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## CREDIT CARD PAYMENT



Southern Indiana Power offers our customers the option of paying their electric bills with a Visa or MasterCard debit or credit card by phone, in person, or on our Web site [www.sinpwr.com](http://www.sinpwr.com).

**See page 9Z for your  
chance to take home  
FREE CFL bulbs**

# CO-opNews

Information from your electric cooperative

## CEO COMMENTS

### Cost of service rate study initiated

There has never been a moment in time where the electric industry has seen a future as cloudy as we see today. Does the industry invest in nuclear power plants that have a very high price tag? Will there be enough skilled technicians and engineers available to revitalize the nuclear industry that has been stagnant since the accident at Three Mile Island? How do we pay for the high costs of renewable energy? Can the electric grid be operated with 20 percent of our generation coming from wind and solar that works best when we don't need it and is located in remote areas of our country far from the major cities that need it?



**Michael Hammack**  
CEO

Then there is the biggest question: What about coal? Coal plants today are cleaner than ever. Our power supplier, Hoosier Energy, has for decades operated the cleanest fleet of coal plants in the Midwest. But with the Federal EPA, enough is never enough. Over the last five to 10 years Hoosier Energy has spent more than \$85 million since 2005 to capture more emissions. How much will it cost to comply with the latest EPA regulation announced in October? Will the industry be able to make all these changes before the 2011 deadline? All of our current emission regulations pale in comparison to pending green house gas legislation. Will the carbon capture and storage technology work and can it be done economically?

How expensive will coal prices get because of difficulties of opening new mines? Will natural gas prices become even more volatile as it gets used more in the future to fill in for renewable generation when the wind isn't blowing and the sun is not shining?

All of this uncertainty has stifled new power plant development. Utilities across the country have changed to innovative ways to meet our energy needs. PURPA, an agency of the federal government, has recognized the benefits of

conservation and passed regulations, designed to shift load to times when cheaper generation is available, and pricing rates based on the season and the time of day. Hoosier Energy's board of directors has approved new rates effective April 2010 that will change the price we pay for our wholesale electricity and reflect the PURPA initiative.

To reflect these changes in the wholesale rates, the Southern Indiana Power board of directors has selected J.D.G. Consulting from Atlanta, Ga., to perform a detailed cost of service study. After the cost of service study is completed, J.D.G. Consulting will review our retail rate schedule tariffs

and make recommendations on new retail rate tariffs which will become effective on April 1, 2010. The April 1, 2010, date was selected because it is coincident with the change in wholesale rate tariffs from Hoosier Energy.

J.D.G. Consulting will carefully analyze the effect of the new Hoosier Energy wholesale rates on Southern Indiana Power and will also analyze our current financial situation, based on a test year of data, and revenue requirements.

It is our goal to have new board approved retail rate tariffs available early in the first quarter of 2010 to become effective on April 1, 2010. We will keep you posted on our progress.

Implementing a rate change is never a pleasant process, and as we work through the details, please keep in mind that we are a not-for-profit company and the cost of service study is exactly that. It determines how much it costs us to provide service, and how much revenue we need to generate to keep your electric company fiscally sound. As a member-owned cooperative, we are also looking for ways to work more efficiently. Of course, we will continue to use this publication and our Web site to bring you energy saving tips to help you manage your home's electric use and comfort level.



**Energy Efficiency**  
*Tip of the Month*

Turn off kitchen, bath, and other exhaust fans within 20 minutes after you are done cooking or bathing. When replacing exhaust fans, consider installing high-efficiency, low-noise models.

— Sources: U.S. Department of Energy

**Congratulations to Emily Davis of Tell City for being one of five statewide Youth Power and Hope winners.**

She and the other winners will attend a private luncheon with Indiana's own Miss America 2009 Katie Stam on Dec. 17. Davis is a seventh grader at Perry Central Junior-Senior High School. Her parents are members of Southern Indiana Power. More information about the Youth Power and Hope Awards is published on page 4.



