

Jo-Carroll

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative





PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Michael Hastings

Join us to celebrate our 75th Anniversary!

Reader Prize

Each month we print the name of a Jo-Carroll Energy member who is eligible to win a \$25 readership prize. If your name is printed in this month's edition, and not a part of any article, contact Jo-Carroll Energy and claim your prize no later than the 10th of the month following publication.

This year is very special for Jo-Carroll Energy as your cooperative turns 75 years old. You all are invited to help us celebrate during a special 75th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, June 21 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Elizabeth Fairgrounds and Community Building.

I am very proud of Jo-Carroll Energy and what the members and employees have accomplished. Just 75 years ago, our ancestors were milking cows by hand, drawing water from a hand pump, cooking on a wood stove and cooling food in an icebox. By paying a \$5 membership fee and agreeing to take service from the cooperative, they became pioneers bringing power to the countryside. Lines stretched out to farms and schoolhouses. Appliances came to life. Factories sprouted up.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our members to see their cooperative history and together celebrate 75 years of service to our local communities.

Employees have worked hard to plan a day full of family-oriented festivities. You can start the day early by stopping by the fair-grounds to see the Touchstone Energy hot air balloon and maybe even take a tethered balloon ride. Weather permitting, tethered rides will be offered from 8:30 to 11 a.m.

The full slate of activities gets underway at 11 a.m. Linemen and gas technicians will be on hand to give special exhibitions and a hot line safety demonstration. We'll

have "carnival" games, bounce houses, face painting and live music throughout the day.

Make sure to cast your vote in the Lil'Mr. Jo and Miss Carroll contest for children ages 5 to 8. Winners receive a \$50 savings bond and their own lineworkers' gear.

No one should go away hungry, either. We've teamed up with some of our great local community organizations who will be food vendors at the event. All members attending will receive tickets redeemable for food.

What anniversary celebration would be complete without a look back in time? We'll have displays highlighting the history of Jo-Carroll Energy and how the cooperative energized the countryside. You can watch a screening of our 75th Anniversary video that features our own members and former employees and directors talking about their cooperative.

You can find details about the celebration in the wrap on this month's magazine, and watch for updates on our website and in local newspapers over the coming weeks.

Our roots go deep in our communities. For 75 years, our members have been connected by more than poles and wire. Neighbors banded together to share ownership of the co-op that would advance everyone.

It is that power of community we celebrate this year. It's a celebration 75 years in the making.

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Resume of Minutes

Regular Board Meeting • March 27, 2014

he board met at the Cooperative headquarters in Elizabeth on Thursday, March 27, 2014. The following is a summary of the meeting activities. The agenda as modified and the Consent Agenda were

Chairman's Report - Chairman Senn noted that rural America continues to struggle. We have come a long way from vacuum tube radios to large screen TV's; we are facing declining population and energy efficiency. We will be making decisions that could affect our members for years to come, regarding power supply.

Dairyland Report - Director Stadel reported on power costs, coal reserves, and difficulties with the railroad in obtaining coal. To compensate for low coal reserves, Dairyland has been using fuel oil-fired generation sources.

AIEC Report - Director Senn reported that Bruce Giffin, Illinois Rural, discussed their solar project. Senn reported on the Entrepreneurial opportunities with high school kids and the letter sent to IL Senators by IMEA and AIEC thanking them for a review of disaster assistance formula. He also reported on the large water heater legislation.

APGA Report - Director Carroll provided a written report regarding the recent APGA Meeting. He reported that there is a big push on safety, training, and branding your company.

PPI Report – Kyle Buros, Senior Vice-President and Assistant General Manager reported on the PPI Meeting. Buros reported on the long term transmission work plan for cost sharing, a settlement agreement with Ameren, SSR System Stability Resource, status of the Prairie State Plant and the lag in the power cost adjustment.

Monthly Committee Review

(a) Policy - Board Policy 128: Investments- Short Term was approved without revisions.

