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Builders Enable Homeowners to Save Energy

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FORT WAYNE, Ind. – Hoosier homebuilders participating in Indiana Michigan Power's New Home Construction program in 2018 will help buyers of the energy efficient homes achieve combined energy savings of nearly 1 million kilowatt hours.

The energy savings for a single home is equivalent to the amount of energy needed to power a typical home for two months. Combined, I&M's program will help participating Indiana homeowners save enough energy to power about 100 typical homes for a year.

I&M congratulates five Indiana homebuilders that led the way in the New Home Construction program for 2018. Combined, **Granite Ridge Builders, Lancia Homes, Westport Homes, Kline Custom Homes** and **Majestic Homes** built more than 62 percent of the approximately 400 Hoosier homes eligible for the program through November.

Homeowners benefit from the lower energy use, and a home's certified energy efficiency is a plus in the future sale of the home.

The builders earn certification of a home's energy efficiency through an independent Home Energy Rating System (HERS) audit. Under I&M's program, they earn incentives of \$250 to \$1,000 per home, depending on the level of efficiency and whether the home has electric heat.

A home's energy-efficient furnace, air conditioner and/or heat pump contribute significantly to the overall efficiency rating. Other elements helping a home become more efficient include smart thermostats, LED lights, quality of windows and insulation, and high efficiency showerheads that reduce the amount of heated water.

Hoosier homebuilders can learn more about the program and see how to earn incentives at ElectricIdeas.com/NewConstruction.

I&M customers can also find a variety of energy efficient products, rebates and tips for saving energy in homes and workplaces at ElectricIdeas.com.

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American Electric Power, based in Columbus, Ohio, is focused on building a smarter energy infrastructure and delivering new technologies and custom energy solutions to our customers. AEP's more than 17,000 employees operate and maintain the nation's largest electricity transmission system and more than 219,000 miles of distribution lines to efficiently deliver safe, reliable power to nearly 5.4 million regulated customers in 11 states. AEP also is one of the nation's largest electricity producers with approximately 32,000 megawatts of diverse generating capacity, including 4,300 megawatts of renewable energy. AEP's family of companies includes utilities AEP Ohio, AEP Texas, Appalachian Power (in Virginia and West Virginia), AEP Appalachian Power (in Tennessee), Indiana Michigan Power, Kentucky Power, Public Service Company of Oklahoma, and Southwestern Electric Power Company (in Arkansas, Louisiana and east Texas). AEP also owns AEP Energy, AEP Energy Partners, AEP OnSite Partners and AEP Renewables, which provide innovative competitive energy solutions nationwide.

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