

# AMP Update for September 29, 2017

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## Metz receives Seven Hats Award

By Marc Gerken, PE - president/CEO



Bruce Metz, village administrator for the Village of Jackson Center, is the 2017 recipient of the Seven Hats Award.

Metz has occupied his current position as village administrator for five years, but has served the village for nearly 40 years after joining as a member of the streets department. He is involved in all areas of the village and community - he has served in the streets and water and wastewater departments and frequently visits job sites to check on progress. He also actively participates in monthly safety meetings and quarterly electric-specific training activities.

In the community, Metz assists the basketball programs at the Jackson Center middle and high schools, and has served as a volunteer firefighter for the past 24 years - including eight years as chief of the fire department. Jackson Center Mayor Scott Klopfenstein noted, "Metz has a contagious work ethic that shows people to not only work hard, but to have fun doing it."

The AMP Seven Hats Award was initiated in 1984 to recognize utility managers who serve smaller communities of less than 2,500 meters, and whose management duties extend well beyond the scope of a manager in a larger system. Award winners show skill in seven areas: planning and design, administration, public relations, field supervision, accounting, personnel or employee direction, and community leadership.

Please join us in congratulating Bruce.

## AMP/OMEA Conference features informative sessions

By Marc Gerken, PE

More than 400 representatives from member communities, AMP staff and municipal electric partners attended the 2017 AMP/OMEA Conference held in Columbus this week. Featured speakers included Delia Patterson, acting senior vice president

of advocacy and communications and general counsel of the American Public Power Association; Amy Myers Jaffe, executive director at the University of California and a leading expert on global energy policy; and Dr. Dale Meyerrose, president of MeyerRose Group, LLC, and a preeminent information technology and cybersecurity strategist. Conference sessions provided attendees the opportunity to learn about AMP projects, industry trends, technological changes and state and federal legislation.

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2018 AMP/OMEA Conference  
Sept. 24-27, 2018  
Cleveland, Ohio

In addition to the events and sessions, AMP, OMEA, MESA, the OMEGA JVs and the AMP project participants held membership meetings throughout the four-day conference. I would like to thank all who participated in this year's event. I look forward to seeing everyone at the 2018 conference.

## AMP awards recognize member utilities and officials

*By Marc Gerken, PE*

Member utilities and officials were recognized at the 2017 AMP/OMEA Conference through the AMP awards program.

Board members who were recognized for service and completion of the current term are:

- AMP Board of Trustees - Mike Dougherty, City of Cuyahoga Falls; Dave Filippi, City of Dover; Joel Mazur, City of Napoleon; Bill George, Village of Newton Falls.
- OMEA Board of Directors - Mayor Douglas Johnson, City of Bryan; Mayor Terry Pugh, City of St. Clairsville; Mayor Pat Hale, City of Tipp City; Mayor Kathy Cocuzzi, City of Westerville.

Communities that were honored with AMP awards include:

### Finance Awards

- Highest Credit Score Population more than 5,000 - Westerville with a score of 105 percent
- Highest Credit Score Population less than 5,000 - Clinton with a score of 98 percent.
- Most Improved Credit Score - Edgerton with a 40 percent improvement.
- Financing of the Year - Borough of Ephrata for the AMI Project financed through AMP.

### Innovation Awards

- Honorable Mention: Monroeville Electric Department for Distribution System Automation.

### System Improvement Awards

- Versailles for the Circuit #1 12kV Conversion and Substation Improvements.
- Dover for the 69Kv East Circuit.
- Honorable Mention: Columbiana for the North and South Voltage Conversions.
- Honorable Mention: St. Clairsville for the Ault Drive Rebuild.
- Honorable Mention: Yellow Springs for the Remote Meter Change-Out Project.
- Honorable Mention: Orrville for the Boiler #13 Fuel Conversion Project.
- Honorable Mention: Wapakoneta for the 69kV Line Rebuild.
- Honorable Mention: Wadsworth for the ODOT State Route 94 Widening Project.

