

## **NEWS** from Indiana Michigan Power

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## **I&M Plans Transmission Line Upgrade in Decatur**

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FORT WAYNE, Ind. – Indiana Michigan Power (I&M) plans an approximate \$7 million investment to upgrade the electric transmission network serving customers in Adams County in northeastern Indiana.

The Decatur Area Transmission Line Rebuild Project involves rebuilding about 2 miles of 69-kilovolt transmission line between the Decatur Substation, located near the intersection of Short Street and North 7<sup>th</sup> Street, to the South Decatur Substation located on U.S. 33.

I&M plans to rebuild the power line primarily in its existing right-of-way. Company representatives plan to talk with individual property owners about what to expect before, during and after construction.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the social distancing recommendations made by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), I&M and its contractors are limiting in-person visits with property owners during this process to ensure the safety and health of the public and company representatives.

The company expects to begin construction at the beginning of 2021 and conclude at the end of 2021. Additional details, including project area maps, are available at IndianaMichiganPower.com/DecaturArea.

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Indiana Michigan Power (I&M) is headquartered in Fort Wayne, and its approximately 2,100 employees serve more than 599,000 customers. More than two-thirds of its energy delivered in 2019 was emission-free. I&M has at its availability various sources of generation including 2,278 MW of nuclear generation in Michigan, 450 MW of purchased wind generation from Indiana, more than 22 MW of hydro generation in both states and approximately 15 MW of large-scale solar generation in both states. The company's generation portfolio also includes 2,620 MW of coal-fueled generation in Indiana.

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