



# Update

A weekly newsletter presented by AMP President/CEO Marc Gerken

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## Mutual aid called after ice storm strikes Yellow Springs

By Gene Post—AMP mutual aid committee chairman

While many AMP member communities got hit with snow and freezing rain this week, Yellow Springs seems to have borne the brunt of the storms. With up to an inch of ice forming on trees and lines and with winds gusting to 50 miles per hour, the community's electric system took a beating Tuesday night. By morning, 75 percent of the village's 2,000-plus customers found themselves without power. Early that morning, Yellow Springs Superintendent Kelley Fox called to request two crews be sent for mutual aid assistance. Less than 90 minutes later, crews from Lebanon and Piqua were on their way. They arrived to find tree limbs had pulled down both primary and secondary lines throughout the town, but no reported broken poles. Cold weather continued to cause problems, but the village reported there was good progress on Wednesday, but ongoing assessments showed more aid would be needed. Two more crews, one each from Tipp City and Versailles, arrived Thursday morning and an additional crew from Lebanon also came to the village's aid. As of this morning, Yellow Springs reported that only 50 (approximately) customers remained out of service, and the mutual aid crews continued to work on the issues today. Our thanks and appreciation to the four communities for providing assistance, and I would also like to recognize Yellow Springs for quickly assessing the need to call for mutual aid and getting the necessary help.

## Efficiency \$mart processing first rebates

By Dave Cawley—acting director of Efficiency \$mart

After one month in official operation, Efficiency \$mart is pleased to announce that we have begun to process rebates for qualifying energy efficient products for customers of subscribing member utilities. The first rebate will be paid to a consumer in Jackson Center who purchased a qualifying clothes washer. More requests for rebates are arriving daily, including refrigerators and more than 70 products for commercial and industrial business. For a full list of rebates, go to <http://www.efficiencysmart.org>.

Efficiency \$mart is gearing up for the first bill insert and direct mailer to go out at the end of February. More than 160,000 pieces will be printed for this promotion. On Jan. 19, Efficiency \$mart issued a solicitation for quotes from printing firms to provide printing and mailing services. Special emphasis was made to identify qualified and competitive printing firms located within AMP member communities. We are pleased to announce that the project has been awarded to Post Printing in Minster.

Efficiency \$mart will soon have an online store for discounted energy efficient lighting products. After a competitive solicitation, Efficiency \$mart selected Energy Federation Inc. to provide services to operate the online store, which

## Congressional meetings scheduled for APPA L&R Rally

By Nancy Marshall—government affairs coordinator

The American Public Power Association Legislative Rally, Feb. 28-March 2, is fast approaching. So far this year we have heard from more than 60 public officials and guests who will be participating. We would love to add to those numbers and encourage you to consider attending as well. Congressional meetings with members are being scheduled. To date, the meetings scheduled on Tue., March 1 are with: staff to Rep. Steve Chabot (R-Cincinnati) — 2 p.m., Rep. Steve Austria (R-Springfield) — 2 p.m., staff to Rep. Steven LaTourette (R-Painesville) — 2 p.m., and staff to Rep. Betty Sutton (D-Barberton) — 4 p.m. Meetings on Wed., March 2, include: Rep. Jim Jordan (R-Urbana) — 11:30 a.m., Rep. Jim Renacci (R-Wadsworth) — 1:30 p.m., Rep. Michael Turner (R-Dayton) — 2:15 p.m. and Sen. Sherrod Brown (D) — 2:30 p.m. We're working to schedule the remaining members of the Ohio delegation, as well as key lawmakers from Pennsylvania. Members will be notified when these meetings are confirmed. Please contact either Michael Beirne ([mbeirne@amppartners.org](mailto:mbeirne@amppartners.org) or 614.540.0835) or me ([nmarshall@amppartners.org](mailto:nmarshall@amppartners.org) or 614.540.0899) if you have any questions about the rally.

## AMP calendars still available

We still have a limited supply of the 2011 AMP calendars that were sent to all member communities last month. The poster-sized (24 x 36 inches) calendars provide easy visibility in office and shop settings. Please contact Curtis Todt at either [ctodt@amppartners.org](mailto:ctodt@amppartners.org) or 614.540.0989 if you would like additional calendars (in tubes of 10) sent to you.