### Public Power Promotion Awards

- Coldwater Board of Public Utilities for promotion of its RP3 designation.
- Cuyahoga Falls Electric System for the Small Commercial Energy Efficiency Program.
- Dover Light and Power for promotion of Public Power Week.
- Orrville Utilities for its new utilities website.

### Electric System Sustainability Awards

- Cuyahoga Falls Electric System for the Energy and Sustainability Leadership Plan.
- Dover Light and Power for the Boat Dock LED Lighting Project.
- Orrville Utilities for the LED Street Light Replacement.

## Members receive safety awards and commendations

*By Michelle Palmer, PE - vice president of technical services*

AMP presented awards and commendations to a number of member communities during the 2017 AMP/OMEA Conference Safety Awards on Sept. 27. Safety awards are given to communities that had no time loss due to reportable accidents or injuries.

In the **generation category**, awards were presented to Bryan Municipal Utilities and Orrville Utilities.

In the **transmission and distribution category**, awards were presented to Berlin (Md.) Electric Utility Department, Bryan Municipal Utilities, Borough of Ephrata Electric Division, Jackson Center Municipal Electric, Village of Minster Electric Department, St. Clairsville Light and Power, and Wapakoneta Electric Department.

**Safety commendations for transmission and distribution** were given to Cuyahoga Falls Electric System, Dover Light and Power, Hudson Public Power, Orrville Utilities, and City of Wadsworth Electric and Communications.

**AMP Hard Hat Safety Award** winners will be announced in their community and presented with an award at a later date. Member utilities with 2017 Hard Hat Award winners are: Berlin (Md.) Electric Utility Department, Bryan Municipal Utilities, Cuyahoga Falls Electric System, Dover Light and Power, Borough of Ephrata, Monroeville Municipal Light and Power, Orrville Utilities, St. Clairsville Light and Power, City of Wadsworth Electric and Communication, City of Westerville Electric Division and Village of Yellow Springs.

**Mutual Aid Commendations** were given to: Hudson Public Power, Oberlin Municipal Light and Power, and Orrville Utilities for providing assistance to the Village of Newton Falls; Piqua Power System for providing assistance to Dayton Power and Light; Shelby Division of Electricity and Telecommunications for providing assistance to the Village of Lucas; Hamilton Department of Electric for providing assistance to the Village of Eldorado; Bryan Municipal Utilities, Montpelier Municipal Utility, and Napoleon Light and Power for providing assistance to the Village of Pioneer; and Bryan Municipal Utilities, Montpelier Municipal Utility, Napoleon Light, and Power and Pioneer Light Department for providing assistance to the Village of Holiday City.

Congratulations to all award winners and thank you for your dedication and service.

## AMP holds elections, re-elects leadership

*By Marc Gerken, PE*

The AMP general membership held its annual meeting during the 2017 AMP/OMEA Conference on Sept. 27. There were four expiring at-large seats on the 21-member AMP Board of Trustees. Members re-elected were Cuyahoga Falls, Dover and Napoleon, and the Village of Wellington was elected to the Board.

Following the general membership meeting, the Board held its reorganizational meeting and re-elected Steve Dupee, Wellington Village Manager, as chair; Jeff Brediger, City of Orrville director of utilities, as vice chair; Kevin Maynard, City of Bryan director of utilities, as secretary; and Pat McCullar, DEMEC president/CEO, as treasurer.



Steve Dupee, chair



Jeff Brediger,  
vice chair



Kevin Maynard,  
secretary



Pat McCullar,  
treasurer

## OMEA holds elections, names nine honorary members

*By Jolene Thompson - executive vice president/OMEA executive director*

The Ohio Municipal Electric Association (OMEA) held its general membership meeting Sept. 27 during the 2017 AMP/OMEA Conference and re-elected the communities of Bryan, Tipp City and Westerville to serve on the Board of Directors, and elected Wapakoneta to a seat on the Board. Bryan is represented by Mayor Doug Johnson; Tipp City is represented by Mayor Pat Hale; Westerville is represented by Mayor Kathy Cocuzzi; and Wapakoneta will be represented by Mayor Tom Stinebaugh.



