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# *Memorandum*

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**To:** Mayor & Members of Council  
**From:** Monica Irelan, City Manager  
**Subject:** General Information  
**Date:** March 04, 2016

## **CALENDAR**

### **MEETINGS CANCELED**

1. Technology & Communications
2. City Council
3. Board of Zoning Appeals
4. Planning Commission

**AMP WEEKLY UPDATE/February 26, 2016**

**OML NEWSLETTER/February 29, 2016**

**TMACOG/March Edition**

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 Calendar

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	6:30 PM FINANCE & BUDGET Committee Meeting 7:30 PM SAFETY & HUMAN RESOURCES Committee Meeting					8:30 AM OML Newly Elected Council Training @ Oberhaus Park

## Memorandum

**To:** Technology and Communication Committee, Council, Mayor, City Manager, City Law Director, City Finance Director, Department Supervisors, Media

**From:** Gregory J. Heath, Finance Director/Clerk of Council

**Date:** 3/4/2016

**Re:** Technology and Communication Committee Meeting Cancellation

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The Technology and Communication Committee meeting regularly scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2016 at 6:15pm has been CANCELED due to lack of agenda items.

# Memorandum

**To:** Council, Mayor, City Manager, City Law Director, City Finance Director,  
Department Supervisors

**From:** Gregory J. Heath, Finance Director/Clerk of Council

**Date:** 3/4/2016

**Re:** Special Council Meeting Cancellation

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The Special Meeting of City Council which was scheduled for Monday, March 7 at 7:00pm, has been rescheduled for Monday, March 14 at 7:00pm at the direction of the Council President.

## Memorandum

**To:** Board of Zoning Appeals, Council, Mayor, City Manager, City Law Director, City Finance Director, Department Supervisors, Media

**From:** Gregory J. Heath, Finance Director/Clerk of Council

**Date:** 3/4/2016

**Re:** Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting Cancellation

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The Board of Zoning Appeals meeting regularly scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 4:30pm has been CANCELED due to lack of agenda items.

## Memorandum

**To:** Planning Commission, Council, Mayor, City Manager, City Law Director, City Finance Director, Department Supervisors, Media

**From:** Gregory J. Heath, Finance Director/Clerk of Council

**Date:** 3/4/2016

**Re:** Planning Commission Meeting Cancellation

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The Planning Commission meeting regularly scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 5:00pm has been CANCELED due to lack of agenda items.



# UPdate

A weekly newsletter presented by AMP President/CEO Marc Gerken

February 26, 2016

## AMP executes solar agreement with NextEra Energy Resources

By Marc Gerken, PE – president/CEO

AMP has announced the execution of a joint development agreement with DG AMP Solar, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC. The joint development agreement provides the framework for the development, construction and operation of 80 megawatts (MW) or more of new solar electric generation facilities. The facilities will be located in AMP member communities in Delaware, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia.



The Delaware sites are through AMP member Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation, Inc. (DEMEC) on behalf of its member municipal systems.

A NextEra Energy Resources affiliate will develop, construct, own and operate the solar facilities and sell the energy to AMP for resale to its members under long-term purchase power agreements. Each of the solar facilities will be installed behind-the-meter of an AMP member system, providing local peaking generation for added member system reliability.

AMP's unique arrangements with NextEra Energy Resources, a premiere developer and operator of solar and other renewable generation, will provide a very cost effective, reliable, environmentally sound, local generation option to our members at costs below the current market for such solar generation. In addition, the arrangement removes any construction risk from those members and our price risk is minimal. AMP looks forward to working with our members and NextEra Energy Resources to bring this exciting project to fruition.

To date, AMP has more than 25 potential projects in over 20 of its member communities and expects more may be added.

## Energy markets update

By Jerry Willman – assistant vice president of energy marketing

NYMEX natural gas for March 2016 closed down \$0.067/MMBtu Thursday to settle at \$1.711. The EIA reported a withdrawal of 117 Bcf yesterday from U.S. gas inventories for the week ending Feb. 19, 2016. Market consensus for this week was a withdrawal of -136 Bcf. The EIA also revised its storage withdrawal number for the week ending Feb. 12 from -158 Bcf to -163 Bcf. Weather forecasts have turned slightly warmer, calling for above average temperatures to persist across the U.S. through March 9.

On-peak power prices for 2017 at AD Hub closed yesterday at \$35.82/MWh, which was \$0.94/MWh lower for the week.

## FERC grants extension of time to comply with CIP requirements

By Art Iler – director of reliability standards compliance

On Feb. 25, 2016, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) granted a request by the American Public Power Association (APPA), TAPS and other trade associations for a deferral of the enforcement date for compliance with NERC's new CIP standards.

CIP version 5 was scheduled to take effect on April 1, 2016, with CIP version 6, which modifies version 5, becoming effective a short time later on July 1, 2016. The trade associations successfully argued that entities should not have to comply with version 5 only to have it modified three months later. The recent order grants an extension of the enforcement date for entities with Medium and High Impact assets until July 1, 2016.

The order does not impact the April 1, 2016, compliance date for entities, such as AMP, whose assets are deemed to be Low Impact and, thus, are required to develop implementation plans with future enforcement dates.

Please contact me if you have any questions with this matter at [ailer@amppartners.org](mailto:ailer@amppartners.org) or 614.540.0857.

## AFEC weekly update

By Jerry Willman

CT2 was returned to service Friday evening after a brief maintenance outage to repair a thermocouple. The plant reduced generation during the overnight periods on the weekend and Monday due to lower PJM LMP prices and weaker PJM load demand. The plant remained in 2x1 operation for the remainder of the week. Duct firing operated for 13 hours this week. The plant generated at a 75 percent capacity factor (based on 675 MW rating).