CEO's Report - The CEO reported on the following in addition to his written report:

a. Financial Operating Report

- Hastings reported that the Cooperative had an unaudited margin of approximately \$224,331 in February, compared to a budgeted margin of \$240,810. The Board accepted the February Financial Operating Report for filing by general consent.
- b. Assistant General Manager Report - Assistant General Manager Buros

gave an update on FCC grant funds available for broadband.

- c. Culture of Excellence and Communications - Vice-President of Human Resources Sevey reported that a right-of-way agent was hired and that she had interviews with a Journeyman and interviews for the Natural Gas and LAN positions. Sevey presented "Ask Me" buttons and explained their purpose, which is to generate discussion about Action. Coop, in support of the "all of the above" strategy from the NRECA.
- d. Member Services Vice-President of Member Services Skien reported that the strategic Initiative: Linux conversion is completed and the next focus will be unbundling of bill.
- f. External Affairs Corporate Counsel Allendorf reported that the TCEDA

Meeting was a success and created renewed interest in TCEDA. Allendorf reported on a United States Supreme Court case against the EPA. He also reported on the NRECA-supported pension bill that was passed by Congress.

Board Issues

- a. Power Supply Agreement Board approved giving notice to Interstate Power and Light to terminate the electric power supply contract, effective April 1, 2018, and to finalize the contract with another company to begin April 1, 2018.
- **b.** Solar Projects Board approved a resolution to pursue a community solar project in partnership with National Renewable Cooperative Organization not to exceed 100 kW in size and to make a request for proposal from interested parties. The Board approved authorizing the Cooperative Staff issuing a request for proposal for a solar energy generation project not to exceed 500 kW in size. The award of the project will be subject to approval by the board.
- c. Policy Committee Meeting -A policy committee date was selected.
- Reports Reports were heard on NRECA Course 2640.1- Financial Decision Making and the TCEDA Annual Meeting.

Upcoming Meetings – Jo-Carroll Energy Annual Meeting.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 P.M.

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Jo-Carroll Energy celebrates 75th Anniversary

You're invited to a special event to help your cooperative celebrate 75 years of service to our members and communities. Set for Saturday, June 21 at the Elizabeth Fairgrounds and Community Building, we're planning a day full of activities for the entire family.

Helping us observe the occasion is a visit from the Touchstone Energy hot air balloon. The festivities will kick off at 8:30 a.m. with tethered balloon rides, weather permitting.

Celebration
events are planned
from 11 a.m. to
3 p.m. and feature
exhibitions by our
electric lineworkers
and natural gas technicians as well as the
popular hot line safety
demonstration. We'll have
carnival games, bounce houses
and face painting for children of all
ages.

Inside the Community Building, members can view co-op displays and special screenings of our 75th Anniversary video. The video includes interviews with Jo-Carroll Energy members recalling "when the lights came on", former employees and directors and more.

Live music will be provided by Ten Gallon Hat, a local classic/ contemporary country and Southern rock band.

Members will receive tickets that can be redeemed at a variety

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of food vendors provided by area community organization including the Galena Elks, Top Notchers 4-H Club, G.E.A.R., River Ridge Music Department and more. Food will be available to purchase also

Lil'Mr. Jo and Miss Carroll

Make sure to look for information on how children can enter our Lil' Mr. Jo and Miss Carroll contest for members' children ages 5 to 8. Winners of this special contest will be announced at 2:30 p.m. during the celebration and have the chance to represent the cooperative in the 2014 Elizabeth fair parade on July 19.

Winners receive a \$50 savings bond and their own hard hat and lineworker's gear.

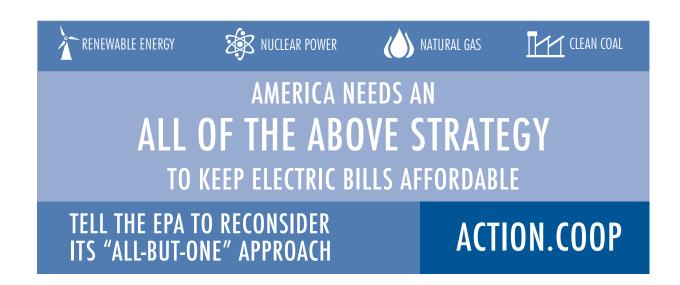
See complete details on how to enter on page 9.