Mayor Kathy  
Cocuzzi



Mayor Doug  
Johnson



Mayor Pat Hale



Mayor Tom  
Stinebaugh

The OMEA general membership selected 10 new honorary members:

- City Councilman Scott Broadwell, who served Oberlin for nine years and OMEA for seven years, will retire after his term on City Council expires at the end of this year.
- Larry Fisher, former superintendent for the City of Jackson who passed away in August 2017, following 21 years of service to the city.
- Pat Hale, mayor of Tipp City who served on the OMEA Board for five years will be leaving council after his term on City Council expires at the end of this year.
- Kelly Hephner, director of finance for the Village of Montpelier, who plans to retire in early 2018.
- Doug Johnson, mayor of Bryan who served on the OMEA Board since 2001, including seven years as a member of the OMEA Executive Committee, will retire after his term on City Council expires at the end of this year.
- Buck Stoiber, retired as superintendent in July 2017 following more than 36 years of service to the Village of Elmore.
- Timothy Tarulli, former City of Dover safety director, human resources director and city council member for 20 years, including six years as president of council, before he passed away in August 2017.
- Jim Salsbury, former lineman and Board of Public Affairs member in the City of Bryan who will retire when his term expires at the end of this year.
- Al Horn, former member of the Bryan Board of Public Affairs.
- Bill Zigli, former deputy commissioner of Cleveland Public Power until he retired in May 2017.

## AMP projects, JVs hold elections

*Leadership elections were held for AMP projects and joint ventures at the 2017 AMP/OMEA Conference on Sept. 25-28. The election results are listed below.*

**Solar Phase 1:** Fred Rowe, Waynesfield, chair; Joel Mazur, Napoleon, vice chair

**JV6:** Brian O'Connell, Bowling Green, chair; Michael Dougherty, Cuyahoga Falls, vice chair; Robert Patrick, Wadsworth, treasurer; Joel Mazur, Napoleon, secretary

**JV5:** Michael Dougherty, Cuyahoga Falls, chair; Brian O'Connell, Bowling Green, vice chair; Robert Patrick, Wadsworth, treasurer; Steve Dupee, Wellington, secretary

**JV1:** Michael Dougherty, Cuyahoga Falls, chair; Harold Kasten-Krause, Lodi, vice chair; Robert Patrick, Wadsworth, treasurer; Steve Dupee, Wellington, secretary

**JV2:** Joel Mazur, Napoleon, chair; Michael Dougherty, Cuyahoga Falls, vice chair; Jeff McHugh, Painesville, treasurer; Brian O'Connell, Bowling Green, secretary

**JV4:** Kevin Maynard, Bryan, chair; Dawn Fitzcharles, Edgerton, vice chair; Kevin Brooks, Montpelier, treasurer; Al Fiser, Pioneer, secretary

**AFEC:** Paul Beckhusen, Coldwater, chair; Ivan Henderson, Cleveland, vice chair

**MESA:** Robert Patrick, Wadsworth, chair; Jeff McHugh, Painesville, vice chair; Dawn Fitzcharles, Edgerton, treasurer; Steve Dupee, Wellington, secretary

**Hydro Phase I:** Jeff Brediger, Orrville, chair; Steve Dupee, Wellington, vice chair

**Hydro Phase II - Meldahl:** Jim Logan, Hamilton, chair; Brian O'Connell, Bowling Green, vice chair

**Hydro Phase II - Greenup:** Jason Grey, Danville, chair; Brian O'Connell, Bowling Green, vice chair

**Prairie State:** Ed Krieger, Piqua, chair; Jeff Brediger, Orrville, vice chair

**Solar Phase II:** Brian O'Connell, Bowling Green, chair; Kimberly Schlichting, DEMEC, vice chair

## Brooks named Wall of Fame recipient

Keith Brooks, retired legislative counsel to OMEA, was named the 2017 AMP Wall of Fame recipient during the Awards Banquet on Sept. 27 at the AMP/OMEA Conference.