## CO-OP NOTES

### Rate schedule

Shown below is the rate schedule information needed to figure your bill for electric use in November. Wholesale power cost tracker ..... \$0.01761  
Indiana sales tax ..... \$0.07

#### Rate 101 — Residential and Farm Service

Facility charge ..... \$18.50 per month  
First 400 kwh ..... \$.0940 per kwh  
Next 400 kwh ..... \$.0820 per kwh  
Over 800 kwh ..... \$.0720 per kwh

#### Rate 102 — Residential Total Electric

Facility charge ..... \$18.50 per month  
First 300 kwh ..... \$.1000 per kwh  
Next 700 kwh ..... \$.0780 per kwh  
Next 1,000 kwh ..... \$.0720 per kwh  
Next 2,000 kwh ..... \$.0670 per kwh

#### Rate 103 — Off Peak Heating Systems

Facility charge ..... \$22.65 per month  
First 400 kwh ..... \$.0890 per kwh  
Next 400 kwh ..... \$.0790 per kwh  
Over 800 kwh ..... \$.0670 per kwh  
Energy used for off-peak heating systems between 11 p.m.-7 a.m. (EST)  
All kwh ..... \$.0490

#### Rate 501 — Monthly Security Light Billing

175-watt mercury vapor ..... \$7.50 per month  
100-watt H.P. sodium ..... \$7.50 per month  
400-watt mercury vapor ..... \$11.50 per month

**Electric bills due by the 27th of each month.**

### \$50 monthly drawing

Would you like to win a \$50 credit on your electric bill? You could if you follow these simple rules:

1. Clip out the coupon below.
2. Fill out and return to our office along with your monthly payment before the 20th of the month. (Delinquent payments are not eligible.)
3. **Coupons are dated monthly and are not available at the office.**

You are automatically entered in the drawing if you have your bill withdrawn from your bank's checking or savings account (ACH) or if you pay your bill on-line by the 20th.

The winner will be notified and the name published in the following monthly publication of *Electric Consumer*.

October's winner was Marjorie Harvey.

### \$50 monthly drawing

**FOR BILLS DATED  
Dec. 10, 2009**

**Paid by Dec. 20, 2009**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ACCOUNT # \_\_\_\_\_

## Grant applications being accepted

The Operation Round Up program began in November 2005 and the fund continues to grow. Participation in the program is approximately 65 percent right now and we hope to see this number climb as the long range benefits of the program continue to materialize.

The Operation Round Up board of trustees will accept applications from Jan. 1 through Feb. 15, 2010, with disbursement in March 2010. Applications are available in the Southern Indiana Power office and on our Web site at [www.sinpwr.com](http://www.sinpwr.com). Simply click on the "Forms" tab and then the Operation Round Up application link. Due to the possible volume there will be no blank applications mailed.

Operation Round Up is a program whereby Southern Indiana Power customers allow us to round up their electric bills to the next highest dollar. The rounded up funds are collected for philanthropic and charitable purposes in the

geographic area of our service territory.

Those eligible to apply for the funds include groups, organizations, individuals or families located within the Southern Indiana Power service territory which covers the counties of Perry, Spencer, Dubois and Warrick. Applicants need not be members of the cooperative.

The maximum amount available to any group or organization in any one year is \$5,000 and the maximum amount available to any individual or family in any one year is \$1,000.

Grants are available for local volunteer fire departments, youth programs, 4-H, senior citizen programs and other community service projects. The fund will NOT be used to pay any electric or utility bills or be used in any way to support or oppose any political candidate or campaign.

If you have any questions please contact the cooperative office at 800-323-2316 or 812-547-2316 or e-mail [sinpwr@sinpwr.com](mailto:sinpwr@sinpwr.com).

## Scholarship applications being accepted

The Operation Round Up board of trustees is accepting applications for \$500 scholarships from Jan. 1 through Feb. 15, with disbursement for the fall semester of 2010.

Eligible students must be scheduled to attend their sophomore or higher year in the fall of 2010, be enrolled as a full time student (carrying 12 hours or more) and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. The student or his/her parent(s) must also be a member of Southern Indiana Power and

participate in the Operation Round Up program.

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## CFL Recycling



Spencer County Solid Waste accepts CFL bulbs for recycling as well as other items that contain mercury at all eight of its drop-off locations. All mercury items should be given to the attendant. Mercury and mercury-containing items will be accepted at NO charge. Please use special caution when transporting the tubes and bulbs. The best way to transport them is to place them into the boxes or cardboard tubes which held your replacement bulbs.