Commemorative cookbook

Jo-Carroll Energy's
"Our Favorite Recipes: A
Collection of Recipes from
our Co-op Family"75th anniversary cookbook will be available
to purchase during the celebration.

The book contains more than 300 recipes from employees present and past, members and friends along with historic photos.

Cost of the book is \$10. Proceeds, over and above the cost of publishing, will go to the Jo-Carroll Energy Scholarship fund.



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Jo-Carroll Energy marks 75 years of service at annual meeting

Seventy-five years of service to members and the power of co-op membership were highlighted at Jo-Carroll Energy's 75th Annual Meeting of Members at the Chadwick-Milledgeville Junior High School on Saturday, April 5.

Prior to the meeting, Illinois Rep. Brian Stewart (R) presented David Senn, chairman of the Jo-Carroll Energy board of directors, and Michael Hastings, president and CEO, with a special House resolution congratulating the members of Jo-Carroll Energy on the 75th anniversary of their cooperative. Formed in 1939, Jo-Carroll Energy energized its first 20 miles of line on May 3, 1940.

Illustrating the historic significance of electric cooperatives, Senn turned on a single light bulb to open his remarks. Recalling the early years of the Rural Electrification Administration, Senn said, "Seventy-five years ago in rural America that would not have happened. A single light bulb hanging in the kitchen or the barn was a miracle...that beautiful thing called electricity has created technology once only dreamed of."



Illinois Rep. Brian Stewart (R) (center) presents David Senn, chairman of the Jo-Carroll Energy board of directors, (left) and Michael Hastings, president and CEO, (right) with a special House resolution congratulating the members of Jo-Carroll Energy on the 75th anniversary of the cooperative.

Both Senn and Hastings stressed the importance of co-op members participating in grass-roots activities on behalf of their cooperative. They encouraged the approximately 275 members present to visit the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Action. coop website and send a message to the Environmental Protection

Agency about regulations that effectively remove coal from the nation's fuel mix in the future.

"Together we do have a voice," Senn said. "When issues arise that affect all of us, we need to communicate with one strong voice, the voice of 40 million rural Americans." "Parallel James 10 million and 20 million an

Providing affordable and dependable energy is becoming a challenge for the nation and cooperative, Hastings noted.

"Jo-Carroll Energy will pursue policies that keep the price of electricity as low as we can while at the same time supporting renewable energy efforts where it makes sense," he said. "From a national energy policy standpoint we need an 'all of the above' strategy that includes coal, renewable energy, natural gas and nuclear power."

Because Jo-Carroll Energy has a large number of low-income members within its service area, "we have to be cognizant of the price of electricity," he continued. "For every



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call we receive about greenhouse gas emissions we receive calls from 100 of our members concerned about high bills."

"The fact is, we have an owner-ship interest in other cooperatives that have coal-fired plants and it is going to take time, in fact many years, to replace coal-fired generation with other types of generation," Hastings said. "What most people don't understand is that on the coldest day of winter when the sun is not shining and the wind is not blowing we have to be able to rely on base load generation to keep the lights on and the homes heated – otherwise, the lights go out and people suffer."

Plans for Jo-Carroll Energy to pursue a community solar project this year were announced by Hastings. "The project would increase the amount of our power generated by renewables," he said. "Investing in a local renewable energy project could be a hedge against rising fuel costs, helping us build a strong future."

Hastings also told the membership that the board of directors voted in March to send notice to Interstate Power and Light that Jo-Carroll Energy plans to terminate the power supply contract that expires in 2018. The cooperative is studying future power supply arrangements.

In other business during the meeting, members approved three bylaw amendments including one that updates and clarifies the process of allocation and payment of capital credits to members.

