



Upcoming Events

December 1

Municipal Electric & Gas Utility
Regional Meeting, Greenfield
Register/more information:
<http://www.iamu.org/calendar/>

December 3

Municipal Electric & Gas Utility
Regional Meeting, Denison (a.m.)/
Sanborn (p.m.)
Register/more information:
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December 4

Municipal Electric & Gas Utility
Regional Meeting, Algona (a.m.)/
Osage (p.m.)
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December 5

Municipal Electric & Gas Utility
Regional Meeting, Dayton
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December 8

Municipal Electric & Gas Utility
Regional Meeting, Mt. Pleasant
Register/more information:
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December 9

Municipal Electric & Gas Utility
Regional Meeting, Maquoketa
(a.m.)/Independence (p.m.)
Register/more information:
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December 10 & 11

Water Lab Workshops
(two separate workshops)
Register/more information:
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“IAMWind” formed; planning joint municipal project



◆ The Iowa Agency for Municipal Wind (IAMWind) held an organization meeting at IAMU’s Training & Office Complex November 10. The agency will conduct the second phase of an investigation of a jointly-owned municipal wind project that includes a potential 100 to 150 MW project at a site near Boone and a power purchase agreement from a locally owned project proposed in Carroll County. In the first phase of the project, participants acquired development rights for the site near Boone, collected and analyzed wind data from the site, and began various transmission and environmental studies. In phase two, participants will complete the necessary studies and identify the best financing and operational options and zero in on the total cost of energy.

The need for renewable energy is now clearer than ever. Policy positions of both presidential candidates endorsed a response to climate change that depends on substantial expansion of renewable energy. The Obama administration is expected to push for further international agreements on greenhouse gas emissions and to support a cap and trade system on carbon emissions.

The IAMWind agency and project are open to all IAMU member electric utilities. Any utility that wishes to consider participation should contact Anne Kimber, IAMU Director of Energy Services (akimber@iamu.org or 515-289-1999) as soon as possible. Although participation will be open throughout most of phase two, access to the purchased power agreement expected with the Carroll County project will be limited to participants who join by December 31, 2008. New participants will be expected to pay a per MW share of both phase 1 and 2 costs that is equivalent to that paid by current participants.

New APPA white paper addresses RTO operations

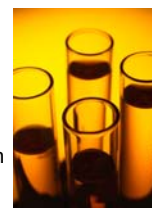


◆ As part of its Electric Market Reform Initiative (EMRI), the American Public Power Association (APPA) has commissioned a series of studies investigating various features of restructured wholesale markets. APPA’s position is that these studies have shown RTO-run centralized wholesale markets are not yielding “just and reasonable rates” as required by the Federal Power Act. APPA has released a white paper entitled “Consumers in Peril,” proposing to streamline RTO operations by maintaining those functions that RTOs are performing well and eliminating or scaling back the role of RTO-run centralized markets.

APPA says it believes the reforms would allow RTOs to focus their resources on beneficial core functions: ensuring that all buyers and sellers have open access to the transmission system, simplifying regional transmission rate structures, and supervising regional transmission system operations. “Consumers in Peril” and related documents can be found on the APPA website, www.appanet.org.

Space filling up fast for IAMU Water Lab Workshops

◆ Only a few openings remain for the upcoming IAMU Water Lab Workshops. Two separate workshops with the same agenda will be held at IAMU’s Training & Office Complex December 10 and 11. Your spot can be quickly reserved by registering on the IAMU website, www.iamu.org (click on “Calendar/Registrations” on the front page, then on December on the calendar page). Of fax the registration form in the workshop brochure to 515-289-2499. 0.5 CEUs for Water Treatment will be awarded. Questions? Contact IAMU at 800-810-4268.



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