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

#### Week ending Feb. 4

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
\$43.00	\$39.50	\$39.50	\$39.00	\$39.00

#### Week ending Jan. 28

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
\$47.00	\$45.50	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00

AEP/Dayton 2011 5x16 price as of Feb. 3 — \$43.80

AEP/Dayton 2011 5x16 price as of Jan. 27 — \$44.00

will offer more than 50 energy efficient lighting products that are discounted from 30 percent to 65 percent. Stay tuned for the grand opening later this month, which will be at [efi.org/efficiencysmart](http://efi.org/efficiencysmart) or visit the "For Your Home" section of the [eficiencysmart.org](http://eficiencysmart.org) website.

While we are launching this online store in the near future, the real action will be in local stores for energy efficient lighting. The Efficiency \$mart lighting initiative is under development. Stay tuned for more details as this initiative gets going.

## Energy issues taking shape on Capitol Hill

*By Jolene Thompson—sr. vice president of member services & external affairs/OMEA executive director*

In his State of the Union address, President Obama talked about his desire to see Congress enact Clean Energy Standard (CES) legislation that would promote natural gas, nuclear and coal with carbon capture in addition to traditional renewables. Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-N.M.), chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, is working to develop a proposal for consideration. A more active area in the early weeks of this legislative session has been the introduction of proposals by lawmakers of both parties in both chambers that would either delay or halt Environmental Protection Agency regulation of greenhouse gases. On Jan. 31, Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D-W.Va.) reintroduced his bill to delay for two years EPA regulation of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from stationary sources. The legislation is similar, but not identical to the version he introduced last Congress. It would preclude the EPA from using the Clean Air Act to regulate stationary sources of GHGs for two years from the bill's date of enactment (vehicle emission rules would remain in effect). Of concern to many interested parties is that states could continue to implement the EPA's regulations even though the EPA is precluded from acting for two years. The Rockefeller bill has six Democratic co-sponsors.

Also on Jan. 31, Sen. John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) introduced legislation to preclude federal regulation of greenhouse gases altogether. The bill prevents any federal agency (not just the EPA) from regulating GHG emissions based solely on their possible contribution to climate change. The bill does not prevent regulation of GHGs from mobile sources and would allow federal regulations of GHGs if it can be shown they pose a direct threat to human health because of direct exposure. The measure precludes federal enforcement of any state GHG emissions reduction programs, but does not pre-empt states from enacting greenhouse gas mandates. The bill nullifies the endangerment finding, the tailoring rule, GHG reporting requirements, and

GHG permit requirements. The legislation would prevent regulation of GHGs under the Clean Water Act, National Environmental Policy Act, and Endangered Species Act. The Barasso bill has 10 Republican co-sponsors. In addition, legislation from Rep. Fred Upton (R-Mich.), House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman, and Sen. James Inhofe (R-Okla.), Ranking Member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, is seen as an alternative to the Rockefeller and Barrasso bills and will garner considerable attention due to the lawmakers' committee leadership roles. Their legislation, which Rep. Ed Whitfield (R-Ky.), House Energy and Power Subcommittee Chairman, has also worked on, was released on Wednesday. The legislation would eliminate the EPA's authority to regulate carbon dioxide from stationary sources. The bill does not prevent the EPA from implementing tailpipe emissions regulations for vehicles. Sens. Tom Carper (D-Del.) and Bob Casey (D-Penn.) are reportedly discussing legislation that would allow the EPA to regulate only large GHG sources (75,000 tons annually or more).

Not surprisingly, with this flurry of bill introductions targeting the EPA, agency Administrator Lisa Jackson restated the administration's opposition to bills that would block its ability to regulate greenhouse gas emissions. Jackson noted "what has been stated from the White House is that the president's advisers would advise him to veto any legislation that passed that would take away the EPA's greenhouse gas authority. Nothing has changed." Jackson defended the agency's initiatives to regulate emissions from power plants and other facilities and argued that regulations will help steer investment into the clean energy economy. Observers expect that the House will be able to enact legislation to halt the EPA. What remains less clear is what legislation could garner enough votes in the Senate and whether Congress can muster enough votes to override a Presidential veto. We will talk about these issues during our meetings with members of Congress and their staff during the APPA Legislative Rally later this month.

