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## MPUA CALENDAR

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Jan. 29 | 10am  
Lineworker Advisory/  
Mutual Aid mtg  
(Columbia)

Feb. 7 | 10:30am  
Northeast Regional  
Utility Roundtable  
(Macon)

Feb. 11 | 10am  
MAMU Legislative  
Committee mtg  
Truman. Bldg 490

Feb. 12 | 10am  
Mo. Public Water Council  
Roundtable & Workshop  
(Nixa)

## TRAINING

Energy Efficiency  
Certification for Homes  
March 6 - Columbia

Spring Tech 2020  
March 18 - Rolla  
March 19 - Marshall

## SHORT, BUSY WEEK OF CAPITOL ADVOCACY

Last week was a short week in the Capitol as legislators scooted out of town before a winter storm hit.

Before leaving though, the House did bring up for debate [HB 2033](#), Rep. Hansen's bill to kill the Grain Belt Express project. There was a lot of discussion about whether this bill was constitutional as it exempts out all transmission providers in the state but one and takes away the one's ability to use eminent domain, if it is ever needed. The bill was perfected with one clarifying amendment. A third read roll call vote is expected this week. There was no action in the Senate Commerce committee on the Senate's versions of this bill.

During the week, MPAU released a [video](#) encouraging supporters of job creation and economic growth

in the state to call Senators and let them know they support the Grain Belt Express.

MPUA staff along with the City of Lebanon and City Utilities of Springfield met with Senator Crawford about her bill pertaining to electric territorial matters ([SB 817](#)). It was a very open discussion and the Senator expressed her desire to hear all sides before moving forward.

MPUA staff also met with Rep. Bill Kidd concerning his water risk and resiliency bill ([HB 2120](#)). Last year MPAU worked to dilute a much more onerous bill on water asset management ([2019-SB 66](#)). This bill is its remnant which mandates planning for cybersecurity, and hydrant/valve inspections. The bill effectively mirrors the federal law passed in 2018, with the one

exception that this bill expands the requirements to systems serving populations of 3,300 or less. Rep. Kidd insists on this extended coverage, despite its exemption by federal law. A hearing was held on the bill, but MPAU remained on the sideline as we continue deliberations with the bill's sponsor.

MPUA will be monitoring two bills this week that will be heard in committees. On Monday, the House will hear Rep. Riggs' bill ([HB 1768](#)) pertaining to broadband, and the Senate Commerce committee will hear Senator Emery's [SB 526](#) pertaining to video service franchising. Cities are opposing these dramatic changes in franchising and local regulation. MML is leading the opposition to this bill.

## IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK . . .

Efforts Underway To Block Wind Energy To Cities Like Kirkwood, [Webster-Kirkwood Times, Jan. 24](#)  
Trump Administration issues Navigable Waters Protection Rule, [Public Power Daily, Jan. 23](#)  
As cable companies lose customers, Mo. lawmakers consider giving them a tax break, [Post-Dispatch, Jan 23](#)  
Draper touts criminal justice reform efforts in State of Judiciary address, [Missouri Times, Jan. 22](#)  
Grain Belt Express: What to know about the transmission line project, [Missouri Times, Jan. 21](#)

## MEET YOUR LEGISLATOR

**Representative**  
[Crystal Quade](#)

R - District 132

**Minority Floor Leader**

**Elected to House:** 2016

**Committees:** Ex-Officio member of all House committees

**Lives in:** Springfield

**MPUA Cities:** Springfield

**Tidbit:** Prior to her legislative duties, Rep Quade was a director of chapter services at Care to Learn, a nonprofit organization addressing health, hunger and hygiene needs of economically disadvantaged children in several Missouri school districts.



## BILL BYTES: A quick look at bills being tracked by MPAU

[Find the complete bill report online here](#)

[HB 1768](#) [Riggs, Louis](#)

Specifies that the Department of Economic Development shall maintain a record of all funds obtained under the Broadband Internet Grant Program

[HB 2028](#) [Morse, Herman](#)

Allows a property owner to choose utility service for new structures built on the property

[HB 2033](#) [Hansen, Jim](#)

Modifies provisions for eminent domain for utility purposes.  
**NOTE: Expect final vote on House floor this week.**

[SB 526](#) [Emery, Ed](#)

Modifies provisions relating to video service providers .  
**NOTE: Hearing this week**

[SB 725](#) [Brown, Justin](#)

Modifies the appointment qualifications for members of boards of public works in certain cities



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