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CO-opNews Information from your electric cooperative

CEO COMMENTS

It's time to act – before climate change policy hits your pocketbook

Southern Indiana Power and our power supplier, Hoosier Energy, are doing all we can to control the rising price of electricity. However, in spite of our best efforts, factors beyond our control have already caused retail electricity prices to increase about 20 percent over the past few years. All segments of the electricity industry are facing a very real threat that could easily raise prices another astronomical 30 to 40 percent practically overnight. That threat is coming from Congress – and cooperatives need help from our members to get this unacceptable situation under control.



Michael Hammack
CEO

The debate over climate change has been on the national agenda for several decades. In the past few years, however, it has taken on momentum and a sense of urgency in both politics and public opinion. Certainly, those who want to debate climate change can find dozens of experts to argue for either side of the issue – but neither position can be proven.

What can be proven, however, is that a new Congress and President Obama have clearly stated their intent to regulate carbon emissions from power plants, automobiles, and many other industries. Furthermore, the Environmental Protection Agency will likely use the authority granted to it by the U.S. Supreme Court to regulate carbon dioxide as a pollutant.

So now the question before us is not – will carbon be regulated? The question is – how? And, how much will these regulations cost all of us as consumers of electricity?

While Southern Indiana Power and Hoosier Energy support renewable energy and include it as a growing part of our generation portfolio, the fact is coal and natural gas are the primary fuels used to generate electricity in Indiana and many other portions of the Midwest. We should not apologize for this. In fact, the use of these fuels to generate electricity has enabled customers like you to benefit from a reliable and affordable power supply for decades. This will change if Congress continues to pursue its attack on coal and other carbon emitting energy sources.

You may have already heard about something called a cap and trade program designed to limit and reduce the amount of carbon dioxide emitted by utilities, industry, automobiles – everything that uses fossil fuels. This is a noble goal, but to what end, and can we afford the cost?

The Obama administration's cap and trade proposal imposes a tax that could easily raise electricity bills for Indiana cooperative members \$50 or more every month. The economic ramifications of such a tax will be devastating to families already struggling to make ends meet and threatens the viability of

energy dependent manufacturers and other employers in our state.

Unfortunately, in order to deal with climate change, all of our options will be costly. However, some options are less costly than others. Some options are more workable than others. And with your help, we may have an opportunity to determine which option will be implemented.

We need the option that will keep Southern Indiana Power rates affordable. If we remind Washington of our grassroots (40 million strong nationwide), it may help open the door for discussions about realistic solutions. Please join us, your board and staff, in urging Congressman Baron Hill and Sens. Evan Bayh and Richard Lugar to work with electric cooperatives to meet both federal public policy goals and your need for affordable, reliable electricity.

To learn more about the challenges we face and to help you contact your elected representatives, Cooperatives have developed the Our Energy, Our Future e-mail campaign. The Web site address is www.ourenergy.coop There you will find background information on this vitally important issue and you can use the site to send your message to Congress. This is not a time to be politically idle. We need you to make the point that any climate change legislation must be balanced, taking into consideration the affordability of electric bills for this generation and the next. Please help us to help you gain control over rising electric rates.

Southern Indiana Power office closed in honor of Memorial Day, May 25

CO-OP NOTES

Rate schedule

Shown below is the rate schedule information needed to figure your bill for electric use in April.
Wholesale power cost tracker \$0.01168
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).

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

March's winner was Roger Hunter Jr.

\$50 monthly drawing

FOR BILLS DATED

May 10, 2009

Paid by May 20, 2009

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

ACCOUNT # _____

Co-op holds final regional meetings for 2009

In March, meetings continued for members who receive service from the Newtonville, Chrisney and Rose Hill substations. Members served by the Newtonville substation attended the March 9 meeting at the Grandview Civic Association. The meal was catered by Bill and Dave's Smokin' Pit. Each member in attendance received free CFL bulbs and had a chance to win a \$50 bill credit in a drawing. The winner of the bill credit was John Raaf.

Members served by the Chrisney substation attended the March 18 meeting at the Chateau Restaurant in Mariah Hill. Each member in attendance received free CFL bulbs and had a chance to win a \$50 bill credit in a drawing. The winner of the bill credit was Dennis Carpenter.

