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Borough of Chambersburg Becomes a Member of American Municipal Power, Inc.

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Chambersburg, Franklin County – The Borough of Chambersburg today became the newest Member of American Municipal Power, Inc. (AMP). The partnership between the borough and AMP serves to strengthen the community’s electric service.

“As the largest public power system in Pennsylvania, it is important that the Borough of Chambersburg forge strategic partnerships,” said Allen Coffman, Chambersburg Town Council President. “This partnership with AMP will enhance the delivery of services to our community while ensuring that we are providing some of the lowest retail utility rates in the Commonwealth.”

The Chambersburg Town Council approved the utility’s application for membership during its meeting on Nov. 18, and the borough was approved for membership through a motion by the AMP Board of Trustees on Nov. 20.

“We are pleased to welcome the Borough of Chambersburg as an AMP Member,” said Jolene Thompson, AMP President/CEO. “Chambersburg has a long-standing tradition of leadership in public power, and their commitment to providing exceptional service to their community aligns well with AMP’s mission. We look forward to collaborating with Chambersburg to enhance their electric services and support their continued growth and success.”

Formed in 1971 and based in Columbus, Ohio, AMP is the nonprofit wholesale power supplier and services provider for more than 130 Members, including municipal electric systems in the states of Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia; as well as the Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation, a joint action agency in Smyrna, Del. Together, these Member utilities serve approximately 650,000 customers. Chambersburg joins 30 other Pennsylvania communities in the AMP Membership.

“Chambersburg has always been a leader in public power, including our relationship with the American Public Power Association and the Pennsylvania Municipal Electric Association, where I currently serve as President of the Board of Directors,” said Jeffrey Stonehill, Chambersburg Borough Manager and Director of Utilities. “AMP provides a wide breadth of Member support and services to strictly public power systems like Chambersburg. Thirty other borough electric systems are already utilizing the services provided by the professionals at AMP.”

AMP provides a wide range of services on a cooperative, nonprofit basis for the mutual benefit of all Member communities. Services include power supply planning, environmental compliance, lineworker and safety training, economic development, financing, efficiency programs and more.

“It is overwhelmingly in the best interest of Chambersburg to become a Member of AMP,” said Jeff Heverley, PE, Chambersburg Electric Utility Director. “AMP can provide a wealth of Member services for our electric system. We are looking forward to joining with other AMP Member communities in exploring ways to improve and expand our utility operations.”

Please contact Jeff Heverley, Electric Utility Director, jheverley@chambersburgpa.gov with any questions.

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About [Chambersburg](#):

Chambersburg is a unique community. Chambersburg supplies more services than any other municipality in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In addition to typical town functions, Chambersburg is Pennsylvania’s only municipality providing electric and gas to residents and businesses. Chambersburg is 1 of 35 Boroughs to operate a municipal non-profit electric utility. Chambersburg is the largest municipal electric utility in the State, twice as large as the second largest, Ephrata, Lancaster County; and, the only one to operate multiple generation stations. Chambersburg is 1 of 2 municipalities in PA to operate a natural gas utility. The other is Philadelphia, which does not operate an electric utility. Nationally, Chambersburg is 1 of 2,000 communities to have its own electric system and 1 of 1,000 communities to have a natural gas system but 1 of only about 60 to operate both. Chambersburg manages a regional water system, a regional sanitary sewer system (not through an independent Authority), and a new storm sewer utility; one of the first storm sewer utilities to form under the new Federal mandate to regulate stormwater. Chambersburg has a famous Aquatic Center as well. Chambersburg, the County Seat of Franklin County, currently has 22,172 residents (2022) and over 11,000 utility customers.