Director election results for District 6 were announced. Members re-elected Tom Lundy of Savanna. Scott Sullivan, also of Savanna, had challenged the incumbent. District 3 director Marcia Stanger of Apple River and District 9 director Larry Carroll of Thomson, both unopposed, were reelected by a vote of acclamation. All directors serve three-year terms.







Is your name on our Unclaimed Capital Credits List?

As a Jo-Carroll Energy member you have a share in your cooperative.

Because we are a cooperative, Jo-Carroll Energy does not technically earn profits. Any revenues over and above the cost of doing business are considered "margins". Sharing in margins in the form of capital credits is one of the benefits of being a co-op member-owner.

Below is a list of names of former Farmers Mutual Electric Company members for whom we have

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unclaimed capital credits. If you find your name on the list, please call 800-858-5522 or email info@ jocarroll.com. A complete list can be found on our website at www.jocarroll.com.

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JOHNSON WAYNE

BOWERS GERALD	HAMPSHIRE IL
FAIRMAN MITCHELL	HAMPSTEAD TX
MARTIN WYMAN	HENDERSONVILLE NC
HAPPEL BRUCE	HILLSDALE IL
SUTTON LEWIS	HILLSDALE IL
DEPAUW MICHAEL	HILLSDALE IL
BROOKS EDWARD F	HILLSDALE IL
PORTER CLYDE	HOLDREGE NE
TATE JAMES	HUNTINGTON IN
KOOI VERN	HYDE PARK NY
COMPASSO MICHAEL	INCLINE VILLAGE NV
FERRIS ROBERT	INDIALANTIC FL
MCLOUTH LORRIN	JANESVILLE MN
EILERS JOHN	JOHNSTON IA
MATTALIANO ROBERT	KENNESAW GA
GODKE ALFRED	KEWANEE IL
CAMBRON ROBERT H	KEWANEE IL
STEPANSKY ARTHUR	LACON IL
MCGOWEN GLEN	LAFAYETTE IN
BRIDGE DON	LAFEYETTE IN
BUTTERFIELD BILL	LAKE ORION MI
BESTOR GREG	LAS VEGAS NV
SHAW JOE	LESLIE MO
DICKERSON THOMAS C	LITTLETON CO
WACASER GEORGE	LITTLETON CO
GRADERT RICHARD	LIVERPOOL NY
CLINGENPEEL CLIFFORD	LONG GROVE IA
WATERS RICHARD	LOUISVILLE TN
LYONS JOHN	MADESTA CA
ERDMAN TOM	MANHATTAN IL
ZIELINSKI GLENN	MESA AZ
MILLER LINDELL L	METAMORA IL
LINDLEY DAN	MILAN IL
BRUYNTJENS MARY JO	MILAN IL
THORNTON JAMES	MOLINE IL
GREEN RIVER ROD AND GUN	MOLINE IL
ERWIN DON	MOLINE IL

HULDER DEAN	MULINE IL
	GONGWER RALPH
BOHLAND MARION NANCY	MOLINE IL
KUSY FRED	MOLINE IL
HUFFORD WAYNE AND VERLE	MOLINE IL
ARKLAND JOHN	MOLINE IL
ANDERSON GERALD	MOLINE IL
COLMAN GERALD	MOLINE IL
FARMER JEFF	MOLINE IL
HOTCHKISS HAROLD H	MOLINE IL
DEHLS TERRANCE	MOLINE IL
BROWN S K	MOLINE IL
STABLEIN WILLIAM R	MOLINE IL
SANDBERG ROBERT P	MOLINE IL
PETERS RACHEL	MOLINE IL
SLAGER GEORGE AND HELEN	MOLINE IL
MERRICK CATHY	MOLINE IL
LINNEBUR J R	MOLINE IL
LINDELL RICHARD E	MOLINE IL
DAUFELDT GEORGE	MOLINE IL
CRAWFORD GEORGE	MOLINE IL
HENKES ROLLIE	MOLINE IL
ARNOLD VINCENT	MONMOUTH IL
MASON DONALD E	MONMOUTH IL
BAUWENS RICK	MONMOUTH IL
HOOK KENT	MORRISON IL
ANDERSON DONALD E	MUSCATINE IA
SEARS WILLIAM	NASHVILLE TN
SHOWERS IVAN AND ZELMA	NEW PORT RICHEY FL
HENNINGS JOSETTE	NORMAL IL
ROBERTSON JAMES R	OLIVIA MN
FLOOD RONALD	ORION IL
BETCHER HAROLD	OSCO IL
BRIESER GENE	OSWEGO IL
HAFF MICHAEL	OZARK MO
LIPES LINDEL	OZARK MO
THIRON PAUL	OZARK MO
CARPENTER GLENN	PEKIN IL

