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PUBLIC POWER WELL REPRESENTED AT ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE RALLY
Community officials met with Congressional offices to raise awareness of the impacts of federal policy on municipal electric system consumers

(Washington, D.C.) Public power officials from across the country gathered in Washington, D.C., March 9-11 for the 2015 American Public Power Association (APPA) Legislative Rally. American Municipal Power, Inc. (AMP) and the Ohio Municipal Electric Association (OMEA) group once again participated in the event as an opportunity to learn more about legislative issues impacting the industry and to share their insights first-hand with federal lawmakers and staff.

Nearly 60 attended the Rally as part of the AMP/OMEA group, with 22 member communities represented from Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Virginia, joining more than 600 people from public power communities across the nation.

"The APPA Legislative Rally annually provides our members with the opportunity for a face-to-face discussion of issues impacting municipal electric systems and for lawmakers and key staff to hear first-hand from local officials," said Jolene Thompson, OMEA executive director and AMP senior vice president. "Through the years, this interaction has proved invaluable to our efforts in protecting the interests of our member utilities and in the end, their customers."

During the Rally's Legislative & Resolutions Committee meeting on March 10, OMEA sponsored one of the six resolutions – Resolution 15-06: *In Support of Affordable, Reliable Solar Power Development*, which was adopted by attendees.

Other resolutions approved during the committee meeting include (copies of the resolutions are available at www.publicpower.org) :

- Resolution 15-01 *In Support of Legislative and Regulatory Reforms to Protect Utilities That Receive Coal by Rail*
- Resolution 15-02 *In Support of Public Power Utilities' Use of Unmanned Aerial Aircraft in Utility-Related Operations*
- Resolution 15-03 *In Support of the Right of Preference Customers to Be Protected from the Costs of Transmission Projects in the Western Area Power Administration and the Southwestern Area Power Administration*
- Resolution 15-04 *In support of Equitable Treatment of Public Power Utilities Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act*
- Resolution 15-05 *Support for Legislation to Address Flaws in EPA's Final Rule to Regulate Coal Combustion Residuals*

The AMP/OMEA contingent met with a total of 17 congressional offices. This included meetings with members or staff of: Speaker John Boehner (R-OH), Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH), Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA), Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA), Rep. Joyce Beatty (D-OH), Rep. Bob Gibbs (R-OH), Rep. Bill Johnson (R-OH), Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH), Rep. David Joyce (R-OH), Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-OH), Rep. Bob Latta (R-OH), Rep. Joe Pitts (R-PA), Rep. Jim Renacci (R-OH), Rep. Tim Ryan (D-OH), Rep. Steve Stivers (R-OH), and Rep. Pat Tiberi (R-OH).

The APPA Rally provides a valuable opportunity for public power to be engaged in the legislative process. The main topics covered by AMP/OMEA representatives on Capitol Hill were: customer impacts of increasing transmission costs and capacity market structures; the importance of tax-exempt financing to municipal governments; and concerns about sequestration impacts on Build America Bonds.

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About AMP: American Municipal Power, Inc. is the nonprofit wholesale power supplier and services provider for 132 member municipal electric systems in the states of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Virginia, Kentucky, West Virginia, Indiana, Maryland and Delaware. Combined these public utilities serve more than 6355,000 customers. AMP members receive their power supply from a diversified resource mix that includes wholesale power purchases through AMP and the open market and energy produced at AMP and member-owned generating facilities utilizing fossil fuel, hydroelectric, wind and other renewable resources. The organization is focused on sustainability and increased use of renewable generation resources. AMP currently has four run-of-the-river hydroelectric projects under construction on the Ohio River. Combined these four projects will add more than 300 MW of new hydro capacity to the region. AMP is pursuing additional hydro, solar, wind and landfill gas projects. For additional information, visit AMP's website at www.amppartners.org.

About OMEA: Founded in 1962, the Ohio Municipal Electric Association advocates at the state and national levels on behalf of AMP and 81 Ohio member municipal electric systems. With the goal of protecting the independence and constitutional rights of Ohio municipal electric systems, OMEA provides services that include lobbying, member activities, coalition building, and legislative and regulatory analysis. The OMEA also serves as the legislative liaison to AMP and represents the state and federal legislative interests of the organization. Although closely aligned with AMP, the OMEA is a separate, nonprofit entity guided by a 16-member Board of Directors. For additional information, visit: www.amppartners.org/about/omea.