**Use the location listed below that is most convenient for you, or bring your burned out CFL bulbs to the Southern Indiana Power office in Tell City to recycle them.**

Chrisney	One mile west of junction of State Road 70 and U.S. 231 Open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday	Richland	State Road 161, west of Lions Club Park Open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday
Dale	Vine Street, East of NAPA Store Open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday	Rockport	Eureka Road, South of City Park Open Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday
Evanston	Highway 66, three miles southwest of Troy Open Tuesday and Saturday	St. Meinrad	Highway 62, west of State Road 545 Open Tuesday, Friday and Saturday
Hatfield	Old Highway 66, west of Post Office Open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday	Santa Claus	Hwy. 245 at the Sewage Treatment Plant Open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

**All sites are open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on listed weekdays  
and from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday**

#### Spencer County Solid Waste Management District

918 E. County Road 800 N, Chrisney  
Open 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Monday-Friday

#### Perry County Solid Waste

508 N. Second and Herzelee St., Cannelton  
Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Monday through Friday  
Saturday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

[www.spencercountyrecycles.com](http://www.spencercountyrecycles.com)

## Regional member consumer meetings resume

Southern Indiana Power is constantly looking for ways to connect with our members and address current issues. Regional member consumer meetings held throughout the year provide one of the best opportunities to do this.

This fall, meetings resumed for members who receive service from the New Haven substation. Members attending the Oct. 13 meeting were treated to a dinner at The Chateau. Members who were invited to attend the meeting were selected at random by computer and those who attended had a chance to win \$50 off their electric bill. Amber Scherzer was the winner of the \$50 bill credit. Various other prizes were also given away at the meeting to the attendees who filled the restaurant.

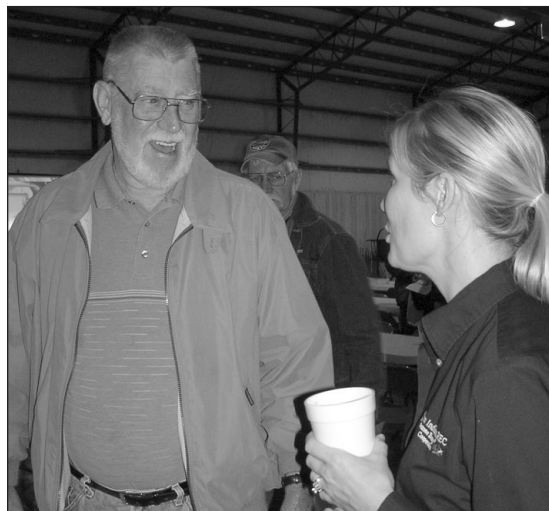
On Oct. 27, members served by the Bristow substation met at the Bristow Community Center and enjoyed a meal catered by Bill and Dave's Smokin' Pit. Elizabeth Kessens won the \$50 bill credit at this meeting.

Southern Indiana Power will continue reaching out to members served by all eight substations during the coming months. Don Etienne, manager of member and corporate services, educates consumers during the meetings with an informative PowerPoint presentation. Recent meetings have focused on the "Our Energy, Our Future" campaign, which is an ongoing effort to get members to communicate with elected officials about the future of energy prices and availability as cap-and-trade legislation looms on the horizon. Other topics included energy efficiency and demand side management.

If you receive an invitation, please take advantage of the opportunity to see what your electric co-op can do for you. This is also the ideal time to ask questions.



Southern Indiana Power's Don Etienne uses a PowerPoint presentation to explain cap-and-trade legislation and the "Our Energy, Our Future" campaign.



Southern Indiana Power director Michelle Lynch speaks with a member after the meeting at the Bristow Community Center.

## Don't forget electric safety when decorating

Be sure to observe these safety tips when decorating for the holidays:

- Don't string together more than three standard-size sets of lights.
- Make sure extension cords are in good condition, are UL-approved and rated to carry the electrical load you will connect to them.
- Match plugs with outlets. Don't force a three-pronged plug into a two-pronged outlet or extension cord.
- Do not overload outlets. Use surge protector strips if multiple outlets are needed.
- Keep electric cords away from high-traffic areas, and don't run them through doorways, or hide them under rugs or carpets.
- Outdoors, use only lights, cords, animated displays and decorations rated for outdoor use.
- Cords should be plugged into outlets equipped with GFCIs. Use a portable GFCI if your outdoor outlets are not equipped with them.
- Always unplug lights before going to bed or leaving your home.

