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Financing the Future:

How Public Power Is Paying for Infrastructure Projects

The Strategic Complexities of Utility Finance continue for public power as they oversee projects designed to incorporate new technologies, diversify their supply portfolios, and meet the demands of load growth and electrification. These capital intensive, years-long projects rely on sound financial strategies that provide returns that will outpace their upfront costs and mitigate risk to the community. Amid changes in the costs to develop or procure various resources, market structures affect the value of grad assets, and tax policies, utility project financing is a complex endeavor. Public power is securing project funding in ways that are sustainable with an eye toward long-term affordability for their communities.

The Challenge: Public power utilities are facing historic load growth driven by rapid electrification (such as electric vehicle adoption and heat pumps) and new industrial loads. Balancing these years-long capital projects against volatile procurement costs and evolving market structures makes modern project financing incredibly complex.

The Goal: Securing robust funding mechanisms that mitigate financial risk to the community while ensuring that long-term returns actively outpace upfront capital expenditures.



1. Capitalizing Battery Storage Advancements

The Data: A major driver for modern affordability is the steep decline in utility-scale battery storage costs. Capital costs for developing battery storage dropped to nearly $140 per kilowatt-hour (kWh)—a staggering drop from the $1,400 per kWh seen in 2010.

Case Study: City Utilities of Springfield (Missouri) is actively mobilizing capital behind successive large-scale energy storage deployments. This includes a 5-megawatt (MW) installation near their Blackman Water Treatment Plant and a consecutive 31-MW storage system near the James River Power Station designed to anchor local reliability and absorb regional market fluctuations.

2. Scaling Distributed Clean Generation

Case Study: The Indiana Municipal Power Agency (IMPA) is showcased for its aggressive, multi-year rollout of community-focused solar parks. As of early 2026, IMPA has successfully developed 54 distinct solar installations, amassing 210 MW of total capacity across its joint-action service footprint to diversify supply and shield member communities from market spikes.

3. Practical Grid Modernization vs. Electrification Strain

Case Study: Palo Alto Utilities (California) and its Grid Modernization for Electrification Program illustrate the practical realities of upgrading physical infrastructure.

- To accommodate rising electric vehicle adoption and localized residential electrification, the utility mapped out proactive, age-and-reliability-driven replacements. This includes swapping out

over 1,400 aging, single-phase pole-top transformers (rated less than 50 kVA) with higher-capacity units, alongside replacing nearly 300,000 circuit feet of open-wire secondary conductors with heavy-duty aluminum aerial cables.

- Aligning these infrastructure upgrades directly with community environmental goals was critical for securing widespread local stakeholder buy-in.

Core Takeaway:

Successful public power financing in 2026 relies on a balanced mix of timing, capitalizing on mature technology cost curves (like storage and solar), and proactively staging asset replacements based on data-driven capacity forecasts rather than reactive firefighting.

Resources:

Patterson, Adam. "Financing the Future: How Public Power Is Paying for Infrastructure Projects." *Public Power*, vol. 84, no. 2, Mar.-Apr. 2026, p. 6.

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Leading Your Public Power Team With Purpose

Every utility executive manages infrastructure, budgets, and safety protocols, but a public power General Manager answers to an entirely different bottom line. In public power, success is not measured by stockholder dividends or corporate margins; it is measured by the resilience, affordability, and economic vitality of the community you serve. Across the United States, more than 55 million Americans receive electricity from a public power utility, spanning roughly 2,000 community-owned systems [1]. For the employees within these organizations, the work is uniquely personal—the customers calling the helpline or waving at the lineworkers during a storm are their neighbors, friends, and families.

To lead this workforce effectively, a General Manager must master the art of connecting daily labor to this broader civic mission. It requires transitioning from standard utility operations to a framework of purpose-driven leadership. When a team truly understands that public power utilities contribute a median of 5.1% of their operating revenues directly back to local government programs—funding parks, libraries, and first responders [2]—the culture shifts. Employees stop just delivering kilowatts; they begin anchoring the community's future. Purpose-driven leadership in public power means leveraging this "hometown advantage" to build an integrated culture rooted in trust, operational accountability, and local pride.