Brooks served as the OMEA's legislative counsel and represented Ohio municipal electric communities before state policymakers and industry stakeholders for more than 30 years until his retirement at the end of last year. Keith's leadership and strategic guidance throughout his career benefited all of Ohio's municipal electric communities and AMP. Keith was engaged in numerous legislative battles before the Ohio General Assembly, including historic energy-related legislation, numerous state budget bills and countless other legislation. His leadership and strategic guidance helped put public power on the map and gave AMP and OMEA credibility at the Ohio Statehouse. It is not an overstatement to say that many of the legislative successes that AMP and OMEA have enjoyed can be traced back to the counsel and advocacy provided by Keith Brooks.



The Wall of Fame program was launched in 2010 to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to AMP, the OMEA and to public power in member communities. Brooks joins 22 other Wall of Fame inductees.

Congratulations, Keith, and thank you for your contributions to AMP, the OMEA and public power.

## Transmission cost review: More oversight needed for supplemental transmission projects

Transmission rates across the PJM Interconnection (PJM) territory have increased dramatically from 2011 to 2017, in some areas by more than 475 percent. These findings are part of a review released today by American Municipal Power, Inc. (AMP), which also documents a troubling lack of oversight of supplemental electric transmission projects.

During the AMP/OMEA Conference, Dr. Ken Rose, a nationally-recognized expert in the structure, regulation and economics of U.S. energy markets, presented his findings regarding transmission projects across PJM. From May 2011 through May 2017, the annual revenue requirement (the actual cost for transmission owners to provide transmission service plus a return on their capital investment) for

transmission enhancement projects increased by 294.5 percent. He also found that through 2012 there was approximately \$21.3 billion of PJM in-service or planned baseline and network upgrades compared to \$6.8 billion in supplemental transmission projects. Since 2012, there have been approximately \$12.7 billion in supplemental projects compared to \$11.6 billion of PJM in-service or planned baseline and network upgrades. This means there were more transmission projects proposed without any true oversight than within the established PJM planning process. With the exception of 2016, the amount of supplemental transmission projects has steadily increased each year.

AMP staff are preparing materials to share with members to participate in efforts to gain more transparency and true oversight of supplemental transmission projects. Please look for those materials to be available through the member extranet next week.

To view the full release and Rose's review click [here](#).

## Energy markets update

*By Jerry Willman - assistant vice president of energy marketing*

The October 2017 natural gas contract decreased \$0.044/MMBtu to close at \$3.017 yesterday. The EIA reported an injection of 58 Bcf for the week ending September 22 was below market expectations compared to the Bloomberg estimate of 67 Bcf. Gas in storage now stands at 3,466 Bcf. This is 1 percent over the five-year average of 3,425 Bcf. Gas in storage for this week one year ago was 3,593 Bcf.

On-peak power prices for 2018 at AD Hub closed yesterday at \$36.32/MWh which was \$.17/MWh higher for the week.

On Peak (16 hour) prices into AEP/Dayton hub				
Week ending Sept. 29				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
\$91.24	\$56.30	\$47.74	\$31.16	\$28.59
Week ending Sept. 22				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
\$40.11	\$39.17	\$46.66	\$51.18	\$65.87
AEP/Dayton 2018 5x16 price as of Sept. 27 — \$36.32				
AEP/Dayton 2018 5x16 price as of Sept. 21 — \$36.15				