## Public Power Certification Training to be offered in 2016

By Kent Carson – senior director of media relations & communications programs

AMP will again offer its Public Power Certification Training program in 2016 at no cost to AMP member community officials. Entities governing municipal electric systems have important responsibilities due to the complexities of the industry and the myriad regulations at both the state and federal levels. Unlike most other municipal service issues, the evolution of the energy industry seemingly places the landscape in a constant state of flux.

AMP created the Public Power Certification Training program, a series of seven webinars designed to cover both the technical and regulatory aspects of the industry, as well as an overview of public power and AMP. The program was initiated in 2014 and more than 100 local officials completed the program. It is designed for both newly elected (or appointed) and experienced utility policymakers.

The program focuses on seven key areas of benefit to policymakers. The curriculum is designed to help participants build knowledge and skills within these areas to effectively govern their systems now and into the future. Officials that complete all of the sessions will receive an AMP Public Power Certification and be recognized in AMP publications and at the AMP/OMEA Annual Conference.

The planned courses, each lasting about one hour, are: Electric Utility 101, Electric Utility Governance, AMP Organizational Overview, Power Supply Overview, Generation Project Overview, Financial and Legislative/Environmental.

In order to earn the AMP Public Power Governance Certification, participants must complete all seven webinars. The live sessions will be recorded and available via a link on the AMP website following the session. Individuals can either participate in the live webinar or view the recording to receive credit for the session. Participation is limited to elected/appointed officials from AMP member communities.

Registration forms, a schedule and additional information will be distributed soon to AMP principal contacts. For more information, please contact me at 614.540.0842 or [kcarson@amppartners.org](mailto:kcarson@amppartners.org).

### On Peak (16 hour) prices into AEP/Dayton Hub

#### Week ending Feb. 26

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
\$26.07	\$26.06	\$24.28	\$27.28	\$31.15

#### Week ending Feb. 19

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
\$30.80	\$28.03	\$25.65	\$25.49	\$24.08

AEP/Dayton 2017 5x16 price as of Feb. 25 — \$35.82

AEP/Dayton 2017 5x16 price as of Feb. 18 — \$36.76

## AMP Metering Course to be held in Piqua March 15-17

By Jennifer Flockerzie – technical services program coordinator

There are still spots available for the upcoming AMP Metering Course, to be held March 15-17 in Piqua. Meters are an essential part of municipal electric utilities. This course will cover safety in metering, basic terminology, principles of instrument transformers, metering math, troubleshooting, installation and wiring methods, and hands-on meter wiring. The session is geared to those who work in operations and taught by HD Supply.

For more information or to register, please contact me at 614.540.0853 or [jflockerzie@amppartners.org](mailto:jflockerzie@amppartners.org). AMP's 2016 training catalog, with a comprehensive list of training courses and events, is available on the [Member Extranet](#).

## Calendar

March 7-9—APPA Legislative Rally  
Grand Hyatt Washington, Washington, D.C.

March 10—AMP Finance & Accounting Meeting  
New Martinsville, West Virginia

March 15-17—AMP Metering Course  
Piqua, Ohio

April 2-6—APPA Rodeo and E&O Conference  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

April 7—AMP Finance & Accounting Meeting  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

April 26-27—AMP Technical Services Conference  
AMP Headquarters, Columbus



## Hard Hat Safety Award

Substation/Meterman A John Knowles (right), with Cuyahoga Falls, receives a 2015 AMP Hard Hat Safety Award from Michael Dougherty, Cuyahoga Falls Electric Department superintendent and member of the AMP Board of Trustees. The Hard Hat Safety Awards recognize municipal electric system employees who contribute to safety within their community during the past year, show adherence to on-the-job safety procedures, and promote electrical safety within their department and community.



## Borough of Ephrata seeks electric system manager

The Borough of Ephrata (Pop. 13,000) located in northern Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, seeks a successful candidate for the full-time position of Electric System Manager.

This position is responsible for managing skilled individuals involved with the operation and maintenance of a Public Power electrical distribution system. The Electric System Manager will direct the day to day activities, preventative maintenance and capital projects of the borough's electrical distribution systems in order to provide operations that are safe, cost effective and reliable. The Electric System Manager will be expected to interact with the customers of the system on a regular basis and to ensure that safe and sound practices are employed throughout the electric distribution system.

To be considered for this position, candidates must have at least 10 years of experience in the electric utility industry with a minimum of five years supervisory experience and a proven track record of achieving positive results. A thorough working knowledge of line work, electric distribution, substations and high voltage systems (up to 69kv) is essential. An associate degree in electrical engineering technology or related field from an accredited college or trade school is desired, however, relevant practical experience in lieu of a degree will be considered. Please send resumes to Human Resources, Borough of Ephrata, 124 S. State St., Ephrata, Pennsylvania 17522. EOE M/F/D/V

## Columbus Department of Public Utilities has openings

The City of Columbus, Department of Public Utilities is seeking qualified candidates for the following positions. Interested candidates should submit an application to the Civil Service Commission by applying online at [www.csc.columbus.gov](http://www.csc.columbus.gov). Please attach a resume to your application. You may also apply by emailing your resume to [DPURecruitment@columbus.gov](mailto:DPURecruitment@columbus.gov). If you prefer to mail in a paper application, please mail it to Krista McGee, 910 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio 43215. EOE. Applicants may inspect and acquire a copy of the City of Columbus, Department of Public Utilities EEO Plan by visiting the [DPU website](http://DPU website).

