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## BERLIN, MARYLAND JOINS AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER, INC AS NEWEST MEMBER

**Columbus** – The Town of Berlin, Maryland, recently joined American Municipal Power, Inc. (AMP) as the organization's 131<sup>st</sup> member. AMP now has members in nine states.

AMP is a leader in wholesale energy supply and value-added member services for publicly owned electric utilities. The organization was formed in 1971 with 26 members, all from Ohio, and has grown substantially both in membership and in services offered. Berlin becomes the first member from the state of Maryland.

"Expanding the AMP membership benefits all members, new and old," AMP President/CEO Marc Gerken said. "Following criteria established by the AMP Board of Trustees several years ago, we have strategically grown the membership base, bringing additional strength through diversity and increased load. Since 2000, AMP's membership has grown by over 60 percent creating the beneficial economies of scale in power supply and dispatch operations. Throughout the course of their due diligence process regarding AMP

membership, the Town of Berlin staff and their legal and technical consultants have been extremely professional to work with, and we look forward to continuing to work closely with them as we develop their power supply strategies going forward."

"We're excited about partnering with other municipal electric utilities to provide even better services to our community. Joining AMP gets us access to resources that we wouldn't have otherwise," said Mayor Gee Williams.

Located in Worcester County (eastern Maryland), Berlin has a population of approximately 4,500. In 2014, Berlin was named Budget Travel's Coolest Small Town in America. The electric system was established in 1907 and serves 2,455 total meters with a 2013 peak of 11,579 kW.

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## **ABOUT AMP:**

American Municipal Power, Inc. is the nonprofit wholesale power supplier and services provider for 131 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 637,000 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 <a href="https://www.amppartners.org">www.amppartners.org</a>.