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IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT YOUR PROPERTY

«Owner_Name»

«Mailing_Address_MA»

«MA_City», «MA_State» «MA_Zip»

Subject: New Buffalo-Bridgman Transmission Line Rebuild Project Announcement

Dear Neighbor,

You are receiving this letter because you own property or live in the area where Indiana Michigan Power (I&M) representatives plan to upgrade the local power grid.

The New Buffalo-Bridgman Transmission Line Rebuild Project involves:

- Rebuilding about 7 miles of power line from New Buffalo Substation, off East Clay Street, to Three Oaks Substation, off Hickory Street.
- Rebuilding about 6 miles of power line from Three Oaks Substation to Lakeside Substation, off West East Road.
- Rebuilding about 8 miles of power line from Lakeside Substation to Bridgman Substation, off Red Arrow Highway.

The project strengthens the local electric transmission system by replacing aging poles and wires from the 1950s with modern equipment. The upgrades improve the line's operational performance by reducing the need for frequent maintenance, lessening the likelihood of power outages and speeding recovery of service in the event outages occur.

I&M representatives plan to rebuild the power line in the existing right-of-way, which may require acquiring new or updating existing property easements. Easements are defined land rights that property owners grant the utility to allow for the safe construction, operation, and maintenance of the power line.

OR Colan (ORC) serves as I&M's right-of-way representative on this project. Landowners can expect to hear from Kristin Nadolski about field activities, easement acquisition and construction. For those with questions about upcoming field activities, please reach out to Kristin at (269) 588-9957 or knadolski@orcolan.com. Company officials expect construction to begin late 2023 and conclude late 2025.

Please review the enclosed fact sheet or visit [IndianaMichiganPower.com/NewBuffalo-Bridgman](https://www.IndianaMichiganPower.com/NewBuffalo-Bridgman) for more information. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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