



## What is “Public Power” *and* What are its benefits?

There are more than 2,000 public power utilities in the United States. These municipally-owned utility systems serve about 14 percent of the nation’s population. Public power systems are located in 49 states as well as Guam, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and American Samoa. Hawaii is the only state with no public power service. Public power systems range in size from Los Angeles, California to Custar, Ohio.

There are 85 public power systems in Ohio, including New Bremen. These organizations jointly pool their resources to purchase, build or finance generation and transmission capacity and share services through American Municipal Power (AMP) Partners. By bringing together the purchasing and service capabilities of these utilities, AMP Partners and New Bremen can deliver benefits that are the core strength of public power. Among those benefits are:

### **Low Rates**

Unlike investor-owned utilities, municipal power utilities are non-profit organizations. The benefit to customers is electric rates without the burden of shareholder dividends. By jointly purchasing power through AMP Partners at a wholesale level, power costs can be further reduced while maintaining a high standard of local service and reliability.

### **Local Control**

Since the electric system is locally controlled policy decisions regarding rates and services are made locally, by people you know and trust. Decisions in investor-owned utilities are made by people who may be several levels up a corporate hierarchy and are more likely to be located a considerable distance from most customer facilities.

### **Responsiveness**

Since the electric system is locally owned and operated; utility personnel live within minutes of your home or business, ensuring that electric system disturbances are dealt with in a timely efficient manner. Following a major storm, New Bremen is backed up by a statewide mutual aid association which combines its available resources with other utilities in the region.

The Village of New Bremen is a proud member of AMP Partners. We are committed to providing residents and businesses the highest quality, most reliable electric service possible at competitive rates.