The Core Pillars of Public Power Leadership

Balancing complex grid operations with transparent public service requires anchoring your team to four foundational pillars of purpose:

1. Championing the "Hometown Advantage"

In public power, every customer is an owner. A purposeful GM ensures the workforce connects their daily labor-whether pulling wire in a storm or balancing an operations budget—to the health and economic vitality of their own town. Remind your team that your revenue stays local. Highlighting how reliability and affordable rates directly attract businesses that create hometown jobs helps turn a standard shift into an act of civic stewardship.



2. Practicing Radical Transparency

Public power operates under the microscope of public records laws, open town meetings, and city councils or elected boards. Purpose-driven leaders frame transparency as a trust-building tool, not an

administrative burden. When your team understands why decisions are made openly, it builds an internal culture of pride, ethical clarity, and mutual defense during public scrutiny.

3. Fostering a Culture of "Calm and Reliable" Safety

Utility work is inherently dangerous, and grid emergencies are highly visible community crises. A great public manager projects steady authority, establishing clear operational guardrails so field and office staff can execute missions without compounding panic. When you empower crews with robust safety standards and absolute operational trust, they respond faster and safer.

4. Navigating the Energy Transition with Local Autonomy

Public power utilities are leading the charge on grid modernization and integrating renewable resources. A GM must balance progressive environmental stewardship with the strict mandate of keeping power affordable for the community. The ultimate advantage here is the agility of local control. Free from massive corporate bureaucracy, your team can pivot quickly to implement microgrids, EV infrastructure, or community solar programs that uniquely fit your town's footprint.

Conclusion: Driving Local Impact

Ultimately, leading a public power team with purpose means embracing the unique "fishbowl" of local governance as a strategic asset rather than an organizational hurdle. The structural advantages of public power are clear: community-owned systems consistently outperform the broader sector, delivering residential electric bills that are roughly 14% lower than other utility types [2]. Furthermore, when severe weather or grid emergencies strike, public power's hyper-local focus enables teams to restore service an average of 72 minutes faster than investor-owned utilities [1]. These metrics are not accidents; they are the direct result of an engaged, local workforce that possesses a deep sense of ownership over the community's infrastructure.

As a General Manager, your primary charge is to sustain the internal culture that makes these results possible. By championing absolute transparency, prioritizing absolute safety, and steering the organization through the modern energy transition with local autonomy, you do more than keep the lights on. You prove that a not-for-profit, community-first business model is uniquely equipped to thrive in a complex energy future. When you lead your public power team with purpose, you cultivate a workforce that doesn't just show up for a paycheck—they show up to power the place they call home.

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[2] American Public Power Association (APPA). "Stats and Facts." Public Power Industry Data Portal, 2026. Retrieved from https://www.publicpower.org/public-power/stats-and-facts.

Capitol Hill Tracker: Key Legislation



Issues Impacting the Public Power Industry

As the modern electric grid faces an unprecedented convergence of skyrocketing power demand and aging infrastructure, Capitol Hill has focused heavily on energy policy. For the nation's more than 2,000 community-owned, not-for-profit public power utilities—which collectively serve over 55 million Americans—several critical legislative items moving through the U.S. House and Senate directly impact operational costs, grid reliability, and infrastructure deployment.

The primary legislative battles currently shaping the future of public power are:

1. Permitting Reform and Frivolous Litigation Costs: The SPEED ACT vs the PERMIT ACT

The timeline required to secure federal permits remains one of the largest obstacles to modernizing public power infrastructure. The American Public Power Association (APPA) has strongly advocated for *"infrastructure-neutral"* permitting reforms to give utilities the regulatory certainty needed to construct new generation and transmission projects [1.2.1, 1.2.4].

Two competing legislative philosophies are clashing in Congress:

- **The SPEED Act (H.R. 4776**): Supported widely by public power advocates, this Senate-facing legislation aims to narrow the scope of environmental reviews and curb frivolous lawsuits that stall critical energy projects [1.2.4]. It proposes strict timelines for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) reviews and restricts judicial reviews to parties that previously submitted timely, substantive comments during public evaluation periods [1.2.1].

- **The PERMIT Act:** A parallel effort moving through the House aimed at setting predictable statutory shot-clocks on federal agency decisions to prevent projects from getting stuck in multi-year bureaucratic limbo [1.2.1, 1.2.4].

