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AMP/OMEA MEMBERSHIP WELL REPRESENTED AT PUBLIC POWER RALLY

Officials from AMP/OMEA member communities met with Congressional offices to raise awareness of how federal policy affects municipal electric system customers.

WASHINGTON, D.C.: Representatives from more than 25 American Municipal Power, Inc. (AMP) and Ohio Municipal Electric Association (OMEA) member communities participated in the 2019 American Public Power Association (APPA) Legislative Rally Feb. 25-27. The annual Rally is an opportunity for municipal electric system representatives to share firsthand insights with federal lawmakers and staff.

"The APPA Legislative Rally provides our members with the opportunity to meet with lawmakers for a face-to-face discussion of issues impacting municipal electric systems," said Marc S. Gerken, AMP president/CEO. "There is not a better advocate or resource than our public power leaders to explain how legislation and regulation impact communities in the real world."

More than 45 participants from AMP and OMEA member communities attended the rally. The AMP/OMEA group represented municipalities in Ohio, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia.

"The meetings are equally beneficial for lawmakers and key staff who are hearing firsthand from local officials within their districts," said Jolene Thompson, AMP executive vice president and OMEA executive director.

The annual APPA Legislative Rally provides a valuable opportunity for public power to directly engage in the legislative process and raise awareness about the issues that affect public power and their customers. Specifically, the continued sequestration of Build America Bonds and New Clean

Renewable Energy Bonds, increasing transmission costs and regulatory overreach by the Federal Communications Commission regarding pole attachments all have a negative impact on providing electric service to customers.

During the Rally's Legislative & Resolution Committee meeting on Feb. 26, APPA members adopted five resolutions. AMP/OMEA was the primary sponsor of Resolution 19:05: In support of controlling transmission cost increases, and co-sponsored Resolution 19-03: In support of affirming local control of pole attachments and Resolution 19-04: In support of municipal bond modernization. The full listing of resolutions can be viewed at www.publicpower.org.

Throughout the week, AMP/OMEA members met with 15 congressional members. This included meetings with Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), Sen. Tom Carper (D-DE), Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA), Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH), Rep. Troy Balderson (R-OH), Rep. Warren Davidson (R-OH), Rep. Bob Gibbs (R-OH), Rep. Anthony Gonzalez (R-OH), Rep. Bill Johnson (R-OH), Rep. Dave Joyce (R-OH), Rep. Bob Latta (R-OH), Rep. Tim Ryan (D-OH), Rep. Lloyd Smucker (R-PA) and Rep. Steve Stivers (R-OH).

Additionally, AMP/OMEA members met with staff members of 11 congressional offices. This included the offices of Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA), Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV), Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA), Sen. Mark Warner (D-VA), Rep. Marcia Fudge (D-OH), Rep. Morgan Griffith (R-VA), Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH), Rep. David McKinley (R-WV), Rep. Denver Riggleman (R-VA), Rep. Mike Turner (R-OH), and Rep. Brad Wenstrup (R-OH).

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ABOUT AMP:

American Municipal Power, Inc. is the nonprofit wholesale power supplier and services provider for 135 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 650,000 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, solar, wind and other renewable resources. 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 80 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. For additional information, visit: www.amppartners.org/about/omea