## New EcoSmart website launched

*By Betty Wehrman—project coordinator energy policy & sustainability*

The EcoSmart Choice website is now live and can be accessed at <http://www.ecosmartchoice.org>. AMP notified enrolled communities yesterday, and we will soon send additional promotional materials to these communities. EcoSmart Choice is a green pricing program offered by AMP that enables participating member communities to extend the benefits of renewable generation to their customers. The program is open to both residential and commercial/industrial customers. If your community is interested in becoming a part of EcoSmart Choice, please contact either Julia Blankenship, manager of energy policy & sustainability, at [jblankenship@amppartners.org](mailto:jblankenship@amppartners.org) or 614.540.0840; or me at [bwehrman@amppartners.org](mailto:bwehrman@amppartners.org) or 614.540.6413.

### Operations statistics for Dec. 2010 and Dec. 2009

	Belleville Generation	JV6 Wind Output	Average daily on-peak price during Dec.
2010	78.2%	27.9%	\$43.00/MWh
2009	92.5%	30.1%	\$40.32/MWh

## Hometown Connections offers innovative workforce and energy management solutions

*By Alice Walker—manager of alternative generation & Smart Grid*

Last week, I attended the Hometown Connections 2011 Winter Meeting. Hometown Connections, a subsidiary of the American Public Power Association, supports APPA members by securing national group pricing and service arrangements from leading suppliers of utility management products and services. In addition to discount pricing and support with vendor relations, the staff shares strategies and business practices that work best in public power communities nationwide.

During the Winter Meeting, Hometown Connections offered training on a temporary workforce program designed to address the personnel challenges facing many public power systems, as well as a new wireless energy management service for homes and small businesses.

### Strategic Power Placements

Recently, Mycoff, Fry & Prouse and Hometown Connections created the "Strategic Power Placements" service, which makes a network of retired utility professionals available to public power systems nationwide for temporary assignments. Mycoff, Fry & Prouse is a recognized leader in the recruitment of executives, management personnel, and industry experts for the utility and energy industries.

### Energy Management Solution

To improve peak load performance while delivering cost savings to residential and small commercial customers, Consert has launched a wireless, real-time interactive energy management system. Attendees of AMP's 2010 Technical Services Conference may be familiar with Consert, which sponsored breakfast at the event. Participants in the Consert Virtual Peak Power SM (VPP) Solution give their public power utility permission to briefly control their major energy consuming devices during high energy events, providing additional capacity at a fraction of the cost of building natural gas-fired peak plants.

For full details on the benefits of purchasing energy management, workforce support, and other innovative products and services through Hometown Connections, please visit [www.hometownconnections.com](http://www.hometownconnections.com) or contact your AMP marketing representative.

## Mixed weather equals mixed prices

*By Craig Kleinhenz—manager of power supply planning*

The energy markets matched the weather forecasts this week; both were mixed. Another strong cold spell is expected late next week, but that's to be followed by a warm up to almost 50 degrees. The weather is then expected to return to normal, but after such a cold January (3.8 degrees below normal in Columbus) normal weather should feel like spring. March 2011 natural gas closed the week up \$0.10/MMBtu to finish trading yesterday at \$4.34/MMBtu. AEP/Dayton Hub 2011 on-peak prices closed yesterday down by \$0.20 per megawatt hour from last week to finish at \$43.80/MWh.

## Tuesday webinar highlights PJM ARR & FTR auction process

*By Mike Migliore—assistant VP of power supply planning & transmission*

March 2011 is the beginning of the PJM Interconnection annual ARR & FTR auction process. The auction provides the ability for AMP to acquire FTRs to limit members' exposure to congestion costs on the transmission system. More importantly, the revenue from the auction is distributed by PJM to transmission customers through Auction Revenue Rights (ARRs). These ARRs brought in more than \$14 million to AMP PJM member communities last year, and is a new process for FirstEnergy member communities. Craig Kleinhenz and I will hold a webinar for members on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., which will describe the ARR and FTR process and go through the strategies that AMP and member communities need to agree on prior to March 1. To register for the webinar, contact Craig Kleinhenz at either [ckleinhenz@amppartners.org](mailto:ckleinhenz@amppartners.org) or 614.540.0871.