## AFEC weekly update

*By Jerry Willman*

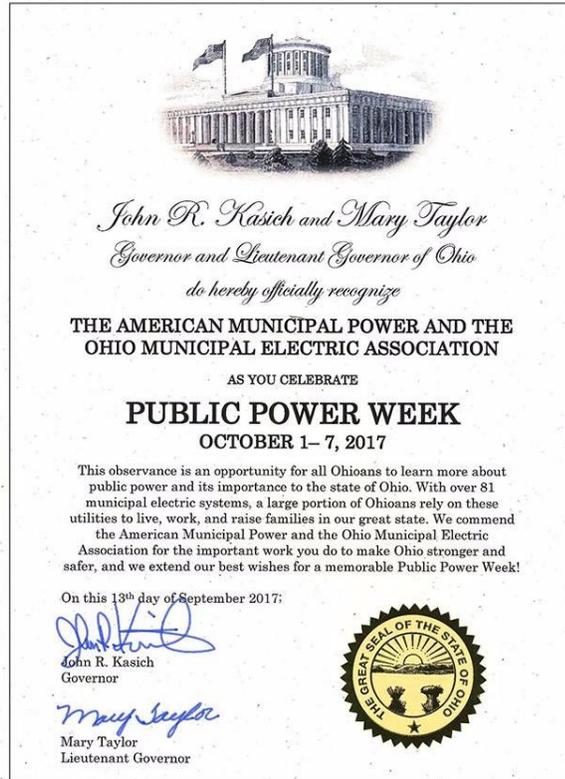
Fremont plant operated in 2x1 configuration for the week. High PJM LMP prices and warm temperatures again dominated this past week helping to keep the plant on-line without cycling off-line. The plant operated close to its economic minimum during the off peak hours and ramped up to its max output during the peak hours. Duct firing operated for 84 hours this week. The plant generated at a 75 percent capacity factor (based on 675 MW rating).

## Public Power Week 2017: Oct. 1-7

*By Holly Karg, director of media relations and communications*

Public Power Week starts Oct. 1 and we hope you have exciting events planned to celebrate this annual event. In Ohio, Gov. John Kasich officially recognized Oct. 1-7 as Public Power Week with a resolution that states: "This Observance is an opportunity for all Ohioans to learn more about public power and its importance to the state of Ohio. With over 81 municipal electric systems, a large portion of Ohioans rely on these utilities to live, work and raise families in our great state. We commend American Municipal Power and the Ohio Municipal Electric Association for the important work you do to make Ohio stronger and safer, and we extend our best wishes for a memorable Public Power Week!"

AMP would like to hear how members are celebrating Public Power Week. Please send information, including photos to me at [hkarg@amppartners.org](mailto:hkarg@amppartners.org) or 1111 Schrock Road, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43229. For more information on Public Power Week, visit the [American Public Power Association website](#).



## PJM market sees highest day ahead prices since February 2015

By Mike Migliore, vice president of power supply and marketing

A combination of hot and humid weather combined with the start of generator outage season led to a wild eight-day stretch of above normal prices in PJM. After seeing only eight days above 90 degrees during the summer, Columbus added another six days above the 90 mark this month. The relatively mild summer had kept power prices in check with only two hours in July eclipsing the \$100 / MWh level. The highest day-ahead price in August was \$64 / MWh.

For the Sept. 19-27 period, day-ahead prices at the AEP/Dayton Hub exceeded \$64 on 35 hours including six of those hours on the weekend. Day-ahead prices were the highest on Monday Sept. 25, when AEP and FirstEnergy reached \$235 / MWh at 5 p.m., while the Duke zone price was \$347 / MWh for the same hour.

The real-time market first showed signs of the generation shortage on Sept. 20 and then took off on Sept. 21. On Sept. 21, prices jumped over \$100 / MWh after noon and then topped \$700, \$300 and \$500 / MWh for the 3, 4 and 5 p.m. hours. The Duke zone was the PJM area with the biggest shortfall. For the week, the highest price in Duke was \$885 / MWh at 3 p.m. on Sept. 21 in the real-time market. AMP and members ran many of their gas turbines during the week to protect against the high prices and potential transmission 1CPs. No new 1CPs were set in September however.

Market prices returned to normal on Sept. 28 as temperatures dropped back to the 70's.

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- Public Power Forward Webinar Series:  
Smart Meters for Smart Solutions **Oct. 26**



## Classifieds

### Staff Engineer needed in Napoleon

The City of Napoleon is currently accepting applications for the position of Staff Engineer/ Licensed Staff Engineer. This position is primarily responsible for engineering design and construction inspection. Graduation from an accredited engineering school of recognized standing with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering (B.S.C.E.) or related field is required. Applicants must also possess, or be able to obtain within one year, a Fundamentals of Engineering (F.E.) or Engineer in Training (E.I.T.) certificate or a Professional Engineer (P.E.) license.

