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The Benefits of Public Power

Tipton Municipal Utilities (TMU) has been a proud supplier of electric power in Tipton for over 100 years. As a public power utility, the City of Tipton wholly owns the electric distribution system that supplies electricity to all Tipton residents through TMU. One of the core advantages of a public power utility is its customer focus, meaning that Tipton residents can rest assured that their power supply is reliable and comparatively low-cost. In a rate comparison as of July 2019, Tipton residents with an average usage of 1000 kilowatt-hours spent nearly \$34 less on their electric bill than an average customer supplied by investor-owned utilities for the same amount of power. Even when compared to other public power utilities in the state, Tipton fared better on its average electric bill.

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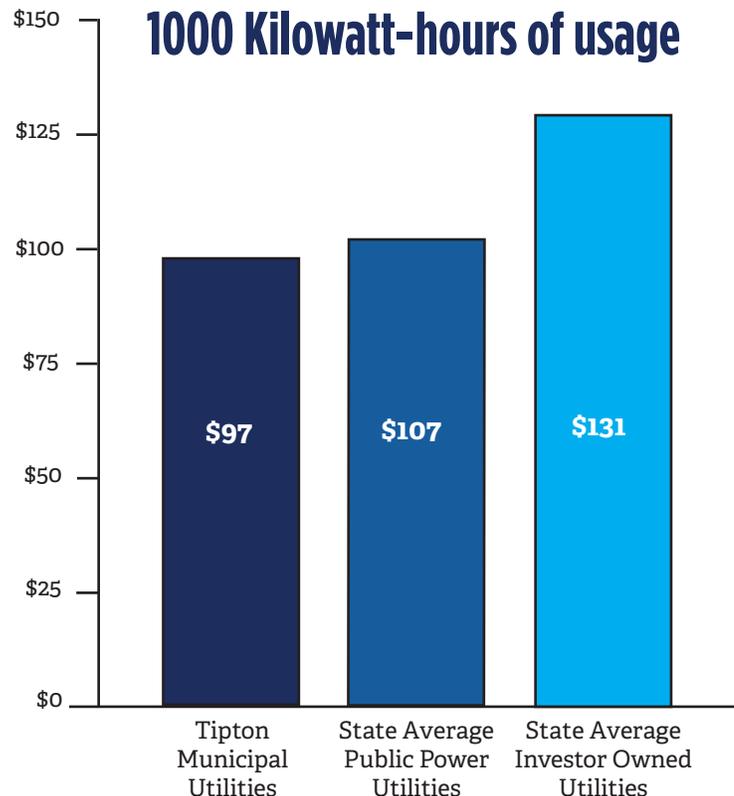
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Tipton's low-cost and reliable power supply is due in part to its membership with the Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA). IMPA is a not-for-profit power provider that supplies 61 cities and towns in Indiana and Ohio with wholesale electricity, including Tipton. As a founding member of IMPA, Tipton has been working with the Agency to provide economic, reliable, and environmentally responsible power to its residents for over 35 years. IMPA achieves its low-cost energy by maintaining a diverse power portfolio that includes coal, natural gas, solar, and purchased power. The variety of generation resources used by IMPA ensures stable, economic, and environmentally friendly, wholesale power. The benefits of this wholesale power are extended to IMPA's 61 members when they purchase it to supply their residents with electricity.

"Public power allows the City of Tipton to maintain local control and economic stability over its electric utility," says Dick Klein, Tipton utility board member and commissioner of IMPA. "The revenues from our public power system stay in the community and go toward continuing our low electric rates and maintaining our system."

IMPA furthered its mission of supplying low-cost, reliable, and environmentally responsible power when it established a solar park in Tipton earlier this fall. IMPA has developed numerous solar parks throughout Indiana, strengthening its diverse power portfolio and striving to incorporate clean energy into the electricity that is supplied to its members. Tipton's enthusiastic participation in IMPA's solar program finally led to a solar park being established within the TMU service area. The energy generated by the park will stay within the Tipton community, benefitting the city's electric system and supporting local renewable energy. Together, IMPA and Tipton continue to support low-cost, reliable, and environmentally responsible power for community members like you. •

Average Indiana Electric Bills for 1000 Kilowatt-hours of usage



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On September 30th, officials from the City of Tipton joined with state and federal legislators and IMPA to cut the ribbon on the Tipton Solar Park. Mayor Don Havens, US Representative Susan Brooks, State Representative Tony Cook, and personnel from the offices of Senator Mike Braun joined with IMPA Executive Vice President and COO Jack Alvey and city and county council personnel to recognize the milestone in the community. Tipton is now one of 19 IMPA member communities to have a solar park.



“This is an exciting day for Tipton,” commented Mayor Don Havens. “Not only will this solar park provide increased diversity in our generation resources, it will also serve as an excellent educational opportunity for our students, residents, and visitors, and is yet another community benefit to tout for quality of place and economic development purposes.”

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IMPA President and CEO Raj Rao commented on the park's addition to the community. "IMPA's ongoing commitment to providing a low-cost, reliable, and environmentally responsible power supply to our 61 communities is a top priority for the Agency. The output of the Tipton Solar Park will remain in the community serving the needs of residents and businesses alike, while enabling IMPA to continue expanding our diverse portfolio through the addition of solar energy. We are certain that the park will have a lasting impact on the community."

The Tipton Solar Park is located on 31 acres of land and is comprised of 17,496 solar panels. The facility is rated at 5.26 MW and will produce an annual amount of energy to power about 800 homes. The park will utilize a single axis tracking system that allows the panels to move throughout the day, following the path of the sun.

Other communities in which IMPA solar parks have been built include Advance, Anderson, Argos, Bainbridge, Crawfordsville, Darlington, Flora, Frankton, Greenfield, Huntingburg, Pendleton, Peru, Rensselaer, Richmond, Spiceland, Tell City, Washington, and Waynetown. IMPA is currently constructing additional solar parks in Anderson, Centerville, Crawfordsville, Gas City, Richmond, Scottsburg, and Tell City. For updates on how much power is generated at each facility, visit www.impa.com/solar.