- melted
- 1 1/2 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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Community Spotlight: Bridy's Bakery

After moving to Frankfort from New Zealand and discovering that the community didn't have a local bakery, Bridy Colby made it her goal to open a bakery in Frankfort. Bridy, along with her husband Scott, opened Bridy's Bakery, located in downtown Frankfort at 8 South Main Street, in April 2014. Since then, the bakery has been serving made-from-scratch baked goods that include donuts, muffins, cookies and pastries, as well as desserts including pies, cakes and sweet bars.

In addition to baked goods, Bridy's also specializes in wedding and birthday cakes and also offers lunch items and small-scale catering. The bakery is open seven days a week, but the hours vary depending on the day. For more information about the bakery and its hours of operation, visit its website at www.bridysbakery.com.