2. Upgrading the Existing Grid: The REWIRE Act

With American electricity demand projected to rise by as much as 5.7% by 2030—driven heavily by manufacturing and artificial intelligence—building new high-voltage transmission lines from scratch is proving too slow [1.3.1]. In response, a major bipartisan push is underway to optimize the infrastructure utilities already have.

In March 2026, Senators Dave McCormick (R-PA) and Peter Welch (D-VT) introduced the Reconductoring Existing Wires for Infrastructure Reliability and Energy (REWIRE) Act [1.3.1].

Key Provisions of the REWIRE Act:

- **Categorical Exclusions**: It establishes a NEPA categorical exclusion for utilities upgrading lines within existing rights-of-way, drastically cutting permitting red tape [1.3.1].

- **Advanced Conductors & GETs:** The bill incentivizes "reconductoring" - replacing old lines with state-of-the-art advanced conductors that can double grid capacity -alongside deploying Grid-Enhancing Technologies (GETs) and energy storage [1.3.1].

- **Ratepayer Savings:** Proponents note that by bypassing heavy construction and permitting delays, widespread reconductoring could save up to $85 billion in grid costs by 2035, directly relieving pressure on consumer utility bills [1.3.1].

3. Protecting the Grid from the Data Center Boom: The GRID Act

The explosive expansion of AI and data center facilities is creating unprecedented localized load growth, threatening both grid stability and wholesale power affordability [1.2.4, 1.3.2]. Public power utilities are tasked with ensuring that massive new industrial buyers pay for their own infrastructure additions rather than shifting those costs to everyday residential ratepayers [1.2.4].

To address this, Senators Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) and Josh Hawley (R-MO) introduced the Guaranteeing Rate Insulation from Data Centers (GRID) Act [1.3.2].

Core Mandate of the GRID Act:

New data centers must secure their own independent power generation sources separate from the public commercial grid. Existing data centers are granted a 10-year off-ramp to transition to alternative power solutions, legally insulating residential consumers from AI-driven price spikes [1.3.2].

4. Preserving Grid Reliability and Reliability Safeguards

Public power entities are heavily focused on defending against federal regulations that threaten to force the premature retirement of traditional, dispatchable generation baseloads before adequate clean replacement capacity is online [1.2.4].

Utilities are actively pushing Congress to pass the Reliable Power Act (H.R. 3616 / S. 3034) [1.2.4]. This legislation would expand the statutory authority of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), allowing it to formally review, modify, or mitigate any federal environmental regulations deemed a threat to the fundamental reliability of the macro-electric grid [1.2.4].

5. Wildfire Liability and Insurance Backstops: The Fix Our Forests Act

In the West and other high-risk areas, public power utilities face severe challenges regarding vegetation management on federal lands, soaring liability costs, and a rapidly constricting commercial insurance market [1.2.4].

Congress is evaluating the Fix Our Forests Act (H.R. 471 / S. 1730), which aims to speed up the approval process for utilities to clear hazardous vegetation along federal rights-of-way [1.2.4]. Simultaneously, public power advocates are pushing for a congressionally authorized, voluntary federal insurance backstop to stabilize the utility insurance market and prevent catastrophic wildfire liabilities from bankrupting community-owned systems [1.2.4].

Resources:

[1.2.1] American Public Power Association (APPA), Public Power Permitting Reform Principles Report (March 2026).
[1.2.4] American Public Power Association (APPA), Public Power Advocacy Priorities & Legislative Rally Briefing (2026).
[1.3.1] U.S. Senate Press Release, Senators McCormick and Welch Introduce Bipartisan REWIRE Act to Modernize Grid (March 2, 2026).
[1.3.2] U.S. Senate Press Release, Blumenthal and Hawley Introduce Bipartisan GRID Act to Protect Consumers from Data Center Costs (February 12, 2026).



Public Power Industry Faces "Enormous Evolution"

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"While public power utilities are on the frontlines of an enormous evolution, if not revolution, in our industry, they remain independent, locally governed and locally managed, and the most reliable and affordable electric systems in the nation."