JUHNSUN WAYNE	PHEUNIX AZ
DEBOLT LAWRENCE	PHEONIX AZ
LUBWAY EDMUND	PHOENIX AZ
MCMILLEN RICHARD	PLAINFIELD IL
NENNEMAN LARRY	PLANO TX
HUTCHCRAFT GARY	PORT BYRON IL
FILBERT JOSEPH	PRINCETON IL
HOLLDORF LARRY	PROPHETSTOWN IL
DOTZLER MARGARET	PROPHETSTOWN IL
WALTERS ROBERT	PROPHETSTOWN IL
HENTHORN KENNETH	PROPHETSTOWN IL
CHASTAIN RUTH ANN	PROPHETSTOWN IL
FRYMIRE JACK	RACINE WI
JENKINS FRANK	REPUBLIC MO
KEELEY EDWARD	RICHMOND VA
HULL CARL	ROCK ISLAND IL
RAMEY ELAINE	ROCK ISLAND IL
HULL RANDY	ROCK ISLAND IL
CARR A W	SCOTTSDALE AZ
AMANS RICHARD	SEBRING FL
ERDAHL STEVEN	SHOREWOOD MN
ANDERSON DONALD H	SHOW LOW AZ
MINEHART W C	SILVIS IL
CRI&PRAILROAD	SILVIS IL
MINK NEWELL L	SILVIS IL
CARPENTER KENT	SIOUX CITY IA
LOWE RITA	SIOUX CITY IA
CAPPS REDMOND	SPOTSYLVANIA VA
ROWE DONALD	SPRINGFIELD IL
BEIL RICHARD	ST LOUIS PARK MN
POOL LARRY	STEAMBOAT SPRINGS CO
COPELAND CHARLES	TAMPA FL
LIPTROT HAROLD F	TAVARES FL
GOUDY ROBERT	TEMPLE AZ
REGGENTIN STEVE	TUCSON AZ
WAINWRIGHT WILLIAM	TUCSON AZ
HAKES DEWEY	TULLY NY
DREWS JACK W	WAVERLY IA
RUDD DANNY	WEST PALM BEACH FL
FIRST MISS	WOODHULL IL

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Two area students represent Jo-Carroll Energy on Youth to Washington tour

Maggie Kirst and Rachel Badtke will represent Jo-Carroll Energy on the annual Youth to Washington tour June 13-20.

Kirst is a senior at Tri-State Christian High School and Badtke a junior at West Carroll High School. They will join students from across the state and nation for a weeklong tour to our nation's Capital in June. During the week, the Illinois contingent will meet with Illinois senators and the downstate Illinois Congressional delegation at a Capitol Hill luncheon. Also planned are meetings with leaders of co-op organizations such as the NRECA in addition to tours of many historic sites.

Students form and operate their own cooperative – a pop and chip co-op – for selling drinks and snacks on the trip.

This is the fiftieth year for the tour that brings together an estimated 1,600 teens from 43 states for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity culminating in Washington, D.C. Students dance on a boat cruise down the Potomac and see the roots of American history. They learn about electric co-ops and grassroots political advocacy. They live in awfully close quarters for up to a week and are given a small taste of freedom and independence. They sleep a little and talk a lot.

