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1&M PLANS POWER GRID UPGRADES IN DELAWARE AND MADISION COUNTIES

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MUNCIE, Ind. – Indiana Michigan Power (I&M), an American Electric Power company, plans to invest about \$48 million to improve the electric transmission system in East Central Indiana.

The Muncie-Anderson Transmission Line Rebuild 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. The project includes rebuilding approximately 21 miles of double-circuit 138-kilovolt transmission line and retiring about 7 miles existing transmission line.

While a majority of the 21-mile long transmission line will be rebuilt where it's currently located, existing easements will need to be updated and supplemented. In limited areas, alternative study segments are proposed for re-routes that are being considered and evaluated for new construction.

Local residents are invited to learn more about the Muncie–Anderson Transmission Line Rebuild Project at a come-and-go open house on **Wednesday, September 20, 2017 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** at **Yorktown High School, 110 S. Tiger Dr., Yorktown.** Attendees can arrive at any time to review maps and speak with company representatives. I&M is encouraging landowners to attend the open house and provide feedback on the project and the alternative study segments. This input is essential in helping the company determine the proposed final line route.

Construction is expected to start in fall 2018 and be completed by spring 2020. Additional information, including study segment locations, is available on the project website at 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.

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.