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**DRAFT NEWS RELEASE  
RE: Street Lighting**

**The Board of Public Utilities is making a concerted effort to replace and update street lighting, especially where construction is taking place such as Third Street, the New Lafayette Street and Jefferson Street downtown.**

**As you are entering the downtown area on Third Street from the east, the BPU is replacing the older style multiple globe lights, that are no longer made, with the ornamental acorn lights. The outlets on the light standards have been repaired so they may be used for Christmas displays and spring and summer festivals.**

**From Washington Street east to Main Street, the lights are new. Then old globes are being converted to cobra or gooseneck poles.**

**On Fourth Street, the multiple globe style lights are being fixed with parts removed from those lamps that were replaced on Third Street.**

**Eventually, all of Fourth Street will also be replaced with ornamental acorn lights that have a life expectancy of 25 years. Most equipment has a lifespan of 20 to 30 years except for poles, which last longer.**

**A BPU service truck is assigned daily to replace reported outages including photo cells and bulbs and repair light standard heads. It is a continual job and is especially noticeable at this time of year because more lights are noticed as people are driving to and from work and school in the darkness of the morning and returning home in the dark.**

**A journeyman lineman and an apprentice lineman are dedicated to the task of repairing non-functioning streetlights and are very proactive.**

**The blinking streetlight is an indicator built into the light, ballast or photocell that tells us that service is needed. There is NOT something wrong with the system, but with the individual lamp. The blinking is then noticed by citizens and called in to the Electric Trouble number 661-1640, where the property records employee notes it for the repair crew.**

**Street light outages may also be reported on the form supplied on the BPU website – [www.jamestownbpu.com](http://www.jamestownbpu.com).**

**Remember, BPU electric service is decided upon much like the triage in a hospital emergency room. While routine work may be scheduled, when an emergency occurs that work takes precedent and street light repair must wait until electrical outages are restored.**