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I&M Plans Power Grid Upgrades to Benefit Northeast Indiana Customers

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FORT WAYNE, Ind. – Indiana Michigan Power (I&M) plans to invest approximately \$292 million to upgrade the electric transmission system to ensure safe and reliable electric service for customers in northeast Indiana.

The Fort Wayne-Richmond Transmission Line Rebuild Project involves updating about 140 miles of 138-kilovolt transmission line and upgrading two substations. I&M plans to rebuild the transmission line in the existing right-of-way, although the company may acquire new easements or supplement current easements to ensure the safe construction, operation and maintenance of the line.

I&M representatives will communicate project updates directly with affected landowners and residents throughout the process.

Company officials expect construction to begin summer 2021 and conclude late 2025. For more information, including detailed project area maps, visit IndianaMichiganPower.com/FortWayne-Richmond.

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Indiana Michigan Power (I&M) is headquartered in Fort Wayne, and its 2,370 employees serve more than 597,000 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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