**Power Division Administrator** – This position is responsible for planning and coordinating the operations of the Division of Power. Other duties include directing the personnel involved with municipal power generation, transmission and distribution systems, advising the fiscal staff in the preparation of the division's budget, and developing work methods to improve efficiency in the Division of Power.

To qualify, candidates must have a bachelor's degree and five years of management experience to include policy formulation and implementation, management of a budget in excess of one million dollars, and direction of a large staff

(20 employees or more) through subordinate supervisors. Substitution: A master's degree in business administration, public administration, or closely related field may be substituted for one year of the required experience. Must have a valid Driver's License. (Salary \$95,077 - \$158,434). Deadline to apply is March 1, 2016.

**GIS Manager** – Applicants must possess a bachelor's degree and three years of experience developing data and conducting spatial analyses with geographic information systems (GIS) that included some managing or leading GIS projects. This position also requires a valid motor vehicle operator's license. Substitution(s): Additional years of experience using GIS software packages such as ESRI ArcGIS for desktop (ArcView, ArcInfo, ArcEditor), or MapInfo may be substituted for the educational requirement on a year-for-year basis. One year of experience is equated to 30 semester hours, or 45 quarter hours.

Geographic Information Systems Professional (GISP) certification through the GIS Certification Institute may substitute for the education requirement. The position is located at 910 Dublin Road and will manage the DPU GIS section of approximately 15 employees. Salary \$62,254 - \$93,434. Deadline to apply is March 14, 2016.

## Painesville has meters available

The City of Painesville has a surplus of 52 new Class 100, 120V GE meters. If interested, please contact Jeffrey McHugh, City of Painesville Electric Department superintendent, at 325 Richmond St., Painesville, Ohio 44077; 440.392.5939; or [jmchugh@painesville.com](mailto:jmchugh@painesville.com).



## Piqua seeks associate engineer

The City of Piqua is accepting applications for the position of Associate Engineer for the Municipal Power Department. The position performs engineering and planning for the Power System. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, working with engineering staff to complete a variety of projects, primary responsibility is the day-to-day operation of the Power System's metering department. Qualifications include experience in the power utility industry or related business and an associate degree in engineering/engineering technology. Individuals with demonstrated related work experience may be considered with bachelor degrees in other disciplines.

Please send letter of interest, three business references, salary requirements and application to: 201 W. Water St., Human Resources Department 2nd floor, Piqua, Ohio 45356. Visit [www.piquaoh.org](http://www.piquaoh.org) to download an application. Deadline for applications is Feb. 26, 2016. EOE.

## Tipp City arborist needed

The Tipp City Electric Department will be accepting applications for the position of Tree Trimmer/Arborist. Duties of the Tree Trimmer/Arborist will include, but will not be limited to: Line clearance near energized electric circuits up to 69,000 volts; tree trimming/removal of city owned trees, in the curb lawn, and parks, etc.; landscaping, tree planting; assisting electric crews when required; assisting other city departments when needed.

A preference of three years of experience in aerial lift operation, tree climbing, rigging and chipper operation is required. Class A CDL with trailer certification will be required within six months of employment. ISA Arborist certification will be required within a one year period from date of hire. This position will require periodic drug and alcohol testing, work in inclement weather and non-traditional hours. Pay Range is \$19.15 to \$24.40/hour. Resume and application to City Manager's Office, Tipp City Government Center, 260 S. Garber Dr. Tipp City, Ohio 45371 by 4 p.m. Feb. 26, 2016. Tipp City is an equal opportunity employer.

## Hamilton accepts applications for engineering positions

The City of Hamilton is seeking candidates for the following positions. Current detailed resumes must be submitted in Word or PDF to: Civil Service Dept., One Renaissance Ctr., 345 High St.-1st Fl., Hamilton, Ohio 45011, by email: [cspersonnel@ci.hamilton.oh.us](mailto:cspersonnel@ci.hamilton.oh.us) or fax: 513.785.7037. If necessary, application may be made in person or via USPS. Specify interest in UTIL PLT RELF OPER or ELEC ENG. The City of Hamilton is an EEO & AAE. Minorities and women are encouraged to apply.

**Utility Plant Relief Operator** – This position is used to fill normal and short notice vacancies in all operational classes within the Water Production Division. The Utility Plant Relief Operator, when not covering a vacancy will work with Maintenance or the Administrative Group, as determined by division management.

Candidates should possess any combination of education and experience equivalent to high school diploma or GED; completion of a standard high school course of study, including or supplemented by course work in basic chemistry, engineering and courses given by the State Dept. of Health, OTCO (Operator Training Committee of Ohio) or other approved authority; at least 12 consecutive months work in a water production facility. Operator status preferred. **Possession of a Class I Water Supply Operator Certificate as issued by the State of Ohio EPA is a required certificate for this position.** Class II or III Water Plant Operator Certificate is preferred. Must possess the ability to obtain certification in the laboratory analysis of pH, alkalinity, hardness, stability, fluoride, conductivity, turbidity, chlorite and chlorine dioxide as required by the

City of Hamilton Health Division and/or State of Ohio EPA. Salary: \$19.20-\$27.12/Hr (Class I Lic.); \$20.04-\$28.85/Hr (Class II Lic); \$21.35-\$30.51/Hr (Class III Lic.)

**Electrical Engineer** – This position is responsible for professional work in the design, construction, inspection and maintenance of a variety of electric utility facilities.

Desire graduation from a college or university of recognized standing with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and considerable experience in electric system design and engineering; knowledge of and experience working with the National Electric Safety Code is preferred. Desire experience sizing, specifying, and reviewing manufacturer submittals for, electric transmission and distribution switchgear, transformers and other related electric utility equipment. Registration as a PE the State of Ohio or similar professional engineering certification from another state or an equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform the work. Salary: \$63,253-\$81,120.

