

Indiana Based Inovateus Solar to Install the First of Four Solar Projects for Indiana Michigan Power with a 2.5 Megawatt Array Near Marion, Indiana



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SOUTH BEND, Ind., July 27, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- Indiana based [Inovateus Solar](#) announced today that it was awarded the installation of a 2.5-megawatt AC, ground-mounted solar array project for Indiana Michigan Power (I&M) an operating unit of American Electric Power (AEP). The future site of the new I&M solar array is in Marion, Indiana, adjacent to the company's Deer Creek substation. Groundbreaking for the new project took place July 24 at the site. This solar project with Inovateus marks the first for I&M. The Deer Creek solar array will encompass over 17-acres near the substation.

Inovateus Solar, which has provided solar integration and installation services to a myriad of projects worldwide, is especially excited about this Indiana installation in its own back yard. The President of the firm, T.J. Kanczuzewski, explained at the groundbreaking event on July 24 that this is the biggest local project provided by his firm.

"Inovateus Solar is extremely happy to be working with I&M and AEP on this groundbreaking project for our region," said Kanczuzewski. "We applaud I&M's commitment to solar energy and we are dedicated to making this project a success for everyone involved."

Once completed, the 2.5 MW array will provide the grid with the equivalent energy to power over 350 homes for one year. The system consists of 9,972, 310-watt solar panels and 11 Nextronex 250 inverters.

"The environmental offsets of the Deer Creek array are significant," stated Senior Account Executive and Project Manager for Inovateus Solar, Nathan Vogel. "It's equivalent to the energy of over 7,600 barrels of oil per year, 43 tankers of gasoline per year, or burning almost 18 rail cars of coal per year. We are so pleased to be working with our own Northern Indiana utility, Indiana Michigan Power, on this project."

"I&M is very pleased to partner with Inovateus Solar in building our first utility-scale solar generation facility," said Paul Chodak III, President and Chief Operating Officer of Indiana Michigan Power. "I&M welcomes the opportunity to work with this experienced Indianasolar company to add emission-free solar energy to our generation portfolio."

ABOUT INOVATEUS SOLAR

Inovateus Solar strives to provide the best solar integrated system to our customers by harnessing free energy from the sun. Our passion for solar and energy independence allows us to find the best solution and adapt quickly to changing technology. We do this by managing our business with integrity and the highest ethical standards, while acting in an environmentally responsible manner. With headquarters in South Bend, Indiana, we place a particular emphasis on the well being of our teammates and the communities we serve. www.inovateussolar.com

ABOUT INDIANA MICHIGAN POWER (I&M)

Indiana Michigan Power (I&M) is headquartered in Fort Wayne, and its 2,450 employees serve more than 589,000 customers. It operates 2,600 MW of coal-fired generation in Indiana, 2,160 MW of nuclear generation in Michigan and 22 MW of hydro generation in both states. The company also provides its customers 450 MW of purchased wind generation.

American Electric Power is one of the largest electric utilities in the United States, delivering electricity to more than 5.3 million customers in 11 states. AEP ranks among the nation's largest generators of electricity, owning nearly 32,000 megawatts of generating capacity in the U.S. AEP also owns the nation's largest electricity transmission system, a 40,000-mile network that includes more 765-kilovolt extra-high voltage transmission lines than all other U.S. transmission systems combined. AEP's transmission system directly or indirectly serves about 10 percent of the electricity demand in the Eastern Interconnection, the interconnected transmission system that covers 38 eastern and central U.S. states and eastern Canada, and approximately 11 percent of the electricity demand in ERCOT, the transmission system that covers much of Texas. AEP's utility units operate as 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's headquarters are in Columbus, Ohio.

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