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### **AMP CELEBRATES RIBBON CUTTING AT FREMONT ENERGY CENTER**

(FREMONT, OH) American Municipal Power, Inc. (AMP) celebrated the ribbon cutting at the Fremont Energy Center. About 150 people attended the event, including representatives of AMP, its member communities and local officials, including Fremont Mayor Terry Overmyer.

The AMP Fremont Energy Center (AFEC) is a 707 megawatt (fired) natural gas combined cycle (NGCC) facility, which will supply power to 85 participating AMP member communities. The Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation, the Central Virginia Electric Cooperative and the Michigan Public Power Agency will also purchase power from the facility.

In July, AMP completed purchase of the facility from FirstEnergy Generation Corp., a subsidiary of Akron-based FirstEnergy Corp. (NYSE: FE).

AFEC will be an important source of intermediate power to participants. Intermediate power is energy needed Monday – Friday during the 16 highest demand hours. As an intermediate power source AFEC has a capacity of 544 MW. Additionally, the facility includes duct-firing that allows an additional 163 MW of generation during peak demand periods.

“AFEC fits well with AMP's overall power supply strategy of reducing its members' long-term reliance on wholesale power markets through development of diverse generation assets,” AMP President & CEO Marc Gerken said. “AMP members presently rely on the wholesale



## *AMP Celebrates AFEC Ribbon Cutting*

market for more than 90 percent of their intermediate power supply needs. Based on AMP members' long-term power supply analysis, the Fremont facility will provide a cost-effective, environmentally friendly, asset-based alternative to wholesale energy and capacity markets."

AMP is currently in the process of commissioning, startup and other activities. The plant will begin commercial operation early in 2012.

### About AMP

American Municipal Power (AMP) is the nonprofit wholesale power supplier and services provider for 129 members, including 128 member municipal electric systems in six states: Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Virginia, Kentucky and West Virginia, as well as the Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation. Combined, these publicly-owned utilities serve more than 620,000 customers. Headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, the organization provides a variety of services for its members including, power supply planning, engineering, financial, environmental, generation, legal, and other support services. AMP members receive their power supply from a diversified resource mix that includes: wholesale power purchases through AMP and on the open market; and energy produced from a variety of base load and distributed generation assets utilizing hydro, wind, landfill gas and fossil fuels. AMP built and operates the 42 MW Belleville Hydroelectric Plant and the 7.2 MW American Municipal Power Wind Farm, Ohio's first utility-scale commercial wind farm. AMP is the largest equity owner of the 1,600 MW Prairie State Energy Campus, currently under construction in southern Illinois. The organization owns 23 percent of the state-of-the-art, mine-mouth plant and adjacent coal mine. Additionally, AMP recently launched Efficiency \$mart, a comprehensive energy efficiency program designed to assist residential, commercial, and industrial customers in participating member communities lower their power bills by installing energy efficient equipment and systems. The organization is also pursuing development of new solar, landfill gas and wind generation resources. For additional information, visit AMP's Web site at [www.amppartners.org](http://www.amppartners.org).