## Bowling Green Parks & Recreation seeks candidates

The City of Bowling Green's Parks & Recreation Department is seeking qualified candidates for the following positions. Applications are available in the city's Personnel Department, 304 N. Church St., Bowling Green, Ohio or [online](#). (Resumes alone are unacceptable.) For more information, contact the Personnel Department by phone at 419.354.6200 or by email at [BGPersonnel@bgohio.org](mailto:BGPersonnel@bgohio.org). AA/EEO

**Part-Time Seasonal Park Laborer-Maintenance:** Must be able to work flexible schedule up to 40 hours per week for the full term of the temporary employment including evening and weekends. Must be at least 18 years old and have a valid driver's license. Experience with building custodial, grounds, aquatic facility, small tractor and/or softball field maintenance beneficial. Employment will be through a temporary agency. Individuals hired will not be City of Bowling Green employees. Pay Range \$8.10 - \$11.25 per hour, no fringe benefits.

**Part time-seasonal positions:** The city pool and water park is seeking Aquatic Assistant Managers, a Swim Program Director, Concession Managers, Concession Attendants, Swim Aides, certified Lifeguards, and certified WSI Instructors to join its 2016 summer staff. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including evenings and weekends from mid-May to mid-September. Pay Range \$8.10 - \$11 per hour depending on position. These are part-time, temporary positions without fringe benefits.



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February 29, 2016

### OML TESTIFIED ON SENATE BILL 27

The Ohio Municipal League (OML) testified Tuesday in the Ohio Senate Insurance Committee in opposition to Senate Bill (SB) 27, stressing that no firefighter is being denied nor should ever be denied healthcare treatment for cancer. SB 27 provides that a firefighter who is disabled as a result of certain types of cancer is presumed for purposes of the laws governing Worker's Compensation and the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund to have incurred the disease while performing official duties as a firefighter.

Our testimony goes into more detail as to why the OML took an opposition position. The OML's opponent testimony is attached [HERE](#). We have been disappointed in some of the media coverage of this issue. Consequently, on Tuesday, OML issued a press release clarifying our position [HERE](#).

The question regarding SB 27 is not whether firefighters will get treatment, but rather how will it be paid for and who will pay for it. The proponents are turning a technical funding issue into a humanitarian issue. We all believe in the humanitarian cause and will work to help.

### BILLS PASSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY LAST WEEK RELEVANT TO MUNICIPALITIES

HB215 COCKFIGHTING-BEARBAITING PENALTY - To prohibit and establish an increased penalty for knowingly engaging in activities associated with cockfighting, bearbaiting, or pitting an animal against another.

PASSED BY HOUSE; Vote 85-7 (Sears, B Bishoff, H)

HB390 NATURAL GAS-TAX EXEMPTION - To exempt the sale of natural gas by a municipal gas company from the sales and use tax.

PASSED BY HOUSE; Vote 91-0 (Schaffer, T Retherford, W)

**OTHER BILLS PASSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY LAST WEEK:**

- HB240 (Huffman-T. Johnson), which reforms coroners' laws. The bill passed 89-0.
- HB387 (Terhar-Dever), which raises the maximum monetary limit for taking a claim to small claims court. The bill passed 89-0.
- SB181 (Obhof-Schiavoni), which makes changes to limited liability company (LLC) laws. The bill passed 90-0.
- HB415 (Schuring), which creates a business linked deposit program and allows credit unions to participate. The bill passed 79-11.
- SB182 (Balderson-Peterson), which names a number of highways in the state. The bill passed 88-0.
- HB 290 (Sprague) which permits a physician to treat a terminally ill patient with a drug that is not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration and permit a drug manufacturer to provide such a drug to the patient or physician. The bill passed 96-1.
- SB 264 (BACON K) Which provides for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2016 during which sales of back-to-school clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes.

Introduced:

HB475 MOTION PICTURE-TAX CREDIT (Rep. Kirk Schuring) To authorize motion picture companies to transfer the authority to claim refundable motion picture tax credits to other persons, to adjust how the credit is calculated, to increase the total amount of credits that may be awarded per year, to remove the limit on the maximum credit amount that may be awarded to a motion picture, and to create a job training program for resident film crew members.

### **SHORT TERM SCHEDULE**

House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) said after session that the House will not meet again until the first week of April. The Senate is not scheduled to meet until after that time as well.

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## Joint letter supports tax-exempt financing

By Michael Beirne – vice president of external affairs

The National Association of State Treasurers (NAST) finalized and delivered to Congress this week a joint signature letter in support of tax-exempt financing. More than 600 state and local officials from across the country signed onto the letter, including 47 from AMP/OMEA member communities. AMP/OMEA issued a call-to-action on the letter in January. The letter noted, among other things, that “we urge you to take into account the consequences that any change in the taxation of municipal bonds will have on the taxpayers in every state and reject any proposed changes to the tax deductibility of municipal bond interest.”

On a related front, two lawmakers, Reps. Randy Hultgren (R-IL) and Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD) have announced the creation of the Congressional Municipal Finance Caucus to “fight for state and local governments’ ability to independently finance projects to keep their communities strong.” Last year, Reps. Hultgren and Ruppersberger sent a bipartisan letter to House leadership in support of municipal finance. Joined by 122 of their colleagues (62 Democrats, 60 Republicans), the letter asked leadership to reject any proposal to cap or eliminate the deduction on tax-exempt municipal bonds used to finance the vast majority of infrastructure projects in America’s communities. They led a similar letter in the 113th Congress.

