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<u>I&M ANNOUNCES LINE ROUTE FOR MUNCIE – ANDERSON TRANSMISSION PROJECT</u>

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MUNCIE, Ind. – Indiana Michigan Power (I&M), an American Electric Power company, is announcing the final proposed line route for the Muncie – Anderson Transmission Line Rebuild Project.

Most of the transmission line will be rebuilt where currently located, where possible. I&M will re-route a section of the northern-most line to parallel North Wheeling Avenue. The company determined the final proposed route for the transmission line following a comprehensive routing study and public open house held in September to gather landowner and community feedback.

At the beginning of 2018, right-of-way agents will begin talks with landowners along the route to acquire or supplement easements, as needed. Pre-construction activities are anticipated to start in spring of 2019 with construction expected to start in summer 2019. The project is expected to be completed at the end of 2021.

The Muncie – Anderson Transmission Line Rebuild Project is an approximate \$48 million investment that includes rebuilding about 21 miles of double-circuit 138-kilovolt transmission line and retiring about 7 miles of transmission line. The project is needed to ensure continued reliable energy service is available to customers by reducing power outages and speeding recovery of service when outages do occur.

Additional information and an updated interactive map detailing the line route is available on the project website at **www.IndianaMichiganPower.com/Muncie-Anderson**

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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 2,278 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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