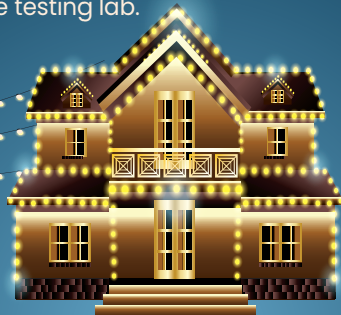


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10 TIPS TO HELP YOU STAY JOLLY

- 1 Do not toss light strands up into the air when decorating outdoors. They could get too close to or come into contact with a power line.
- 2 Before using a ladder, always look up and assess all power line locations.
- 3 Carry a ladder horizontally when transporting it.
- 4 Keep at least 10 feet between yourself (and any item you are holding) and a power line.
- 5 Do not use staples or nails or tacks to secure light strands, cords, wires or extension cords.
- 6 String together no more than the number of strands (or fewer) recommended by the manufacturer.
- 7 Plug all lights and extension cords into GFCI-protected outlets.
- 8 Use lights and extension cords rated for outdoor use.
- 9 Do not use frayed, cracked or otherwise damaged cords, plugs or lights.
- 10 Use only lights and products certified by a reputable testing lab.

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**November &
December 2021**

Board Approves Revised Notice of Intent to Issue up to \$28M in Electric Revenue Bonds

Board of Light and Power Directors approved a revised Notice of Intent for up to \$28 million in electric revenue bonds at their August 19, 2021 meeting. This action included removal of the combined heat and power plant and relocating other necessary facilities elsewhere from the Notice.

In 2018, the Board and City Council voted 4-0 and 5-0 respectively to develop a plan for local generation and to provide a heat source for the city's snowmelt system. City Council's tabling of the bond vote on August 16, 2021, combined with decreased community support for local generation, and other utility facilities on the Sims site, shifted the Board's direction to revise and remove components of the bond project.

"We feel that local generation as an option at the Sims site or elsewhere no longer has adequate support to move forward. The Board discussed alternatives to meeting utility needs and state-mandated capacity requirements without constructing local generation," said David Walters, GHBLP General Manager.

"The majority of the Board still believes



that redeveloping the Sims site is the best plan holistically and financially for our community," said board chair Jack Smart. "However, with no economical or suitable local alternatives that meet the joint City Council and Board direction, and reduced community support for this combined heat and power option on the Sims site, it is time to reconsider alternative purchases to meet our capacity requirements and alternative facility options to meet our operational needs. Unfortunately, we do not have the time to further evaluate and re-evaluate this option without taking these necessary actions."

With decreased community support for funding this local generation project to cover the utility's remaining capacity needs, GHBLP General Manager David Walters recommended the Board authorize Michigan Public Power Agency to purchase the required capacity from the market, filling the void created by not moving forward with the project.

The Board also approved evaluating alternatives to the Sims site for the needed Operations & Technical Center to house GHBLP's employees and technical workspaces, as well as other distribution equipment.

Annual Customer Satisfaction Survey

The Board of Light & Power is partnering with GreatBlue Research, Inc., an innovative company with 42+ years of customer survey work, to conduct our **Sixth Annual Customer Satisfaction Survey**. GHBLP customers will be randomly selected for the survey which will take place during the first two weeks of December 2021. Your voice matters! Please be sure to share your views if you are randomly contacted by a GreatBlue research assistant by email or phone.



Changes in 2022 for



We are redesigning our 2022 Energy Smart Programs. More information will be shared soon. Be sure to complete your current projects by December 31st for your 2021 incentive.