Scott Corwim, President and CEO of the American Public Power Association (APPA) in remarks made at the APPA National Conference held in Boston, MA on June 29, 2026.

"We are gathered here at this cross section of events, at a historic time in this historic city, celebrating 250 years of the founding of our nation while we celebrate the benefits and the power of the people to provide electricity to their own local communities," Corwin said.

"We deliver on our compact and common-sense notion that reliability and affordability for our customers comes first. This is enabled by our public service model with utilities reflecting their own community priorities. We have the expertise to decide at our local level what to invest, how to manage costs, and how to responsibly set rates to recover those costs," he said.

"Our issues and our work on reliability and affordability are also top of mind in Congress, the Administration, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. So, APPA staff are working harder than ever on an array of policy changes to address these and other challenges. With dynamic times we do see some opportunity."

Corwin detailed the wide range of issues that APPA is proactively addressing on behalf of its members including, among other things, permitting reform, reliability, financing, and Federal Emergency Management Agency reform.

With respect to permitting, APPA, in collaboration with its members, is "pushing hard every day to streamline the processes for smarter federal permitting and licensing for energy infrastructure. There is progress on the regulatory front, and there is a window of opportunity in Congress this year for legislation. We are taking your stories to the Hill to make the case for reducing timelines, redundancies and bottlenecks created by a set of laws that are way overdue for modernization."

On matters impacting reliability and resource adequacy, APPA is very active in EPA proceedings on the regulatory treatment of the current and future fleet that is needed to meet member load. "And we are pushing the Reliable Power Act to empower FERC's role when NERC has determined the bulk power system is at risk," Corwin said.

On enabling investment, APPA prevailed in the budget last year to preserve tax exempt finance. "We continue to work to modernize private use rules on tax exempt finance to allow longer term deals that are needed, and we're working on rules about access to the elective payment of energy tax credits."

With respect to FEMA reform, Corwin said that APPA is pursuing reforms so that its members can get more timely reimbursement, noting that APPA offers a reimbursement template and other resources they can access for assistance.



Nicole Halm, Quanam/DAPLAN and Annette DuPont-Ewing, HCI at the APPA National Conference in Boston.

He also detailed activities that APPA is engaged in with respect to wildfires, pole attachments and drones and noted that APPA remains focused on other key issues around supply chain and tariffs that impact timing and costs of the equipment that APPA members need to serve customers.

"Your advocacy has been critical to the progress that we're making on these issues and have made over the past year. When you respond to our alerts, when you give to our PAC or when you come to the legislative rally, it is powerful… you are the local leaders with the local connections and the knowledge and you are the expert voices that your representatives in Congress will listen to and respect," Corwin said.

"As we celebrate 250 years of independence, that spirit of independence flourishes among the 2,000 public power communities nationally," he said.

"Our strength is magnified through interdependence of sharing best practices, information, and expertise. This collaboration and aggregation of resources is a cornerstone of the value of APPA. We work closely in partnership with joint action agencies, regional and statewide organizations, and other associations to enhance our strength in numbers."

Examples of APPA's collective impact last year and in the coming year are many including in the areas of cybersecurity, mutual aid, operating excellence, education, and information tools.

In the area of cybersecurity, APPA has secured well over $30 million, partnering with DOE to help utilities deploy operational technology to bolster security. “We have an active Cyber Defense Community that you can be a part of, and your utility can get certification of best practices in the new Cyber Accelerator Program,” he said. “We also play an important role in grid security” in co-leadership of the cross-industry Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council, co-chaired by board member, Tom Kent, Corwin noted. Kent is the President and CEO of the Nebraska Public Power District.

In addition, APPA plays an important role in helping members set the standards of excellence for each other, and in recognizing those making the commitment to meet those standards through the Reliable Public Power Provider and Smart Energy Provider programs, Safety Awards, the Customer Satisfaction Awards, and other awards.

This year APPA enhanced its array of tools to track and pursue those efforts in excellence through PowerTRX (for safety and reliability); a Risk Management Toolkit; rate design case studies; a report with specifics of how public power utilities are serving data centers including policies, contracts, and rate constructs; upcoming AI tools for utility knowledge and applications; and APPA’s DEED program provided scholarships and funding for an array of member pilots in innovation.

