

Nov. 25, 2019

Dear Vincent Parisi, President, Indianapolis Power and Light,

In 2017, the Indianapolis City-County Council passed a resolution that initiated a process to reduce carbon emissions, increase energy efficiency and renewable energy use, and create a climate change-resilient City that will protect future generations.

Our resolution led to the Indianapolis Office of Sustainability's creation of a sustainability plan for the City. The Thrive Plan was finalized this year, and includes a goal for the City of Indianapolis to be powered by 100 percent renewable energy by 2050.

The City of Indianapolis can't reach our goals without Indianapolis Power & Light (IPL). Currently IPL generates 44 percent of its power from a coal-burning power plant in Petersburg, Indiana, that was identified by the Center for Public Integrity, USA Today and the Weather Channel as one of the nation's "Super Polluters" - the biggest and dirtiest coal plants in the country.

A good and necessary first step for IPL to take in order to support the City's goals is to go coal-free by 2028 and announce the retirement of the Petersburg Super Polluter within that timeframe during their current planning process. Furthermore, IPL should replace that coal power with renewable energy, energy efficiency and storage - not more fossil fuels.

In 2018, NIPSCO, the electric utility in Northwest Indiana, announced a historic transition from coal to clean energy. NIPSCO plans to retire their costly coal-burning power plants and replace them with renewable energy, energy efficiency and storage. According to NIPSCO, this plan will save their customers \$4 billion.

We, the undersigned members of the Indianapolis City-County Council, encourage IPL to announce the retirement of the Petersburg Super Polluter by no later than 2028 and replace the plant with affordable wind, solar, efficiency, demand response and battery innovation in your 20-year plan.

As Indianapolis Power & Light prepares its 2019 Integrated Resource Plan, we ask that you collaborate with communities you serve to create plans to replace energy generated by the Petersburg coal plant with clean, renewable energy and energy efficiency.

Indianapolis Power & Light can be a national and regional leader in investing in clean, affordable energy production while boosting local economic development and job opportunities.

Sincerely,

Councillor Leroy Robinson, District 1

Councillor-Elect Keith Potts, District 2  
Councillor-Elect Dan Boots, District 3  
Councillor-Elect Ethan Evans, District 4  
Councillor-Elect Ali Brown, District 5  
Councillor-Elect Crista Carlino, District 6  
Councillor-Elect John Barth, District 7  
Councillor Monroe Gray, District 8  
Councillor William Oliver, District 9  
Councillor La Keisha Jackson, District 14  
Councillor-Elect Jessica McCormick, District 15  
Council Vice President Zach Adamson, District 17  
Councillor Susie Cordi, District 18  
Councillor Frank Mascari, District 21  
Councillor Jared Evans, District 22

The Beech Grove City Council passed, and Mayor Buckley signed, a resolution calling for IPL to include in the Integrated Resource Plan a retirement of the Petersburg Coal Plant by no later than 2028, and replacement with 100% renewable energy.