

## **Public Act 295 – The Clean, Renewable, and Efficient Energy Act**

In early October, the Governor signed Public Act 295 that is the Clean, Renewable, and Efficient Energy Act. This Act required the Board of Light & Power (BLP) to develop a Renewable Energy Plan and an Energy Optimization Plan that the BLP Board of Directors approved at the March meeting.

The BLP's Renewable Energy Plan uses its participation in the Granger Landfill Gas project to meet these renewable energy requirements. The Granger project will satisfy the renewable energy requirements for the entire 20 year plan with some extra credits available for sale. Although renewable energy is more expensive than current alternatives, landfill gas is one of the more cost competitive options and we will be able to meet this requirement with the surcharge representing only 7% of the maximum surcharge allowed through the Act. The average residential customer will pay a monthly surcharge of 20¢ for the renewable energy piece.

The energy optimization plan has been developed through a committee at Michigan Public Power Agency (of which the BLP is a member) including several municipals. The committee has worked with Lansing and the vendor who developed their program to develop similar programs for the BLP. It is a four-year plan with multiple energy efficiency programs by customer class to assist customers in reducing their energy usage. In the early years, most of the programs will center around energy efficient lighting and appliances. We will also have the ability to develop custom incentive programs for some of our larger customers that will be tailored to their specific needs. This Plan will also be funded through a surcharge on our customers' bill that will be levelized over the four-year period. That surcharge will be based on the customer's kilowatt-hour usage for residential customers and on a per meter charge for all business customers. The BLP is now in the early stages of the implementation phase and through the same committee, looking to hire a common contractor to provide implementation services. Coordinating the implementation services among all utilities will be the most cost effective method for all BLP customers.

If you are interested in more detail on these plans, you can obtain a copy from either the BLP's web site or from Customer Service.

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