## DEED deadline is Feb. 15

*By Michelle Palmer—director of technical services*

A reminder that the deadline to apply for a grant through the American Public Power Associations' Demonstration of Energy-Efficient Developments (DEED) program is less than two weeks away. Applications are due Feb. 15. The APPA DEED Program is the only research and development program funded by and for public power utilities. Grants can be used to improve utilities by increasing efficiency, reducing costs, investigating new technologies, offering new services, and improving processes and practices to better serve customers. The grants, typically \$25,000-\$50,000, can support pilot projects, new technology demonstrations, early commercialization projects, and the development of best practices. Any issue encountered by member communities (such as reliability, safety, security, energy efficiency, telecommunications, and the environment) is an appropriate topic for a grant. Student research grants and internships are also available.

These small grants are a great way to research an energy-related project for your utility. Applications are available on the APPA Web site at [www.publicpower.org](http://www.publicpower.org) or by contacting the APPA directly at either [DEED@publicpower.org](mailto:DEED@publicpower.org) or 202.467.2960 for more information. Each year, AMP pays for its member communities (they must also be an APPA member) to be a DEED member. If you need AMP's assistance in compiling your application for DEED, please contact either Alice Walker or me at [mpalmer@amppartners.org](mailto:mpalmer@amppartners.org), [awalker@amppartners.org](mailto:awalker@amppartners.org), or 614.540.1111.



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## Update Classifieds

### Martinsville seeks assistant director of utilities/engineer

Requires bachelor's degree in general engineering (electrical preferred) but may substitute a combination of education and work experience. This position performs complex professional and difficult administrative work assisting the Director of Utilities in overseeing all public service utilities of the City. Assists the Director of Utilities in the planning, organizing, directing, and supervising of public utilities projects, programs, services, and activities; processes and handles citizen complaints, coordinates services and operations with other departments, assists with the preparation and maintenance of appropriate records and files, prepares reports. Requires knowledge of National Electrical Safety Code and other codes related to the construction, maintenance and repair of electrical utility line systems. Assists in the development or update of the Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Comprehensive Water Plan, the Capital Improvement Plan, and other plans involving the municipal infrastructure. Assists Director in planning, organizing and directing the installation, maintenance and repair of electric, water, and sewer infrastructure and related public utility operations. Salary: DOQ/DOE, plus benefits. Submit an application available at [www.martinsville-va.gov](http://www.martinsville-va.gov). Open until filled. EOE.

### Bowling Green seeks utilities director

This salaried, exempt executive position is responsible for the general administration of the Electric, Water, and Wastewater Utilities. Represents the City on various committees and boards; research, policy development, and planning; division management, project oversight and regulatory compliance; economic development and marketing; budget, finance, rates, charges and projections; power supply and natural gas supply; reports to the Board of Public Utilities and attends public meetings; customer service, programs, information, complaints; contracting authority for the Utilities Department. Four-year college degree in related field (Accounting, Engineering, Business, Public Administration) required; no less than 10 year's related experience; must maintain a valid Ohio Driver's License. Previous public utilities experience preferred in electric distribution, wastewater collection and treatment, and water distribution and treatment. Salary range for consideration \$78,258-\$106,392. Excellent fringe benefits. Applicants must complete an application that is available in the Personnel Department of the City of Bowling Green, 304 North Church Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402-2399. (Résumés alone are unacceptable.) Copies of the complete job description will be provided to applicants. For more information call the Personnel Department at 419.354.6200. E-mail address: [BGPersonnel@bgohio.org](mailto:BGPersonnel@bgohio.org).

org. For more information or to access the on-line application go to: <http://www.bgohio.org/departments/personnel-department/employment-opportunities>. Deadline for making application is 4:30 p.m. March 1. AA/EEO

### Bowling Green seeks payroll specialist

This hourly (\$18.04-\$19.71), non-exempt full-time classification is responsible for payroll issuance and associated reporting for the City of Bowling Green's workforce. Processes pay; maintains records; files tax, pension, deduction reports; prepares accounting transactions and documents; documents and updates procedures; prepares special reports for management; maintains payroll and related employee leave accruals; handles employee deductions for insurance premiums; processes payments for insurance and other program vendors; responsible for all payroll tax activities. Two-year college certificate or equivalent preferred; three to five years experience required. Excellent fringe benefits. Applicants must complete an application packet that is available in the Personnel Department of the City of Bowling Green, 304 North Church Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402-2399. (Résumés alone are unacceptable.) Copies of the complete job description will be provided to applicants. For more information call the Personnel Department at 419.354.6200. E-mail address: [BGPersonnel@bgohio.org](mailto:BGPersonnel@bgohio.org). For more information or to access the on-line application go to: <http://www.bgohio.org/departments/personnel-department/employment-opportunities>. Deadline for application is 4:30 p.m., Feb. 11. AA/EEO