Members served by the Rose Hill substation attended the April 7 meeting at the Rockport American Legion and enjoyed a meal catered by Legion members. Each person in attendance received free CFL bulbs and had a chance to win a \$50 bill credit in a drawing. The winner of the bill credit was William Cummings.

Various other prizes were also given away at all the meetings. Members were chosen at random by computer to receive an invitation to the meetings.

The April 7 member meeting concluded the regional meetings for this year. The next event will be Southern Indiana Power's annual meeting on June 12. Please plan to attend and learn what your co-op is doing to prepare for future challenges.

Right, Southern Indiana Power's Jeff Hilgenhold, left, talks to a member after the Rose Hill substation regional meeting.

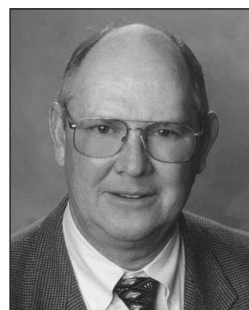


Members served by the Newtonville sub enjoyed a meal catered by Bill and Dave's Smokin Pit at a recent regional meeting, held at the Grandview Civic Association.

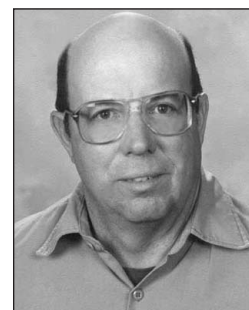


Director, employees honored for service

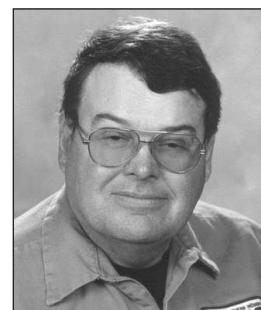
At a banquet, held on March 10, two Southern Indiana Power employees and a Southern Indiana Power director were honored for their commitment to the cooperative. Right of Way Supervisor Gerald Wiederkehr was cited for 30 years at Southern Indiana Power. We would like to extend a special note of thanks to Line Foreman Bob Rogier, who is retiring after serving the cooperative for 38 years and J.B. Etienne who is retiring from the board of directors after 24 years.



**J. B. Etienne,
Board of Directors
(secretary/treasurer)
24 years of service**



**Gerald Wiederkehr,
ROW Supervisor
30 years of service**



**Bob Rogier,
Line Foreman,
38 years of service**

We appreciate the dedication these men have given to the co-op and its members.



**Happy
Mother's
Day**

from
Southern Indiana Power



Join us for the annual meeting

June 12, Perry County 4-H Fairgrounds

It's time once again for the biggest event on the co-op calendar. Members are encouraged to attend the annual meeting on June 12 at the Perry County 4-H Fairgrounds. Come and enjoy food, Bingo, pony rides, face painting, free CFLs, the Touchstone Energy hot air balloon, kids' prize drawings and cash prize drawings.

In order to be eligible for prize drawings you must be registered at the meeting, but you need not be present to win. Each member who attends will receive a registration gift. Elections will be held for directors to represent Districts Six and Eight.

A schedule is printed below that details specific event times at the meeting.

5-8 p.m. Registration for annual meeting, director elections (vote for directors to represent Districts Six and Eight) food, activities

8- 8:30 p.m. Business meeting Prize drawings

Notice: We will not mail annual reports to each member. However, each membership will receive an annual meeting notice. Members must bring this notice to the meeting to register, vote and be eligible for door prizes.



SOUTHERN INDIANA POWER SYSTEM UPDATE

Department heads at Southern Indiana Power recently reported the following projects under way to upgrade various aspects of the cooperative's system.

Pole treating: Southern Indiana Power has contracted UPT to begin pole treating in May. UTP will start in the Newtonville sub area, then move to the Tell City sub members. It will take about six weeks to treat 3000 poles.

Spray crews: The spray crew will begin in May and continue through the first couple of weeks in August. Crews will be in central and southern Perry County, beginning in the Gatchel area.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Lincoln Hills Development Corporation (LHDC) is accepting applications for the Energy Assistance Program. The Energy Assistance Program (EAP) is designed to help low-income families with the high cost of heating their home through a one-time payment toward the families' utility bills.