“These examples are just some of the ways APPA steps up as to bridge our members’ independence and our collective interdependence. Our APPA staff all work incredibly hard for you,” Corwin noted.

“Your Board of Directors, the Executive Committee and officers work and travel throughout the year to represent you, and all of our committees on which many of you serve are crucial to helping us adopt the policies and programs that ultimately benefit over 55 million people served by public power. Thank you so much for your dedication and our shared mission and this essential public service,” he told the audience of public power officials.

To best chart the path forward, APPA listens to its members, including a member survey APPA sent to members this year, Corwin noted.

“We’ve conducted many member committee listening sessions” and is working with the Board to chart goals and success measures to prioritize in 2027-2029, he said.

“Some of these will be internally focused so that we can remain strong financially and be even more responsive, efficient, and nimble in our delivery of services for you.”
As APPA looks to the future, “we want to welcome your ideas on any service we can provide or enhance, especially as it relates to onboarding and educating that next generation that will inherit this great public power tradition.”

Public power “may be born of independence, yet we are clearly collectively stronger through our interdependence as one community with APPA aligning priorities and helping public power speak and move as one. That is how we will power the next 250 years. Thank you for being a part of APPA, for your service to your communities, and your guidance on the winding road ahead.”

MPUA Breaks Ground on New Energy Center



As communities across Missouri face growing electricity demand and shifting energy grids, the Missouri Public Utility Alliance (MPUA) is taking proactive, brick-and-mortar steps to secure the state's energy future.

As part of its sweeping "Building MO Power" initiative, the Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission (a major wing of MPUA) officially broke ground on the Northeast Generation Project, constructing the all-new Fulton Energy Center.

Powering Hometowns and Local Economies

The new natural gas-fueled facility is strategically designed to deliver reliable, affordable, and locally managed electricity directly to 35 municipal power pool members spanning the state. While the power will be distributed broadly, towns like Hannibal, New Madrid, and the host city of Fulton will see direct local support. In 2027 when it is fully operational, the project will expand the state's electrical capacity by approximately:

- 14.9 Megawatts (MW) during peak summer demand
- 16.4 Megawatts (MW) during winter operations

Beyond adding electrons to the grid, the project provides an immediate shot in the arm for the state's economy. Construction is heavily utilizing American-manufactured equipment and turbines, while generating steady jobs for local Missouri tradespeople.

The Fulton Energy Center is part of MPUA's Northeast Generation Project. The $225 million project includes the Fulton natural gas generator and up to four generators in Hannibal. Steve Stodden, CEO, MPUA said, "The new construction will be built on Fulton's existing power plant. This gas turbine can easily run for 50 years, which will be 2076", Stodden said. "As fast as the world is changing, it's hard to imagine what the world or Fulton will look like in 2076, but I know the gas turbine is still going to be here and able to operate, securing power generation for future generations."

Preparing for the "Data Center Booms"

The groundbreaking comes at a crucial moment for MPUA&'s more than 120 community-owned utilities. With multi-billion-dollar tech campuses and data centers looking toward the Midwest for its robust infrastructure, local public utilities are finding themselves at the absolute epicenter of massive economic development.

"Utilities governed by local boards or city councils answer directly to the people they serve," MPUA highlighted in its recent policy statements. "Maintaining space for local voices is a priority."

By investing in dispatchable energy assets like the Fulton Energy Center—alongside the nearby Marshall Energy Center turbines coming online—MPUA ensures that its hometown utilities maintain the "local control" necessary to protect resident utility bills while still having the muscle to power next-generation industries.

The Fulton Energy Center marks a tangible win for Missouri's municipal power strategy: keeping the energy community-owned, keeping the infrastructure modern, and keeping the lights on for decades to come.

