



## **NEWS** from Indiana Michigan Power

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### **I&M ANNOUNCES FINAL ROUTE OF GRAVEL PIT TRANSMISSION LINE UPGRADES**

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SOUTH BEND, Ind. – Indiana Michigan Power, an operating unit of American Electric Power, is announcing the final line route for the Gravel Pit Substation and Transmission Line Upgrades project.

The line routes, which travel north and northeast out of the Gravel Pit Substation, located southwest of South Bend on Indiana 23 near Orange Road, connect to the existing Jackson Road-New Carlisle transmission line. An interactive map with the final line route can be viewed at the project website [www.IndianaMichiganPower.com/GravelPit](http://www.IndianaMichiganPower.com/GravelPit).

The current transmission line's infrastructure has reached an age where its replacement is needed in order to better serve area customers. Improvements will reduce both the number of outages and the time needed to restore service when outages occur.

As a next step in the project, I&M crews and contractors will be conducting survey work along the final line route. This work will occur periodically through spring 2017. Conversations with landowners along the route and right-of-way agents are expected to begin this spring and will continue until the fall. Pre-construction activities are anticipated to begin this fall, followed by transmission line construction. The project is expected to be completed in late 2018.

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Indiana Michigan Power (I&M) is headquartered in Fort Wayne, and its 2,450 employees serve more than 589,000 customers. More than half of its generation is emission-free, including 2,160 MW of nuclear generation in Michigan, 450 MW of purchased wind generation from Indiana, 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 2,600 MW of coal-fueled generation in Indiana.

American Electric Power is one of the largest electric utilities in the United States, delivering electricity and custom energy solutions to nearly 5.4 million customers in 11 states. AEP owns the nation's largest electricity transmission system, a more than 40,000-mile network that includes more 765-kilovolt extra-high voltage transmission lines than all other U.S. transmission systems combined. AEP also operates 223,000 miles of distribution lines. AEP ranks among the nation's largest generators of electricity, owning approximately 31,000 megawatts of generating capacity in the U.S. AEP's utility units operate as AEP Ohio, AEP Texas, Appalachian Power (in Virginia and West Virginia), AEP Appalachian Power (in Tennessee), Indiana Michigan Power, Kentucky Power, Public Service Company of Oklahoma, and Southwestern Electric Power Company (in Arkansas, Louisiana and east Texas). AEP's headquarters are in Columbus, Ohio.