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IMPA Solar Parks in the Works for 2018

IMPA added to its diverse portfolio of power supply resources in 2017 with the construction of four solar parks, bringing the total solar capacity of the Agency to 36.6 megawatts (MW). Thousands of additional homes around the state were powered by solar generation last year thanks to the efforts of IMPA and the member communities the Agency serves.

In 2018, the Agency continues its ongoing commitment to providing a low-cost, reliable and environmentally responsible power supply to its 61 communities with the ongoing construction of four additional solar parks in Advance, Rensselaer, Richmond and Tipton.

Advance will be welcoming a .24 MW solar field to its community, which will be comprised of eight rows of 864 panels.

A second solar park is being constructed in Rensselaer, which will have a capacity of 3.84 MW. Construction on the site continues with electrical and site work.

Richmond is welcoming a 7.44 MW solar park, which is progressing with module and racking installation while electrical work is still under way. The Advance, Rensselaer and Richmond solar parks are all planned to be producing power before the end of 2018.

A new site will also be constructed in Tipton. Tipton's 5.25 MW solar park construction is expected to begin in October 2018. *W*



The photo above shows the progress of the 7.44 MW Richmond Solar Park as of June 2018.



IMPA Welcomes New Chairman: Phil Goode

The Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA) is pleased to announce that Phil Goode, Manager of Crawfordsville Electric Light and Power (CEL&P), has been elected Chairman of the Agency's Board of Commissioners.

Crawfordsville is one of 61 public power communities in Indiana and Ohio that purchases wholesale electricity from IMPA, in addition to being a founding member of the Agency.

CEL&P has served its customers for over 125 years and in 1890 became the first city in Indiana to own its own electric company, revolutionizing the electric industry in Indiana at the time by its ability to provide power to residents and businesses within the community. Goode has represented Crawfordsville on the IMPA Board of Commissioners since becoming Manager of CEL&P in 2010.

"I am honored and pleased to work alongside personnel from utilities around the state and serve as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for IMPA," Goode said. "I appreciate all the Agency does to make our municipal utilities strong, and I look forward to contributing to the greater good as Chairman."

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IMPA 2017 Annual Report Available

IMPA's 2017 Annual Report, "Empowering Our Communities" is now available online!
Link: <https://www.impa.com/annualreport>



2018 IMPA Workshops

IMPA is pleased to offer a series of monthly training programs geared toward municipal utilities throughout the state. Often occurring the second Wednesday of select months and covering a variety of topics, these sessions are meant to meet the needs of all utility personnel, including lineworkers, substation workers, meter personnel, engineering and customer service personnel.

The workshops are free to all IMPA members and member employees, and include all course materials, certificate of completion and a complimentary lunch. IMPA encourages all to register and attend. Details about workshops and registration are available at www.impa.com/impaworkshops. 

- July 11 - Human Resources for Field Employees
- August 15 - Customer Service Boost Camp II
- August 29 - Downtown 2.0
- September 12 - Job Planning, Cost Estimates and Working with State Agencies
- October 10 - Disaster Recovery Tabletop Program
- November 14 - Substation, LTC in Substation, Converters, Breakers and Fuses

IMPA Commissioners Honored with National Awards

During the Indiana Municipal Power Agency's (IMPA) 2018 Annual Meeting, three Commissioners from IMPA's Board were recognized for their dedication to public power: Troy Utilities' Bernard Linne, Tell City Electric Department's Dennis Dixon and Richmond Power and Light's Randy Baker.

Linne received the American Public Power Association's (APPA) Larry Hobart Seven Hats Award. This national award recognizes managers serving in smaller communities whose variety of management responsibilities extends well beyond those of a manager in a larger system with larger staff. Linne has served more than 35 years for the Town of Troy and has held the position of Troy's Utility Operations Manager for 15 years. He has served on the Troy Volunteer Fire Department for 32 years, and has held the role of Fire Department Chief for 18 years.

Dixon received the APPA Honor Roll Award, which recognizes those who have made significant local contributions to public power. Dixon has been an employee of the Tell City Electric Department for four years and became superintendent in 2015. He has served 35 years in public power, beginning with his career at Richmond Light and Power. In addition to his daily responsibilities with the utility, Dixon sits on the IMPA Legislative and Operating Committees and is the past president of the Indiana Municipal Electric Association (IMEA).

Baker also received the APPA Honor Roll Award at the Annual Meeting. Baker has served 18 years with Richmond Power and Light and has held the position of General Manager since 2015. Baker is an accomplished musician and songwriter and holds degrees in Theology, Computer Science, as well as a master's degree in business administration. In addition to his responsibilities with the utility, Baker sits on the IMPA Legislative and Budget Committees.

The Indiana Municipal Power Agency appreciates the commissioners' commitment to their respective utilities and to the Agency, as well as public power as a whole. Their leadership and dedication to advancing the mission of public power are impressive. Congratulations! 🎉



Bernard Linne, Troy Utilities, receives the Larry Hobart Seven Hats Award at the APPA's national conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.



Dennis Dixon, Tell City Electric Department, receives the APPA Honor Roll Award at the 2018 IMPA Annual Meeting.



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“The IMPA Board is gaining a strong leader in Phil,” commented Raj Rao, President and CEO of IMPA. “His vast knowledge of the industry combined with his years of experience will be of great aid to the Agency and the Board in his years as Chairman. We look forward to the many goals we will accomplish in working together.”

Goode has served as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners since 2015 and was elected Chairman at IMPA’s Annual Meeting on Friday, April 6.

As Chairman, Goode acts as a liaison for the Agency and the Board. Goode will also oversee and provide direction for monthly Board meetings and Executive Committee meetings. *👉*



2018 IMPA Executive Board of Commissioners

From left to right (front): Raj Rao, President and CEO of IMPA; Dick Justice, Gas City; Brent Slover, Linton; Bob Hartman, Greendale.

From left to right (back): Ray Young, Brooklyn; Jerry Schitter, Jasper; Phil Goode, Crawfordsville, Chairman; Dr. Steven Waltz, Rockville; Michael Fruth, Greenfield; Jeff Lane, Spiceland.