

Why MMMPEP?



In 2010, fifteen south-central Missouri community-owned utilities were notified that Sho-Me Power Electric Cooperative, their long-standing wholesale power provider, would end its energy supply contracts to them in 2013.

In response to this announcement, the impacted cities worked together to identify supply options. Ultimately, twelve cities formed a municipal power pool (MMMPEP) to collectively purchase wholesale power using MPUA's Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission (MJMEUC). Today, with thirteen participating community-owned utilities, MJMEUC allows these local utilities to work together on power supply issues with a guaranteed voice on its decision-making board.

With the help of consulting engineers and a former state utility regulator acting as legal counsel, the group selected MPUA/MJMEUC because the municipal cooperative provided the greatest efficiency in supply management with the least impact on rates. In addition to lower initial rates, MPUA also offered the best option for rate stability. The decision was made through a competitive bidding process in which three other electric wholesale suppliers competed to market power supply to the group.

In the end, the locally operated utilities of MMMPEP decided by separate council actions to utilize MPUA's MJMEUC for power supply collectively. These actions allowed the MMMPEP cities to operate as a municipal cooperative for wholesale supply.

About MPUA

The Missouri Public Utility Alliance is a group of not-for-profit service organizations that represents municipally-owned electric, natural gas, water, wastewater and broadband utilities working together for the benefit of their customers – customers who, in effect, "own" the utilities in their community.

MPUA is comprised of three municipal utility organizations that coordinate staffing and services to serve its city members in a cost effective manner.

The Alliance is a multifaceted municipal collaboration, able to provide a broad array of services as well as stronger representation in markets and governmental forums.

As a part of MPUA, the Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission is a state-wide municipal cooperative, otherwise known as a joint action agency, specifically authorized by state law to operate as an electric utility for the benefit of the combined requirements of the participating cities.

Established in 1979 by six charter members, the Commission has grown to a membership of 67 municipally-owned retail electric systems ranging in size from approximately 200 to 115,000 meters.

These municipal and cooperative electric systems serve 422,000 retail customers, and have a combined peak load of over 2,591 MW.



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MPUA Adds Value

More than 50 municipal joint action agencies in the United States aggregate power supply and provide collaborative services to reduce municipal utility costs. These services include:

- Resource diversity and optimization
- Economies of scale in resource supply
- Environmental, operational and transmission coordination
- Greater ownership, market purchasing and supply sales opportunities
- Operations and scheduling aggregation
- Transmission management and contracting

And MPUA provides even more.

In addition to power supply services, community-owned utilities receive numerous advantages from MPUA membership including:

- Legislative & regulatory advocacy
- Municipal project financing options
- Utility system and rate reviews
- Electric safety & lineworker training
- Water/wastewater consultation & training
- Natural gas supply & training
- Mutual aid/disaster recovery assistance
- Community outreach services

MPUA affordably delivers a highly valued and broad array of services to its members. With over 115 city-owned electric, water, gas, wastewater and broadband utilities working together with one purpose, the Missouri Public Utility Alliance is the premier municipal utility organization in the state dedicated to serving municipal utilities and their needs..





Benefits of Public Power

Local governments operate public power utilities to provide reliable, responsive electric service to residents and businesses. These utilities are directly accountable to the people they serve through local governing boards.

Benefits include:

- **Competitive rates**
- **Local control**—meet local needs and maintain community identity
- **Greater reliability**—Quick response from crews located in the community and operational control
- **Efficient service**—lowest cost consistent with reliable service, community goals and sound business practices
- **Responsiveness to customer concerns**—every citizen is an owner with a direct say in policies
- **Not-for-profit status**—no split allegiance between customers and stockholders
- **Economic development**—not-for-profit electricity attracts and keeps businesses

About MMMPEP

MMMPEP, or the Mid-Missouri Municipal Power Energy Pool, is a collection of 12 cities in south-central Missouri organized to collectively purchase power at wholesale costs to benefit their municipal utility operations. MMMPEP cities have joined with the Missouri Public Utility Alliance's joint action agency, the Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission, to make these decisions together. Each MMMPEP member has a vote on MJMEUC's Board which includes the agency's power supply development decisions, as well as a separate individual vote on decisions governing MMMPEP's pool decisions. Each participating city retains local control over local operations and retail rates.

The collective population of the 13 participating cities is 37,264.

MMMPEP MEMBERS

City	Number of Consumers	Sales (MWhr)
Cabool	1,028	38,380
Cuba	1,957	71,583
Houston	1,288	33,404
Mansfield	646	19,332
Mountain View	1,421	30,045
Newburg	202	3,798
Richland	1,049	16,854
St Robert	3,171	66,598
Salem	2,666	55,145
Seymour	829	19,424
Steelville	794	19,452
Sullivan	3,871	108,709
Willow Springs	1,145	27,773

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