### Bowling Green seeks park maintenance specialist

Hourly, full-time position responsible for assisting the Facilities Coordinator and/or the Maintenance Coordinator with ensuring that park grounds, buildings and sports facilities are properly maintained. Prepares facilities for rentals; cleans restrooms and buildings; operates equipment; maintains grounds; prepares athletic fields; checks mechanical pool operations; prepares for special events; and performs other related duties as assigned. Experience and Education: high school diploma or equivalent; certification/licenses include First Aid/CPR, Certified Pool Operator; one to six months relevant experience; valid Ohio Driver's License. Salary range for consideration: \$12.48-\$13 per hour. Excellent fringe benefits. Qualified persons must complete an application that is available in the Personnel Department of the City of Bowling Green, 304 North Church Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402-2399. Resumés alone will not be considered. Telephone: 419.354.6200 Web: [www.bgohio.org](http://www.bgohio.org) E-mail: [BGPersonnel@bgohio.org](mailto:BGPersonnel@bgohio.org). Copies of the complete job description will be provided to applicants. The deadline for applications is 4:30 p.m., Feb. 11. AA/EEO



## Calendar

Feb. 8—AMP PJM FRT auction process webinar  
10:30 a.m.

Feb. 10—AMP smart grid webinar  
10 a.m.

Feb. 10—AMP finance, accounting & power supply meeting  
*Coldwater Council Chambers, Coldwater*

Feb. 22—APPA Rally webinar  
10 a.m.

Feb. 24—APPA Rally webinar  
3 p.m.

Feb. 24—AMP finance, accounting & power supply meeting  
*Electric Plant Board, Paducah*

Feb. 28-March 3—APPA Legislative Rally  
*Washington, D.C.*

March 8—NERC Compliance event  
*Cleveland Convention Center, Cleveland*

March 10—AMP finance, accounting & power supply meeting  
*Jo Jo Beanz, Ellwood City*

March 15—AMP environmental stewardship subcommittee meeting  
*AMP Headquarters, Columbus*

March 18-19—APPA Public Power Lineworkers Rodeo  
*Nashville*

March 20-23—APPA Engineering & Operations Technical Conference  
*Nashville*

March 24—AMP finance, accounting & power supply

meeting

*Amherst Beaver Creek Reservation, Amherst*

April 7—AMP finance, accounting & power supply meeting

*Homewood Suites-Harrisburg East, Harrisburg, Pa.*

April 12-13—AMP Technical Services Conference  
*AMP Headquarters, Columbus*

May 5—AMP finance, accounting & power supply meeting

*Ramada Conference Center, Holiday City*

May 17—OMEA Legislative Day/Mayors' Reception  
*Riffe Center, Columbus*

June 2—AMP finance, accounting & power supply meeting

*Salem Civic Center, Salem, Va.*

June 6-10—AMP Basic 1 Lineworker Training  
*AMP Headquarters, Columbus*

June 19-22—APPA National Conference  
*Washington, D.C.*

June 20-24—AMP Intermediate Lineworker Training  
*AMP Headquarters, Columbus*

Aug. 25—AMP finance, accounting & power supply meeting

*Holiday Inn-Johnstown, Johnstown, Pa.*

Sept. 8—AMP finance, accounting & power supply meeting

*Tipp City Council Chambers, Tipp City*

Sept. 12-16—AMP Basic 2 Lineworker Training  
*AMP Headquarters, Columbus*

Sept. 26-30—AMP Advanced Lineworker Training  
*AMP Headquarters, Columbus*

Oct. 24-27, 2011—AMP/OMEA Annual Conference  
*Hilton Columbus at Easton, Columbus*

Dec. 1—AMP finance, accounting & power supply meeting

*AMP Headquarters, Columbus*

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