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**PUBLIC POWER WELL REPRESENTED AT ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE RALLY**  
*Community officials met with legislators 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 10-12 for the 2014 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, Delaware, Pennsylvania and Virginia, joining more than 600 people from public power communities across the nation.

"The APPA Legislative Rally is an important function for AMP and OMEA members," said Jolene Thompson, OMEA executive director and AMP Sr. Vice President. "It provides 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. 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 11, AMP and OMEA sponsored two of the nine resolutions – Resolution 14-03: In Opposition to

Sequestration of Direct Payment Bond Payments, and Resolution 14-05: In Support of Improving the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Hydropower Practices; and co-sponsored with the Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation (DEMEC) Resolution 14-07: In Support of Reforming the Centralized Capacity Markets Operated by Regional Transmission Organizations.

The AMP/OMEA contingent met with a total of 22 congressional offices. This included meetings with: Speaker John Boehner (R-OH), Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH), Rep. Bob Gibbs (R-OH), Rep. Morgan Griffith (R-VA), Rep. Robert Hurt (R-VA), Rep. Bill Johnson (R-OH), Rep. David Joyce (R-OH), Rep. Bob Latta (R-OH), Rep. Jim Renacci (R-OH), Rep. Steve Stivers (R-OH) and staff of Rep. John Carney (D-DE), Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA), Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA), Rep. Joe Pitts (R-PA), Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA), Sen. Mark Warner (D-VA), Rep. Joyce Beatty (D-OH), Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH), Rep. Pat Tiberi (R-OH), Rep. Tim Ryan (D-OH), and Rep. Brad Wenstrup (R-OH). Virginia meetings were coordinated with the Blue Ridge Power Agency.

The APPA Rally provides a valuable opportunity for public power to be engaged in the legislative process. The main topics covered on Capitol Hill were tax-exempt financing, BABs sequestration, energy and environmental policies, congressional oversight of FERC and RTOs, and cybersecurity. The AMP/OMEA contingent met with a total of 23 congressional offices.

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**About AMP:** American Municipal Power, Inc. is the nonprofit wholesale power supplier and services provider for 129 member municipal electric systems in the states of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Virginia, Kentucky, West Virginia and Delaware. Combined these public utilities serve more than 625,000 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](http://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/affiliates-subsidiaries/omea/](http://www.amppartners.org/affiliates-subsidiaries/omea/).