Households may be eligible for assistance if the gross income is below 150 percent of the Federal Office of Management and Budget poverty guidelines. Maximum yearly income guidelines for this program are: one in household – up to \$15,600; two – \$21,000; three – \$26,400; four – \$31,800; five – \$37,200; six – \$42,600; seven – \$48,000; eight – \$53,400. For each additional family member, add \$5,400 per year.

Residents of Spencer County can make an appointment to apply for EAP by calling 812-649-5034 on Thursdays and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Residents of Perry County can make an appointment by calling 812-547-3435, ext. 200 Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Applications will be accepted through May 15.

For additional information, please call 547-3435 ex. 231 or 1-800-467-1435, or visit the Web site, www.LHDC.org.

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Standard Long Distance (no term)	5.9¢*	5.9¢*

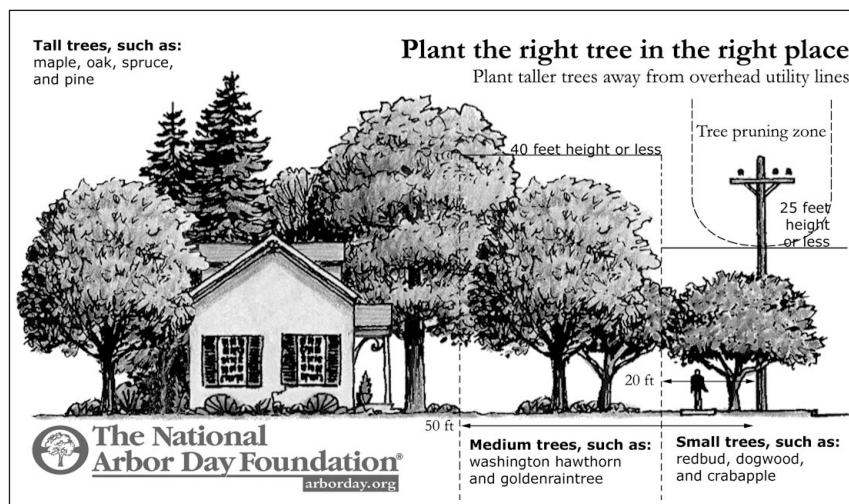
Proper tree location, right-of-way maintenance results in fewer outages

Ensuring that you have reliable electric service is one of the goals of Southern Indiana Power. One way we do this is by maintaining a clear path or right-of-way around power lines. When you see maintenance crews trimming or removing trees and shrubs near rights-of-way, remember they are doing their best to bring you an uninterrupted supply of electricity.

For conservation stewardship, Southern Indiana Power strategically removes only the branches and undergrowth that directly impact electric lines. Once trimming is complete, we spray the undergrowth with an environmentally friendly herbicide that is not harmful to humans or animals.

We urge members who are preparing to plant a tree to consider the full height it will reach when mature, and whether it could contact nearby power lines.

Trees with mature heights over 25 feet should be planted 30 to 50 feet from power lines and structures, depending on the species of the tree. There should be a minimum of 10 feet between tree branches and power lines. If you have questions concerning the Southern Indiana Power right-of-way program or proper tree planting, please contact the office at 812-547-2316.



Highlights of March 25 board meeting

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

1. All directors were present along with President/CEO Michael Hammack and Administrative Assistant Lisa Hinton. Also present were Joe Boesing, Monroe, Shine and Co., and Office Manager Gary Palmer.
2. The Feb. 25 board meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.
3. The March membership certificates and vouchers were reviewed and approved.
4. Hammack updated the board on WildBlue/Cooperatives ONE. WildBlue is currently available for new members again.
5. The first item of business was a review of the 2008 Audit Report by Joe Boesing, CPA with Monroe Shine and Co. The board approved the 2008 Audit Report as presented.
6. The CEO report was presented with Hammack reporting the following items:
 - a. Hammack reviewed the following from the January ice storm:
 - FEMA representative is scheduled to be in the office for review on April 1.
 - After hours/outage calls options were reviewed by Office Manager Gary Palmer.
 - Indiana Statewide crew assistance process is under review by the joint CEO and superintendent committee.
 - Regular Web site outage updates will occur when the emergency response plan is activated.
 - b. Hammack updated directors on new information regarding the 2008 IRS Form 990.
 - c. Hammack informed directors of the ruling of a small claims case involving Southern Indiana Power and reported the hearing for another small claims case is still pending.
 - d. Hammack gave an overview of the Spencer County Synthetic Natural Gas legislation that was signed by Gov. Daniels.
 - e. Southern Indiana Power, through a program sponsored by Hoosier Energy, has provided Lincoln Hills Development Center with CFL bulbs for its low income weatherization program.
 - f. Hammack provided an on site fuel options comparison to directors.
 - g. Hammack discussed the 2009 annual meeting format.
 - h. The carbon cap and trade federal proposal was discussed.
 - i. Hammack informed directors of upcoming