Resources:

1. MPUA Official Groundbreaking Announcement: MPUA Fulton Energy Center Media Event
    - Regional Project Mapping: Cleanview Energy Project Tracking
    - MPUA Member Briefing: Utilities Prepare for Incoming Data Centers
2. O'Leary, Emily. "MPUA Breaks Ground on Fulton Energy Center." Fulton Sun, 13 June 2026, https://www.newstribune.com/photos/2026/jun/14/4408228/

Upcoming 2026 Conferences

Aug 16-19 **Northeast Public Power Association (NEPPA) Annual Conference, Hyannis, MA**
https://neppa.org/event/2026-annual-conference/

Aug 17-19 **Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association Annual Summer Conf, Saint Cloud, MN**
https://www.mmua. org/summer-conference

Aug 17-19 **ElectriCities of North Carolina Annual Conference, Hot Springs, VA**
https://www.electricities.com/news-events/2026-electricities-annual-conference/

Aug 19-21 **TVPPA's Engineering, Operations & Technology Conference, Chattanooga, TN**
https://www.tvppa.com/events/engineering-operations-technology-conference

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Sep 13-16 **APPA Business & Financial Conference, San Antonio, TX**
https://www.publicpower.org/business-financial-conference

Sep 16-18 **WPPI Energy Annual Meeting, Sheboygan, WI**
https://wppienergy.org/annualmeeting/

Sep 22-24 **Trees and Utilities National Conference, Portland, OR**
https://www.treesandutilities.org/

Sep 22-24 **FMEA Power Line Design and Staking Certification Program Level 2, Kissimmee, FL**
https://www.flpublicpower.com/events/2026-power-line-design-and-staking-certification-program-level-2

Sep 23 **FRI Annual Public Utility Symposium**
https://www.naruc.org/events/all-events/fri-annual-public-utility-symposium/

Sep 23-25 **TVPA Utility Safety & Security Conference, Pigeon Forge, TN**
TBA - https://www.tvppa.com/conferences

Sep 23-25 **Northern California Power Agency Annual Conference, Olympic Valley, CA**
TBD

Sep 29-30 **Michigan Municipal Electric Association Annual Conference, Battle Creek, MI**
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Upcoming 2026 Conferences (continued)

October **CYBERSECUTIY AWARENESS MONTH**

Oct 4-10 **PUBLIC POWER WEEK**

Oct 7-9 **Missouri Public Utility Alliance Annual Conference, Branson, MO**
https://mpua.org/page/annualconference

Oct 11-14 **APPA Legal and Regulatory Conference, Amelia Island, FL**
https://www.publicpower.org/event/legal-regulatory-conference

Oct 12 -14 **AMP Annual Conference, Columbus, OH**
https://www.amppartners.org/services/annual-conference/

Oct 19-21 **Electric Cities of Alabama Engineering & Operations Conference, Birmingham, AL**
https://www.electriccities.org/event/engineering-and-operations-conference/

Oct 20-22 **TMEPA Fall Engineering & Operations Conference, Nashville, TN**
TBD

Oct 21-23 **TVPPA Utility Accounting & Finance Conference**
TBD - https://www.tvppa.com/conferences

Oct 20-23 **GridSecCon, Orlando, FL**
https://www.nerc.com/programs/e-isac/gridseccon

Oct 23 **MESO Fall Conference**
TBD

Oct 25-28 **APPA Customer Connections Conference, Nashville, TN**
https://www.publicpower.org/event/customer-connections-conference

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Nov 3-4 **FMEA Energy Connections Conference & Trade Show, Tampa, FL**
https://www.flpublicpower.com/events/fmea-2026-energy-connections-conference-and-trade-show

Nov 4-6 **TVPPA Utility Customer Experience Conference, Florence, AL**
TBD - https://www.tvppa.com/conferences

Nov 8-11 **NARUC Annual Meeting & Education Conference, Puerto Rico**

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HCI Blog

HCI Blog: A Platform for Collaboration and Innovation

https://blog.hometownconnections.com/

HCI warmly invites all its Partners and Affiliates to actively contribute to the blog. Whether it's sharing a recent project, providing commentary on industry trends, or offering advice based on your experiences, your input is highly valued. This collaborative effort will not only highlight the incredible work being accomplished across the network but also provide a valuable resource for continuous learning and development.

How to Contribute

Contributing to the HCI blog is straightforward. Interested Partners and Affiliates need to follow these simple steps:

- **Write your article:** Focus on topics that you are enthusiastic about and that would benefit the HCI community or public power in general.
- **Submit your article:** Send your completed article to acdupont-ewing@hometownconnections.com.

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