

## **NEWS** from Indiana Michigan Power

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## **I&M PLANS TRANSMISSION IMPROVEMENTS IN DELAWARE COUNTY**

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FORT WAYNE, Ind. – Indiana Michigan Power (I&M) plans an approximate \$84 million investment to upgrade the electric transmission network serving customers in Delaware County in eastern Indiana.

The Southern Muncie Area Improvements Project involves:

- Upgrading about 3 miles of 34.5-kilovolt (kV) power line to 69-kV standards
- Expanding several local substations
- Building the new Fuson Substation in the commercial park north of West Fuson Road

The improvements ensure electric reliability for I&M customers and support economic development.

The company plans to rebuild some sections of the power line in its existing right-of-way. Other sections of the project may include re-routes and require new easements.

I&M invites community members and landowners to learn more about the project at an upcoming open house. The public event takes place on Thursday, April 25 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Muncie Central High School Student Center, located at 801 N. Walnut St. in Muncie.

There is no formal presentation, so attendees can arrive at any time to review maps and talk with project representatives. I&M values the opportunity to educate customers on the project.

Construction begins in Summer 2020 and concludes late 2022. For more information, including detailed project area maps, visit IndianaMichiganPower.com/SouthernMuncie.

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Indiana Michigan Power (I&M) is headquartered in Fort Wayne, and its 2,450 employees serve more than 593,900 customers. More than half of its generation is emission-free, including 2,278 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.

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