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Rising Sun Municipal Utilities Welcomes New Employees

Following the retirement of longtime Electric Supervisor Donny Walton, Rising Sun Municipal Utilities (RSMU) promoted Dale Turner to fill his position. Turner is a longtime employee of RSMU, having spent over 15 years serving as a lineman within the electric department. In his new role, Turner is responsible for a host of duties, which include supervising and directing electric department staff, coordinating and organizing the department's workload and maintaining and installing equipment, vehicles, and lighting, among many other tasks.

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Meet Rising Sun's New IMPA Commissioner

The City of Rising Sun recently appointed Rising Sun Municipal Utilities (RSMU) Superintendent Shawn Guidice to serve on the Indiana Municipal Power Agency's (IMPA) Board of Commissioners. Prior to Guidice, RSMU's Office Clerk Sue Bovard served as IMPA's Commissioner for over ten years. IMPA greatly appreciates Bovard's years of service as the IMPA Commissioner, and also happily welcomes Guidice.

As an IMPA commissioner, Guidice will represent Rising Sun's public power interests and provide essential input in directing IMPA's future. Guidice will be a vital addition to the Board as he has a working knowledge of both the City of Rising Sun as well as utility management.

IMPA provides wholesale electric power to 60 communities, and each community has a representative on the Board. The Board is comprised of a diverse group of individuals with backgrounds ranging from utility superintendents and lineworkers to town council members and clerk-treasurers. Although their daily jobs may be different, these individuals do have one thing in common when they arrive at an IMPA Board meeting – their commitment to their community. Guidice is no different.

IMPA commissioners dedicate their time and energy to the Board, a commitment outside the realm of their daily life. Guidice will give his time to attend meetings and workshops so that he may bring information back and use it in Rising Sun. Guidice and IMPA's other commissioners evaluate proposals, plan for the future and make decisions that are in the best interest of their community's municipal electric utility customers.

IMPA's commissioners serve another role as well – that of communicators. Guidice will serve as a channel of communication between IMPA and Rising Sun. He is responsible for bringing information about the community and its needs to IMPA, as well as taking information learned from IMPA back to share with those in Rising Sun. Amongst all the obligations of a commissioner, this is perhaps one of the most important duties. IMPA is a member-driven organization. It exists because of its member communities, and to serve its member communities. As Rising Sun's representative to the Board, Guidice will be an advocate for public power to ensure that Rising Sun's customers continuously receive low-cost, reliable and environmentally responsible electric power from IMPA. ●

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RSMU also hired a new Apprentice Lineman, Isaac Crouch, to replace Turner's vacant position after his promotion. Crouch is a 2009 graduate of Rising Sun High School and a 2013 graduate of Indiana University with a degree in Criminal Justice. The City of Rising Sun and Rising Sun Municipal Utilities congratulate Walton on his retirement, Turner on his promotion, and welcome Crouch! ●

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.

Source: Indiana Department of Education

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

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.*

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Tips to Save Money and Energy from Your Utility

As the summer months approach, use these energy tips, provided by your local utility, to help you save money and energy and prevent problems before they occur:

- Hire an HVAC expert to inspect your air conditioning unit. This annual maintenance may prevent problems before they arise, and will also help the system to run more efficiently.
- Change your furnace air filter once per month to improve air movement throughout the home.
- Use a rain barrel to harvest rainwater from gutters. This water can then be repurposed and used to water flower beds, a garden, or assist with landscaping.
- Check your showerheads and faucets for any drips or leaks. One drip every second adds up to five gallons of wasted water per day!
- Flush floor and sink drains with water to prevent the traps in the sewer pipes from drying out. Flushing periodically will keep your drains clear and also prevent sewer gas from entering the home. ●