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## AMP PRESIDENT/CEO OFFERS CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY ON ELECTRIC GENERATION DIVERSITY

(Washington, D.C.) American Municipal Power, Inc. (AMP) President & CEO Marc Gerken testified before a Congressional Subcommittee this morning on the benefits of and challenges to AMP's efforts to create a diversified generation portfolio. Gerken was invited to testify at the Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power by the Committee Chair Congressman Ed Whitfield (KY-1). The hearing was titled "American Energy Security and Innovation: The Role of a Diverse Electricity Generation Portfolio."

Gerken's testimony focused primarily on AMP's experience in developing new run-of-the-river hydroelectric generation at non-powered dams on the Ohio River. AMP currently has four projects under construction at existing dams, the largest deployment of new run-of-the-river generation in the nation. AMP's projects are bringing more than 300 megawatts of new, renewable generation to the region as well as creating substantial jobs and economic

development. AMP has embraced a diverse resource portfolio with a balanced approach to fossil and renewable technologies.

In his testimony, Gerken stressed the importance of diversity to the nation's energy security and presented an overview of AMP's balanced approach to power supply planning and the organization's experience in siting various generation technologies.

"Hydropower plays an important role in AMP's efforts," Gerken said. "We are encouraged by the increasing recognition by policymakers of the untapped potential for new and enhanced hydropower development in the United States. To facilitate development and to ensure that new resources of all types can be economically and timely brought on line, it's important that the regulatory process be streamlined to eliminate redundancies and provide developers and investors with added certainty."

A complete transcript of Gerken's testimony can be read on the AMP Website, www.amppartners.org.

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## **ABOUT AMP:**

American Municipal Power, Inc. is the nonprofit wholesale power supplier and services provider for 130 member municipal electric systems in the states of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Virginia, Kentucky, West Virginia and Delaware. Combined these public utilities serve more than 627,000 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 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 Web site at <a href="https://www.amppartners.org">www.amppartners.org</a>.