**Office Closing Dates**

**Southern Indiana Power will be closed Dec. 24, 25 and Jan. 1**

as our employees spend time with their families during the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

# Why build green?

Stay toasty warm in the winter.      Keep more \$\$ in your pocket.      Reduce impact on the environment.

## Free Energy Seminar

**Feb. 2, 2010**  
Doors open 5:30 p.m. (EST)  
Program at 6:30 p.m. (EST)

**Free CFL for each attendee**

**Sign up to win a Marathon water heater!**

Ferdinand Community Center  
1720 Community Drive  
One Block East of Highway 162

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## Donate canned goods and receive up to 6 FREE CFLs

Receive one CFL per donated item, including canned food, paper products (toilet paper, paper towels) and boxed foods. Limit of six CFLs per day, but no limit to number of days you may visit the office to make donations during the month of December. No out of date items accepted.

## Gift Certificates from Southern Indiana Power make great gifts!

Certificates will be credited to the recipient's electric account immediately following purchase.

Call 547-2316 or 800-323-2316 for more information, or stop by the office.

# Highlights of the Oct. 28 board meeting

In an effort to keep you informed of your cooperative's operations and activities, the following are highlights of the Oct. 28 board meeting.

1. All directors were present along with President/CEO Michael Hammack and Administrative Assistant Lisa Hinton.
2. The Sept. 30 board meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.
3. The September membership certificates and vouchers were reviewed and approved.
4. The September 2009 director report was reviewed and approved.
5. The CEO report was the first item of new business with Hammack reporting the following items:
  - a. Hammack updated directors on regional member meetings held Oct. 13 at The Chateau with 64 members in attendance and Oct. 27 at the Bristow Community Center with 49 members in attendance.
  - b. Hammack informed directors the cost of service and rate study being prepared by J.D.G. Consulting is underway.
  - c. Hammack reported on the demand response/prepay metering DOE stimulus funding grant application and the Hoosier Energy demand response program.
  - d. Hammack reviewed the CFL promotions
6. Hammack reviewed recommended changes to the current board meeting minutes' procedures.
7. Hammack provided directors with strategic planning session site options.
8. Ken Seger, training and safety specialist with Hoosier Energy, provided safety training on Cooper F6 control on Oct. 1. Hammack advised there were no lost time accidents and no public liability claims to report.
9. Chairman Waninger reported on an Operation Round Up trustees meeting held Oct. 7. Twelve grant applications were funded.
10. Director Braun reported on a Hoosier Energy board meeting held Oct. 12.
11. Director Kleaving reported on an Indiana Statewide board meeting held Oct. 21.
12. A budget committee meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 8 beginning at 8 a.m.
13. Director training information was distributed.
14. The next regularly scheduled board of directors meeting will be held Tuesday, Nov. 24.

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Soft and Chewy Chocolate Drops


4 squares unsweetened chocolate  
 ¾ cup (1½ sticks) butter  
 2 cups sugar  
 3 eggs  
 1 t. vanilla  
 2½ cups flour

Preheat oven to 350 F. Microwave unsweetened chocolate and butter in large microwaveable bowl on high 2 minutes or until butter is melted. Stir until chocolate is completely melted. Add sugar; mix well. Blend in eggs and vanilla. Add flour; mix well. Cover and refrigerate 1 hour or until dough is easy to handle. Shape dough into 1-inch balls; place, 2 inches apart, on lightly greased baking sheets. Bake 8 minutes or just until set. (Do not overbake). Cool completely.

### Glaze

1 tub (8 oz.) whipped topping (do not thaw)  
 6 squares semi-sweet chocolate

Place frozen whipped topping and semi-sweet chocolate in microwaveable bowl. Microwave on high 1½ minutes or until chocolate is completely melted and mixture is shiny and smooth, stirring after 1 minute. Let stand 15 minutes to thicken. Spread over cookies. Let stand until glaze is set. — Source: [www.kraftfoods.com](http://www.kraftfoods.com)



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### December Sudoku Puzzle — Hard

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