Thanks to everyone who signed on to the NAST letter, and thanks to Reps. Hultgren and Ruppersberger for their leadership on this important issue.

## Hamilton official appointed to state call-before-you-dig board by governor

By Michael Beirne

Ohio Gov. John Kasich announced the appointment of Michael Perry, director of project implementation at the City of Hamilton, to the Underground Technical Committee (UTC). The UTC was created as part of the SB 378 (2014) and will review certain violations of the call-before-you-dig law.



Mike Perry

We were successful in securing a seat on the committee for a municipal official and worked closely with the governor’s office on the appointment. SB 378 helps bring Ohio into compliance with federal guidelines established by the US DOT Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration (PHMSA).

Please join us in congratulating Mike Perry.

## Energy markets update

By Jerry Willman – assistant vice president of energy marketing

NYMEX natural gas for March 2016 fell \$0.039/MMBtu Thursday to settle at \$1.639, falling to a new 17-year low despite the EIA reporting a larger-than-expected gas storage withdrawal for the week ending Feb. 26. The EIA reported an inventory withdrawal of -48 Bcf, above consensus expectations for a -40 Bcf withdrawal, but well below the five-year average withdrawal of -137 Bcf.

On-peak power prices for 2017 at AD Hub closed yesterday at \$35.65/MWh, which was \$0.17/MWh lower for the week.

## CIP enforcement date has been extended

By Art Iler – director of reliability standards compliance

Last week I reported that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) had agreed to extend the compliance deadline for the new North American Electric Reliability Corp. (NERC) CIP v5/6 standards from April 1, 2016, to July 1, 2016, but that the order spoke only of entities with medium and high impact assets.

Since that report, NERC and ReliabilityFirst have issued updates to their enforcement deadlines that indicate that the enforcement date has been extended to July 1, 2016, for all entities.

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## Registration underway for demand response program

By Harry Phillips – director of marketing/member relations

By partnering with AMP and CPower, member communities can enroll retail customers in PJM's demand response program. This provides revenue to both the municipality and the retail customer and maintains existing long-term marketing relationships.

The program has been a great success in Danville. According to CPower, Danville businesses earned more than \$97,000 in aggregate through demand response for the 2015-16 program year. The city itself earned over \$30,000 through demand response for 2015-16.

"CPower has been a great source for implementing our demand response program," said Meagan Baker, Danville key accounts manager. "From educating customers about the program, getting them enrolled and assisting with any questions and/or concerns they have along the way, the process has been very transparent and straightforward. This streamlined approach makes it easier on our customers as well."

Registration for the 2016-17 program year is underway and AMP members are encouraged to participate. For more information, please contact me at 614.540.0846 or [hphillips@amppartners.org](mailto:hphillips@amppartners.org).

## Thompson speaks on CPP at TEA's energy symposium

By Krista Selva – director of media relations & communications

Jolene Thompson, executive vice president of member services and external affairs/OMEA executive director, was a speaker at The Energy Authority's (TEA) 2016 Energy Symposium and User Group meeting held on March 3 in Atlantic Beach, Florida.

Thompson participated in a panel presentation on the Clean Power Plan (CPP) with public power officials from the Nebraska Public Power District and Santee Cooper, and the deputy secretary of the environmental from Oklahoma. AMP is better-positioned than other generation owners in the region due to its balanced portfolio, and Thompson's portion of the panel focused on the CPP obligations and opportunities for the organization and its members.

The symposium is TEA's signature event and is an opportunity for industry professionals to come together and hear from outside experts, learn from one another, and discuss the challenges and opportunities that are facing the industry.

TEA provides AMP with energy and gas bilateral trading, natural gas management, RTO services, risk management, RTO settlement, billing and payment, credit management and risk control services. For more information on TEA, please visit <http://www3.teainc.org/>.

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\$26.07	\$26.06	\$24.28	\$27.28	\$31.15

AEP/Dayton 2017 5x16 price as of March 3 — \$35.65

AEP/Dayton 2017 5x16 price as of Feb. 25 — \$35.82

## AFEC weekly update

By Jerry Willman

Fremont operated in a 2x1 configuration for the week. PJM dispatched the plant output lower on Sunday afternoon and Monday morning as unseasonably warm temperatures permeated the region.

Duct firing operated for 19 hours this week. The plant generated at a 81 percent capacity factor (based on 675 MW rating).

## AMP to notify scholarship finalists

By Karen Ritchey – director of member events & programs

Finalists for the 2016 AMP Richard H. Gorsuch and Lyle B. Wright scholarships will be notified along with their member community next week. Non-finalists and their member community will also be notified. Scholarship finalists were chosen based on a public power essay, and will now take an online public power test and complete a form noting their achievements.

The AMP Board of Trustees will decide recipients based on their test score, personal achievements and scholastic record. Up to four Gorsuch and four Wright scholarship recipients will be determined and recipients will be notified by the end of April. Since the program began in 1988, AMP has awarded \$272,000 in scholarships. Please contact me with questions at [kritchey@amppartners.org](mailto:kritchey@amppartners.org) or 614.540.0933.

## Calendar

March 7-9—APPA Legislative Rally  
Grand Hyatt Washington, Washington, D.C.

March 10—AMP Finance & Accounting Meeting  
New Martinsville, West Virginia

March 15-17—AMP Metering Course  
Piqua, Ohio

April 2-6—APPA Rodeo and E&O Conference  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

April 7—AMP Finance & Accounting Meeting  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

April 26-27—AMP Technical Services Conference  
AMP Headquarters, Columbus

## Cuyahoga Falls seeks electric meter/substation general foreman

The City of Cuyahoga Falls is seeking an experienced individual for the position of Electric Meter/Substation General Foreman. This position is responsible for planning, scheduling and assisting in the activities of a group of substation/meter personnel in the construction, repair, maintenance, and operation of electrical substation equipment, circuits and structures, electric meters and associated equipment. This individual must be able to understand all NERC/FERC requirements applicable to the Cuyahoga Falls Electric System and ensure all requirements are handled in a timely manner and documented appropriately.