A valid State of Ohio's Driver's license is required. Applications may be obtained between 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. from the City of Napoleon's Administration Building, 255 W. Riverview Ave., P.O. Box 151, Napoleon, OH, 43545, or from the website at <http://www.napoleonohio.com/>. A properly completed notarized application must be returned to the above address by 4 p.m. on Wed., Oct. 11 to be considered. Applications submitted without following the above requirements will not be considered for employment.

The City of Napoleon is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## Lineworker position available in Carey

The Village of Carey is seeking applications for a qualified full-time electrical line utility worker; responsible for operation and routine maintenance of the village electrical distribution system. Applicant must possess a high school diploma or GED and a valid class B, CDL license with air brakes, or obtain same within 6 months of hire date. Knowledge of overhead and underground primary distribution lines required. May require pole climbing and operation, and use of a bucket truck, digger truck, trencher or other required equipment. Position requires a 30-minute response time to Call Out emergencies, and 24/7 carry of a village issued cell phone for safety and troubleshooting, includes holiday and weekends hours, and standby time in rotation with other department members.

Position requires varied duties to include but not limited to: snow removal, tree trimming for power lines, and other general maintenance duties. Any of the above may require working in inclement weather.

Applications may be obtained at the village offices, 127 N. Vance St., Carey, OH 43316, weekdays from 8 a.m. till 5 p.m. Candidates should return completed applications with a resume and any supporting documentation helpful in consideration for employment to the attention of the Village Administrator. EOE / Drug testing / Pay commensurate with certifications. Applications will be accepted until position filled.

## Arcanum seeks water/wastewater operator 1

The Village of Arcanum Utility Department is now accepting applications to fill a vacancy for water/wastewater operator 1. Duties include operating and maintaining electrical generation facilities, monitoring water/sewer facilities, and performing physical labor within the Village Utility Department as needed.

Requirements include a high school education, Water Supply License and Wastewater Works License 1, a valid Ohio driver's license, and possess a class B CDL endorsement or obtain within 6 months of employment.

Applications are available at the City Building located at 104 W. South Street, Arcanum, Ohio 45304 or <http://www.villageofarcanum.com/>. Job applications are not kept on file beyond six months, so any previous applicants are encouraged to re-apply. EOE.

## DEMEC member seeking director of electric

The City of Newark, Delaware, is seeking a dynamic leader to fill the director role in the Electric Department. This is a management position under the direction of the City Manager. This position serves as the executive head of the department; performs professional electrical engineering work, and is responsible for the efficient and effective planning, organization, direction, budgeting and supervision of Department employees and programs. The electric department is the largest of the City's four (4) enterprise fund operations, with 12,000+ metered accounts and \$53 million in gross revenue sales across an approximately 10 square mile service area.

Ideal candidate will possess experience in electric distribution and operations; a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering; and a Delaware PE license or ability to obtain in less than two years from hire. Candidate shall also demonstrate both strong written and verbal interpersonal skills, be proficient in Microsoft suite of applications and have the ability to learn proprietary software systems. Prior work experience in municipal operations a plus and demonstrated leadership and managerial skills are essential with availability during service outages. Starting salary range of \$104,278 - \$131,946 plus excellent fringe benefits.

Interested individuals can review a full job description online and must complete an application at [www.newarkde.gov/jobs](http://www.newarkde.gov/jobs) by 4 p.m. Fri., Oct. 6. EOE.

## Oak Harbor has Hershey water meters for sale

The Village of Oak Harbor is selling the following items:

1. Hersey Water Meters Model 420 - Quick Connect (Lot of 32)  
Pit Style - BRAND NEW  
\$800.00
2. Hersey Water Meters Model 420-Direct Wire (Lot of 256)  
In-home Style - BRAND NEW  
\$6,400.00

Please contact Jerry Buhrow, operations manager, Department of Public Works at 419.898.1823 or at [jbuhrow@oakharbor.oh.us](mailto:jbuhrow@oakharbor.oh.us)

## Opportunities available at AMP

AMP is seeking applicants for the following position:

Director of Generation Optimization and Reporting  
Power Supply Planning Engineer I  
Senior Electrical Engineer

For complete job descriptions, please visit the "[careers](#)" section of the AMP website.

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