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Dear IMEA Members and Associate Members,

I want to begin by wishing everyone a Happy New Year and thank you for your time and efforts in 2017. A special thanks to our board members not returning in 2018, Dick Justice (Gas City), Brad McBride (Logansport), Sue Bovard (Rising Sun), Susan Alexander (Richmond), Brian Adams (Bremen), and John Douglas (Crawfordsville) for their years of service advancing Public Power in Indiana and wish them all well in their future endeavors. Please join me in welcoming our new board members to the IMEA Team, Dan Bennett (Washington), Jim Binkley (Scottsburg), Ron Fritz (Flora), and Bob Dunderman (Logansport). All new Board Members have brought years of experience and knowledge to the team and we look forward to working with each of them.

I would also like to take the time to thank Duane Richardson for his hard work & dedication given to IMEA in Safety & Training & the Apprenticeship Program. Last but not least, I would like to thank Randy Emmons our 2017 Board President. Randy has been a true asset to the IMEA & we appreciate him for his efforts throughout this previous year provided.

We have many positive changes that have taken place going forward into 2018. Randy Hendrickson our previous Safety & Training Consultant has taken on a new role as the Safety & Training Director of IMEA along with Janel Sparks taking on a new role as Executive Manager. Both providing the best in quality service to the organization. The City of Rensselaer has been an active Member of IMEA for many years over. We've been very pleased with all educational services offered and attending the conferences and building on the relationships made and networking with other Utilities has been priceless for myself and my staff.

My focus for 2018 will be to continue to keep IMEA strong and vital for its members. One of the organization's primary functions is to facilitate the exchange of ideas, information and best practices among member systems, offering support in resources, mutual aid, and educational opportunities to all utilities. We will continue looking to expand our partnerships and relationships to bring additional services and value to our members.

In closing, I would like to thank the IMEA Members, Associate Members, Board Members and Committee Members, for all of their hard work, guidance and dedication. I am always available & my door is always open to our Members if needing assistance with a question or concern. Please email me at : line@cityofrensselaer.com.

With Sincere Appreciation,

Lenny Larson
Lenny Larson, President