Qualified candidates must have graduated from an accredited high school or have a GED equivalent. Considerable knowledge of electric circuits is required. A degree in a field related to electric circuits is preferred (for example, a bachelor's degree in electric engineering). Applicants must possess a valid Ohio driver's license and the ability to maintain continuing eligibility under the city's driver eligibility standards. Candidates must also be a non-smoker and non-tobacco/nicotine user and refrain from using all tobacco products for the duration of employment with the City of Cuyahoga Falls.

Starting annual salary for this position is \$67,626. Yearly step increases bring the annual salary to \$87,954 after successfully completing five years in the position. A comprehensive benefits package is offered to all full time employees, including: medical, dental, vision, prescription drug, life insurance, paid vacation and OPERS retirement benefits.

Interested candidates must submit a detailed resume reflecting the nature of the work performed in current and prior employment. Candidates must also submit a City of Cuyahoga Falls Civil Service Application, which can be downloaded at [www.cityofcf.com](http://www.cityofcf.com). Applications can also be picked up the Human Resources Department on the 2nd floor of City Hall. Deadline to submit resumes and applications has been extended to March 18, 2016.

Resumes and applications can be faxed to 330.971.8353 or submitted by mail to City of Cuyahoga Falls, Attn: Civil Service Commission, 2310 Second St., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 4422. Submissions made in person must be between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. in the Human Resources Department, 2nd Floor of City Hall (2310 Second St., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221).

## Columbus Department of Public Utilities has GIS opening

The City of Columbus, Department of Public Utilities is seeking qualified candidates for GIS Manager. Interested candidates should submit an application to the Civil Service

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## Efficiency Smart introduces clothes dryer, advanced power strip residential rebates

By Steven Nyeste – communications project manager, Efficiency Smart

Efficiency Smart has added rebates for advanced power strips and ENERGY STAR® certified clothes dryers to its residential rebate offerings to encourage the use of these evolving technologies.



Efficiency Smart has been monitoring ENERGY STAR certified clothes dryers since they were first available in February 2015. As the cost of certified dryers has decreased and more manufactures have started offering these appliances over the past 12 months, Efficiency Smart is introducing a new \$50 rebate for this product. In addition, since many clothes washers and clothes dryers are bought as a set, residents will now be able to receive \$100 in rebates when also taking advantage of Efficiency Smart's \$50 rebate on efficient clothes washers.

The new advanced power strip rebate provides additional opportunities for residential customers to use Efficiency Smart's services, as advanced power strips are one of the most affordable products that customers can purchase to help reduce their energy use. Efficiency Smart is offering \$10 rebates for advanced power strips that contain six or less plugs and \$15 for those with seven or more plugs. To help encourage the adoption of advanced power strips, Efficiency Smart has also made these products available through its online store with discounts applied instantly at purchase.

The following rebates are now available to Efficiency Smart's participating residential electric customers:

- Advanced Power strips with six or less plugs (\$10 or \$15) – new
- Qualified clothes dryers (\$50) – new
- Qualified clothes washers (\$50)
- ENERGY STAR certified refrigerators (\$50)
- ENERGY STAR certified dehumidifiers (\$20)
- ENERGY STAR certified ceiling fans with lights (\$15)
- Energy STAR two-speed (\$50) or variable speed (\$175) pool pumps
- ENERGY STAR certified heat pump water heaters (\$250)
- Qualified furnace fans with ECMs (\$100)

For more information about Efficiency Smart, visit [www.energysmart.org](http://www.energysmart.org) or call 877.889.3777.

## Member Directory updated

Updates have been made to the AMP Member Directory. The directory is located on the Member Extranet section of the [AMP website](#). On that web page, you will also find a document that details all the changes made since the last directory update. Please contact Bethany Kiser at 614.540.0945 or [bkiser@amppartners.org](mailto:bkiser@amppartners.org) if there are changes to your community's directory page.





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Commission by applying online at [www.csc.columbus.gov](http://www.csc.columbus.gov). Please attach a resume to your application. You may also apply by emailing your resume to [DPURecruitment@columbus.gov](mailto:DPURecruitment@columbus.gov). If you prefer to mail in a paper application, please mail it to Krista McGee, 910 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio 43215. EOE. Applicants may inspect and acquire a copy of the City of Columbus, Department of Public Utilities EEO Plan by visiting the [DPU website](http://DPU website).

GIS Manager applicants must possess a bachelor's degree and three years of experience developing data and conducting spatial analyses with geographic information systems (GIS) that included some managing or leading GIS projects. This position also requires a valid motor vehicle operator's license. Substitution(s): Additional years of experience using GIS software packages such as ESRI ArcGIS for desktop (ArcView, ArcInfo, ArcEditor), or MapInfo may be substituted for the educational requirement on a year-for-year basis. One year of experience is equated to 30 semester hours, or 45 quarter hours.

Geographic Information Systems Professional (GISP) certification through the GIS Certification Institute may substitute for the education requirement. The position is located at 910 Dublin Road and will manage the DPU GIS section of approximately 15 employees. Salary \$62,254 - \$93,434. Deadline to apply is March 14, 2016.

