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# CLEAN ENERGY AT WORK IN INDEPENDENCE

*"Progress occurs when courageous, skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better." - HARRY S. TRUMAN*

# CALLING FOR CLEAN ENERGY IN INDEPENDENCE

Independence Power & Light (IPL) operates two 1950s-era coal-fired power plants: the Missouri City plant and the Blue Valley plant. These outdated plants lack modern pollution controls that would reduce toxic air pollution here in Independence. They often operate only during the summer, spewing toxic pollution on already dangerous air alert days.

Meanwhile, companies like Corporate Copy Print in downtown Independence are making investments in clean energy and are already seeing the benefits.

As IPL sets plans for the future of energy in Independence, it says it will retire its outdated coal plants in January 2016, resulting in no current union job losses. IPL also plans to double its investment in clean renewable energy like wind and solar by 2020, even considering proposals to construct a solar farm later this year.

Across the US, power companies are closing old, inefficient coal-fired power plants and investing in clean energy. Kansas City Power & Light recently announced it will double its wind energy generation to more than 900 megawatts — that's more than five times the power of IPL's coal plants combined.

Let's keep Independence on the right track by bolstering our local clean energy economy. IPL can dramatically decrease our dependence on dirty coal by investing in clean energy that creates local jobs for our community.

## Dear City Council Members,

As a resident of Independence, I am eager to bring clean energy to our community. For decades, two local coal plants have been part of our energy mix, but those plants are now well past the end of their useful lives. The Missouri City and Blue Valley coal plants are the oldest and fourth oldest coal-fired power plants in Missouri.

Independence has an incredible opportunity to phase out its old coal plants and to invest in new, modern energy resources right here in our community. I ask you to encourage Independence Power & Light to:

- Follow its own Master Plan and retire the Missouri City and Blue Valley coal plants by January 2016 without delay,
- Increase investment in solar and wind projects to replace the coal plants, and
- Expand programs for residents to save money via energy efficiency, such as efficient appliances, and home weatherization.

Together, we can make Independence a healthier and more economically vibrant community.

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*"By investing in rooftop solar, I started generating local clean energy, reducing pollution AND lowering my cost of doing business. That's a solid win for my company, community, staff, customers and future generations."*

- TOM WATERS, CEO of Corporate Copy Print, Inc. in Independence, MO

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