



Upcoming Events

January 28 — 29, 2010
Gas Operator Qualification Workshops, 3-yr. overall evaluation. Register/more information: [Here](#)

February 1 — 5, 2010
Complete Watt-Hour Metering Workshop (Basic Feb. 1—3; Advanced Feb. 3—5). Register/more information: [Here](#)

February 9 — 10, 2010
IAMU Winter Meeting, Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny. Register/more information: [Here](#)

February 17—19, 2010
Electric Superintendent & Foreman's Meeting. Register/more information: [Here](#)

March 3 & 4, 2010
Advanced H2O Workshops (Treatment March 3, Distribution March 4). Register/more information: [Here](#)

Take advantage of filing calendars on IAMU site

◆ IAMU maintains two calendars that contain dates of important regulatory filings for municipal electric and gas utilities. These regularly updated calendars include descriptions of each filing and links to relevant forms and instructions. Click [here](#) for the electric utility filing deadlines; click [here](#) for gas utility filing deadlines. For electric questions contact Joel Logan, jlogan@iamu.org. For gas questions contact Dave Hraha, dhraha@iamu.org.



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Ice storm's outages put IAMU Mutual Aid to work



Major ice accumulations on power lines in west central Iowa made dramatic scenes like this common, and led to outages.

◆ After last week's ice storm struck west central Iowa especially hard, IAMU's Mutual Aid program assisted members in need due to major electric outages.



Region 2 Mutual Aid Coordinator Dan Wilson of Ogden Municipal Utilities reported he and Secondary Coordinator Rory Weis of Denison Municipal Utilities helped arrange aid for Atlantic Municipal Utilities and the City of Wall Lake. Cedar Falls Utilities, Spencer Municipal Utilities, Milford Municipal Utilities and Denison Municipal Utilities sent crews and equipment to Atlantic, while the Ames Municipal Electric System and Webster City Municipal Utilities helped restore power in Wall Lake. Weis and his crews had to deal with outages in their home town as well.

To learn more about IAMU's Mutual Aid Program for member electric, gas and telecom utilities, click [here](#), or contact Dave Hraha at IAMU by email at dhraha@iamu.org or by phone at 515-289-1999.

Major LIHEAP emergency contingency funds released



◆ Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced January 20 the release of \$490 million in Fiscal Year 2010 LIHEAP emergency contingency funds. The money will increase assistance to low-income households in coping with heating costs incurred due to record cold temperatures around the country and continued high unemployment.

The contingency funds released are in addition to basic LIHEAP funding states receive automatically. HHS released \$2.6 billion in October and \$1.2 billion in early January in regular block grant funds. The \$490 million release is from a \$590 million LIHEAP contingency fund, leaving \$100 million available for unanticipated events. In total, Congress appropriated \$5.1 billion for LIHEAP in Fiscal Year 2010.

The funds were released to all states, territories, tribes and the District of Columbia. For a complete list of state allocations of the emergency funds, click [here](#).

Include IAMU EE promo items with your next event



IAMU's Pedal Power and inflatable CFL displays can add interest to your promotions.

◆ IAMU members can help spread the word about energy efficiency by renting creative display items from the association. IAMU can offer a unique compact fluorescent light (CFL) inflatable display and an interactive promotional item called Pedal Power.

The inflatable CFL is inflated on-site and remains inflated for the duration of your event via portable power unit.

Pedal Power is a unique item which uses individuals pedaling a stationary bicycle to illustrate the energy needed to illuminate and power various light bulbs and electronic items. Nearly any bicycle can be attached to the unit.

Both items are ideal for utility or city office open houses, school visits or other community events. Both available for shipping to your utility, or they can be picked up at IAMU. For more information contact Lorrie Watson at IAMU, lwatson@iamu.org or 800-810-4268.