dates for neighboring co-op's annual meetings.

- j. Member information meetings were held at Grandview Civic Association for randomly selected members who receive their power from the Newtonville substation with 49 members in attendance and at The Chateau for those who receive their power from the Chrisney substation with 40 members attending.

A member information meeting is scheduled for April 7 at Rockport American Legion for randomly selected members who receive their power from the Rose Hill substation.
7. A motion was made, seconded and carried by the board to adopt changes to Policy 501. R5 – Line Extension to Provide Service to Member Consumers.
8. The Operation Round Up board of trustees met March 11 to review grant applications; \$13,500 in grants will be disbursed.
9. A motion was made, seconded and carried by the board to approve the Hoosier Energy wholesale power cost tracker increase effective April 1.
10. Gary Sheffer, loss control specialist with Indiana Statewide, provided hearing tests on March 4. Ken Seger, training and safety specialist with Hoosier Energy, provided conductor size and line loss training on March 19. Hammack advised there were no lost time accidents and no public liability claims to report.
11. Hammack reported the following items from the NRECA annual meeting held Feb. 16-18: Hammack and Director Braun represented Southern Indiana Power at the 2009 NRECA annual meeting. Our Energy, Our Future was the theme of this year's meeting. The keynote address – Common Ground – was presented by Bob Beckel and Cal Thomas, columnists with "USA Today," who discussed with humor political and cultural issues that divide America. The Tech Advantage Expo was held Feb. 16. Breakout sessions attended by Hammack and Director Braun included change in Washington and the economic stimulus package: "Challenges and Opportunities for Co-ops" and "Under Scrutiny: Does Your Cooperative Pass the "Democracy" Test?"
12. Director Braun reported the following items from the CFC annual meeting held Feb. 16-18: There were over 600 attendees at the CFC annual meeting. CFC's credit rating is now at A+. CFC's first governor J.K. Smith,

who recently passed away was recognized as a visionary leader. Keynote speaker Frederic S. Mishken addressed attendees with his assessment of the U.S. economy and current financial crisis.

13. Directors Kleaving and Vogel attended CCD Fast Track course # 2600 – "Director Duties and Liabilities" March 9 at Indiana Statewide.
14. The National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation Officer's Certificate of Compliance worksheet and certification for 2008 was signed and submitted by Hammack on March 5.
15. The next regularly scheduled board of directors meeting will be held Thursday, April 30.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Loaded Au Gratin Potatoes

1 box (4.9 oz.) au gratin potatoes
 2 cups boiling water
 1 cup half and half
 2 T. butter
 6 slices bacon, cooked, crumbled
 4 oz. shredded Monterey Jack cheese
 ¼ cup sliced green onions (4 medium)
 ¼ t. coarse ground black pepper

Topping

½ cup plain bread crumbs
 2 T. butter, melted

1 T. chopped fresh parsley

Heat oven to 375 F. In 2-quart casserole, mix potatoes, sauce mix, boiling water, half and half and butter. Stir in remaining potato ingredients. Bake uncovered 25 minutes. In small bowl, mix bread crumbs and butter; sprinkle over top. Bake 8 minutes longer or until topping is golden. Sprinkle with parsley.

Do-Ahead

Prep your potatoes and all other ingredients (except topping ingredients) and refrigerate the mixture, covered for up to 24 hours. Preparation time: 15 minutes; total time: 50 minutes. Makes: 8 servings (½ cup each)

May Sudoku Puzzle — Medium

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