## City of Hamilton accepts applications for open positions

The City of Hamilton is seeking candidates for the following positions. Current detailed resumes must be submitted in Word or PDF to: Civil Service Dept., One Renaissance Ctr., 345 High St.-1st Fl., Hamilton, Ohio 45011, by email: [cspersonnel@ci.hamilton.oh.us](mailto:cspersonnel@ci.hamilton.oh.us) or fax: 513.785.7037. If necessary, application may be made in person or via USPS. Specify interest in UTIL PLT RELF OPER or ELEC ENG. The City of Hamilton is an EEO & AAE. Minorities and women are encouraged to apply.

**Utility Plant Relief Operator** – This position is used to fill normal and short notice vacancies in all operational classes within the Water Production Division. The Utility Plant Relief Operator, when not covering a vacancy will work with Maintenance or the Administrative Group, as determined by division management.

Candidates should possess any combination of education and experience equivalent to high school diploma or GED; completion of a standard high school course of study, including or supplemented by course work in basic chemistry, engineering and courses given by the State Dept. of Health, OTCO (Operator Training Committee of Ohio) or other approved authority; at least 12 consecutive months work in a water production facility. Operator status preferred. **Possession of a Class I Water Supply Operator Certificate as issued by the State of Ohio EPA is a required certificate for this position.** Class II or III

Water Plant Operator Certificate is preferred. Must possess the ability to obtain certification in the laboratory analysis of pH, alkalinity, hardness, stability, fluoride, conductivity, turbidity, chlorite and chlorine dioxide as required by the City of Hamilton Health Division and/or State of Ohio EPA. Salary: \$19.20-\$27.12/Hr (Class I Lic.); \$20.04-\$28.85/Hr (Class II Lic.); \$21.35-\$30.51/Hr (Class III Lic.)

**Electrical Engineer** – This position is responsible for professional work in the design, construction, inspection and maintenance of a variety of electric utility facilities.

Desire graduation from a college or university of recognized standing with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and considerable experience in electric system design and engineering; knowledge of and experience working with the National Electric Safety Code is preferred. Desire experience sizing, specifying, and reviewing manufacturer submittals for, electric transmission and distribution switchgear, transformers and other related electric utility equipment. Registration as a PE the State of Ohio or similar professional engineering certification from another state or an equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform the work. Salary: \$63,253-\$81,120.

## Bowling Green Parks & Recreation seeks candidates

The City of Bowling Green's Parks & Recreation Department is seeking qualified candidates for the following positions. Applications are available in the city's Personnel Department, 304 N. Church St., Bowling Green, Ohio or [online](http://online). (Resumes alone are unacceptable.) For more information, contact the Personnel Department by phone at 419.354.6200 or by email at [BGPersonnel@bgohio.org](mailto:BGPersonnel@bgohio.org). AA/EEO

**Part-Time Seasonal Park Laborer-Maintenance:** Must be able to work flexible schedule up to 40 hours per week for the full term of the temporary employment including evening and weekends. Must be at least 18 years old and have a valid driver's license. Experience with building custodial, grounds, aquatic facility, small tractor and/or softball field maintenance beneficial. Employment will be through a temporary agency. Individuals hired will not be City of Bowling Green employees. Pay Range \$8.10 - \$11.25 per hour, no fringe benefits.

**Part time-seasonal positions:** The city pool and water park is seeking Aquatic Assistant Managers, a Swim Program Director, Concession Managers, Concession Attendants, Swim Aides, certified Lifeguards, and certified WSI Instructors to join its 2016 summer staff. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including evenings and weekends from mid-May to mid-September. Pay Range \$8.10 - \$11 per hour depending on position. These are part-time, temporary positions without fringe benefits.



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## FEATURE

### A Letter from the President Tony Reams, President of TMACOG



*Tony Reams, only the fourth permanent top officer of TMACOG since 1968, will retire in July, 2016. He began work at TMACOG in November, 2000.*

TMACOG is a unique agency and I've had a very special job here. The next president of TMACOG will have great challenges ahead but, like I did, will find great satisfaction in the work. Working for an entire region is different from administering a jurisdiction. Our five-county area of Lucas, Wood, Monroe, Ottawa, and Fulton counties has a population of more than 800,000. TMACOG is a forum for about 90 separate governments in two states and about 60 non-governmental agencies and business. That is a lot of pieces....[read more](#)

### Search Committee Formed

## Upcoming Events

### The Toledo Region Transportation Summit

Friday, March 18,  
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Parkway Place, 2592  
Parkway Plaza,  
Maumee *Contact:*  
[Christine Connell](#)  
ext. 119

### Ohio Sunshine Law Training

Friday, April 8,  
8:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  
Grand Lobby of the  
Dr. Martin Luther  
King Jr. Plaza  
*Contact:* [Jennifer Allen](#)  
ext. 119

### National Train Day Toledo

Saturday, May 7,  
9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Toledo Amtrak  
Station and Grand  
Lobby of the Dr.  
Martin Luther King,  
Jr.Plaza *Contact:*  
[Rebekka Apardian](#)  
ext. 117

### Bike Month

Throughout the  
month of May at  
locations all around  
northwest Ohio  
*contact:* [Lance Dasher](#)  
ext. 115



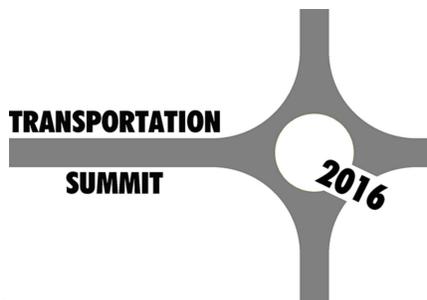
A search committee has been formed to recruit applicants for the position of president of the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments. Current president Tony Reams has announced his retirement, effective July, 2016. The committee plans to evaluate candidates starting in March. Applications are due by end of business day on March 31. The committee plans to confirm a candidate by May and have a new president in place by June, 2016.

