### Sierra Club - Beyond Coal

## Should Indianapolis be the last major American City powered by coal?

### March 26, 2019



### **The 11 Year Problem**



Mayor Brainard - Carmel, IN Mayor Buttigieg - South Bend, IN Mayor Dennis - West Lafayette, IN Mayor Freeman-Wilson - Gary, IN Mayor Hamilton - Bloomington, IN Mayor Henry - Ft Wayne, IN Mayor Hogsett - Indianapolis, IN

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Indiana releases more greenhouse gases than 185 countries



#### Yale Climate Opinion Maps (2018)

- 62% of Marion County Residents are worried about global warming
- 70% want corporations to do more to address global warming
- 68% of Marion County Residents want requirements for utility companies to produce 20% of their energy with renewable energy
- 80% support regulating CO2 as a pollutant
- 76% believe we should set strict limits on existing coal-fired power plants

### Public Demand for Renewable Energy



- The 2019 Thrive Plan calls for a commitment to power the city with 100 percent renewable energy by 2050.
  - Indianapolis residents provided comments on the plan asking for 100% renewable energy by 2030.
  - The most crucial question around achieving this goal is retirement of Petersburg which currently provides 44% of electricity used in Indianapolis.
  - The City of Indianapolis received a Bloomberg American Cities Climate Challenge grant to set up an energy resource center.

## NIPSCO



Within 10 years NIPSCO will have installed generation capacity that is 75% renewable energy sources.
NIPSCO's proposal will save customers \$4 billion.





# **Our Recommendations**



- IPL should commit to retire Petersburg by no later than 2028, and ensure all future investments are in renewable energy and energy efficiency.
- IPL should commit to conduct an all-source RFP for any capacity additions
- IPL should utilize NIPSCO data in making assumptions about costs of renewable energy.
- IPL should assume public demand for reducing greenhouse gas emissions will continue to increase.

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- Petersburg Retirement Models we'd like to see:
  - Retirement of all units by 2024
  - Retirement of units 1 & 2 by 2024 and remaining units by 2028
  - Retirement of all units no later than 2028

# Conclusion



#### IPL has the power to decide. As such IPL has a responsibility.



