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## Richmond Power & Light Lineworkers Honored at State Event

On Monday, February 29, 2016, 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 of the Indiana Municipal Power Agency's (IMPA) member communities, including Richmond, were represented at the event, which 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 electrical infrastructure, ability to persevere through challenging situations, and dedication to their craft.

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# What to Do in Case of a Power Outage

If you experience a power outage, it's important to call Richmond Power & Light (RP&L) at 765-973-7200 so that the utility is aware of the outage and can work to restore power within your home and the neighborhood. It's helpful to know the answer to a few questions when calling to report an outage, including:

- What is your address and phone number?
- Do you have partial power?
- Do your neighbors have power?
- Do you see power lines down?
- Did you hear loud noises?

Most importantly, always stay away from downed power lines, as there may still be electricity running through the lines.

When outages do occur, rest assured that RP&L crews and other personnel will be working vigorously to restore the lost power. Even though line crews may not be visible in your area, this does not mean that they are not working to restore your power.

Crews work to restore power to the most customers in the shortest amount of time. Should your neighbors' power be restored before yours, you may be connected to a different transformer, but you will have power soon.

## RP&L's Restoration Procedure includes the following steps:

- Remove downed power lines from roadways and paths
- Check and restore power to any affected substations
- Repair damaged overhead and underground distribution lines leaving a substation
- Repair lines feeding large groups of homes
- Repair lines going directly to a home ●

## Lineworkers

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Richmond Power & Light lineworker Nick Maurer, along with general manager Randy Baker, 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."●

# How to Add Streetlights to Your Neighborhood

**S**treetlights offer many benefits to neighborhoods, including security for residents, safety for drivers and pedestrians and increased light for outdoor activities. If you are interested in installing a new streetlight in your neighborhood or on your street, there is an established request procedure through Richmond Power & Light (RP&L) and the City of Richmond.

The first step in adding (or removing, if that is the case) a streetlight is to petition for the change. Over 50 percent of all residents in a neighborhood or street must sign a petition stating the action that is preferred. After the petition is gathered and signed, it must be presented to your City Councilperson, who will then pass the petition on to the Streetlight Committee for review.

Once the Streetlight Committee receives the petition from the City Councilperson, the Committee will then ask RP&L to provide a design and estimated cost for the streetlight. After RP&L provides the information to the Streetlight Committee, the Committee will then review the design and cost, and then pass it on to the Board of Public Works and Safety for final review and approval. This procedure, which involves several departments and staff members within the City of Richmond, is the approved method for any change in streetlights within the city. For more information about getting started with a streetlight petition, call RP&L Customer Service at 765-973-7200. ●

## 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 a low cost, 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

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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.*



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## Save Energy This Summer!

**A**s the warmer months approach, here are a few tips to help save energy during the spring months:

- Schedule regular maintenance for your cooling equipment
- Avoid placing lamps or TV sets near your room air-conditioning thermostat. The thermostat senses heat from these appliances, which can cause the air conditioner to run longer than necessary.
- Vacuum registers regularly to remove any dust buildup. Ensure that furniture and other objects are not blocking the airflow through your registers.
- If you use air conditioning, a ceiling fan will allow you to raise the thermostat settings about 4 degrees F with no reduction in comfort.

The best way to reduce your electric bill is to do everything you can to make your home more energy efficient. ●