The search committee is composed of members of the TMACOG Leadership Development Committee. Persons interested in the position are asked to contact Bill Best, TMACOG vice president of finance and administration, 419.241.9155 ext. 108.

There are no specific academic requirements and it is not necessary that applicants have experience as elected officials. Mayor of the City of Sylvania and Chair of the TMACOG Board of Trustees Craig Stough said, "The president of TMACOG leads the staff and facilitates policy decisions. The right candidate will have excellent political, administrative, and leadership skills."

## **TRANSPORTATION**

### **Keynote: The Fast Act Toledo Region Transportation Summit**



Toledo Region Transportation Summit  
Friday, March 18, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Parkway Place, 2592 Parkway Plaza, Maumee

Registration is due by March 11.  
See the links to complete agenda and registration [here](#).

After years of short term fixes, there is a new long term federal transportation bill: Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST)

Act. Transportation planners and local governments need to understand how the bill will change funding and affect planning for regional priorities. We'll hear from an expert at the 2016 Transportation Summit.....[read more](#)

## Applications Solicited for Transportation Projects



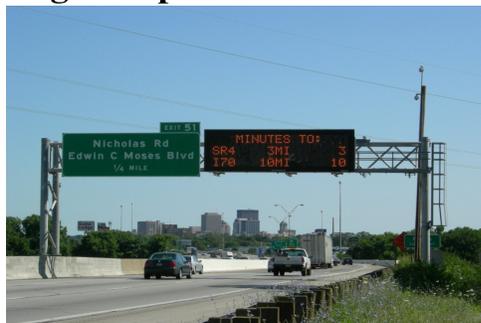
TMACOG's Transportation Improvement Program (the TIP) is soliciting applications for the federal Surface Transportation Program. There is approximately \$11 million available for projects in Lucas and Wood counties for fiscal years 2021 and 2022. Only those projects on federal-aid-eligible roads qualify. Applications are due by June 3, 2016. TMACOG federal funds will be provided at a maximum of 80/20 split of federal funding.

For more details about timing and application materials, contact TMACOG Planner [Lance Dasher](#) at 419.241.9155, ext. 115.

## Next Generation of Logistics Professionals

Sandra Simon, a career coach for Toledo Public Schools, thinks that a program funding a supply chain management program for high school students is a smart idea. Money for the Youth Career Grant comes from fees employers pay for visas given to immigrants coming to the U.S. for technical jobs. She says, "We're using that money – from importing skilled people – to grow our own talent here." ...[read more](#)

## Region Updates ITS network



As communication technology changes and becomes more integrated with the transportation system, regional Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) including TMACOG are keeping track of developments. A review and update of the TMACOG region's Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) architecture is underway now...[read more](#)

# ENVIRONMENT

## Water Quality Council



The first meeting of TMACOG's new Water Quality Council (WQC) will be held Wednesday, March 9 at 1:30 p.m. Location is yet to be determined, check the calendar on [www.tmacog.org](http://www.tmacog.org). The new council was created in response to member requests for a more direct focus on regional water quality. A vote at the January General Assembly modified the TMACOG bylaws and established the new council. The goal of the WQC is to coordinate and recommend positions on water quality issues and policies to the TMACOG Board of Trustees in an effort to improve and protect water quality in our region and Lake Erie. The committees of the WQC that have been established are Wastewater, Watersheds, Stormwater Coalition, Public Water Supply, and Regional Water Planning.

## 208 Plan Update Promotes Economic Development

In the North Baltimore region on the border of Wood and Hancock counties, residents are juggling issues concerning combined sewer overflows, home septic systems, and desire to attract business development. Revisions to the Areawide Water Quality Management Plan (the 208 Plan) show how local officials and other partners responded to these challenges to the benefit of all partners...[read more](#)

## Septic System Maintenance Information

When households are far from public sewer systems, in a rural area or very small community, a home sewage treatment system is the way to manage household waste. To help homeowners maintain these systems and keep them working correctly, people working to address water quality in the Wolf Creek/Maumee Bay region have produced and are distributing educational materials...[read more](#)

# MEMBER NEWS

## Better Communication Through Social Media



TMACOG uses a wide range of tools to convey information to members and to facilitate communication between members. For timely information and important news, members are invited to follow, link to, friend, and join TMACOG's social media outlets.

- [Twitter](#). Outlet for timely news and comments. Follow TMACOG.
- [Facebook](#). Sharing partner news and events. "Like" the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments, and our Bike and Pedestrian page.
- [TMACOG Blog](#). News and member discussion. Sign up to receive e-mail notification of new postings.
- [Youtube](#). Informational videos.
- [TMACOG.org](#). The website is the library of TMACOG data and information.

## **Funds Available for Gas Station Cleanup**

The Ohio Development Services Agency has announced a new website where local jurisdictions can apply for grants to assess and clean up gas stations with buried fuel tanks.

The website for the Abandoned Gas Station Cleanup Grant Program is now available on the [Ohio Development Services Agency website](#). On the webpage you will find program guidelines and resources to determine your site's eligibility. If you have any questions about the program, please contact April Kasun by e-mail or 614.466.4007.

The [Abandoned Gas Station Cleanup Grant](#) will provide funding to assess and clean up BUSTR Class C sites (underground storage tanks with documented petroleum releases). Eligible activities include up to \$100,000 for assessment and up to \$500,000 for cleanup. Other eligible activities include costs to empty or remove underground storage tanks, abatement of asbestos, lead or other contamination, demolition and site clearance.

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