These students become college roommates, professional colleagues, lifelong friends and sometimes even spouses. For some, it's a fun trip that later brings fond memories. To others, Youth Tour inspires kids to discover the adults they're going to be.

Rooted in politics

Youth Tour was born from a speech at the 1957 NRECA Annual Meeting by then-Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson. He was a long-time advocate of electric co-ops, having lobbied for the creation of Pedernales Electric Cooperative in 1937 as a young politician in Texas. "If one thing comes out of this meeting, it will be sending young-sters to the national capital where they can actually see what the flag stands for and represents," the future president said.

With that encouragement, Texas electric co-ops began sending summer interns to work in the





senator's Washington, D.C., office. In 1958, an electric co-op in Iowa sponsored the first group of 34 young people on a weeklong study tour of the nation's capital. Later that same year, another busload came to Washington from Illinois. The idea grew, and other states sent busloads of students throughout the summer. By 1959, the Youth Tour had grown to 130 participants.

In 1964, NRECA began to coordinate joint activities among the state delegations and suggested that co-op representatives from each state arrange to be in Washington, D.C., during Youth Tour week. The first year of the coordinated tour included about 400 teens from 12 states.

As word spread, the program grew—and grew and grew—until no hotel was large enough to house all of its participants.

To find out more about the Rural Electric Youth Tour, visit www.youthtour.coop.

Jo-Carroll Energy board plans open meeting

The Jo-Carroll Energy Board of Directors will hold an open meeting at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, June 25 at the cooperative's Elizabeth headquarters.

The meeting is the regular June meeting of the board. Members present may speak only during the "Member Comment" period or if requested by the chair. The member comment period will be limited to a total of 30 minutes; each member may speak for a period of time not to exceed three minutes. Members are encouraged to speak on issues raised by the agenda, however they are free to comment on any subject.

2014 Photo Contest

Deadline June 30

Winning photos are featured in our 2015 calendar

Details are available on www.jocarroll.com

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Help ease summer demand with the 'Summer Shift'

Warm weather brings an opportunity to participate in the cooperative's summer TogetherWeSave campaign, "The Summer Shift" by limiting the amount of energy you use from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays.

This is our region's peak demand time for energy, and the most expensive time of day to buy electricity from the market. It is also the time of day when costly wholesale energy demand charges are assessed to the cooperative.

We need your help to curb use during those peak hours. We need to use less electricity during the summer peak demand to accomplish that.

All members can help by delaying energy use as much as possible on hot summer days to help us hold the line on rates. We ask you to do "the Summer Shift" and move your electricity use outside the 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. window as much as is reasonable and possible for your household.

It's about community

Together we can shift the time



of our use of any non-essential electricity to avoid these peak hours. Please plan to move optional power use outside the summer peak demand window, using it before 11 a.m., after 7 p.m. or on weekends.

Our goal is to lower our entire co-op's demand for power during these more costly summer peak demand hours to prevent higher energy charges from being passed along to you, our members. It is our goal to provide reliable access to all the power your family needs and to help you use it most wisely to help manage our costs today and in the future.

What can you do?

Do "The Summer Shift": Shifting your family's electricity use to before 11 a.m. and after 7 p.m. on weekdays is the key.

Do you have any electricity needs that can be done earlier in the day or later in the evening? Can you wait until after 7 p.m. to recharge portable electronics and cell phones? Can you delay laundry until after 7 p.m., or move some of it to the weekends?

You may decide it is time to try raising the temperature a couple of degrees on your air conditioning or switching to cycled air conditioning. Perhaps closing your drapes during the day so your air conditioner runs less is a possibility for you.

Our website and TogetherWeSave.com have plenty of ideas for you to help lower your energy use. Call our energy advisor for a free home or business energy assessment, or ask about a full energy audit. We can work together to figure out what makes sense for your household. Together We Save.

AMI meter installations continue

o-Carroll Energy's electric members will all have new meters by early 2015. This will complete the four year roll out of Automatic Meter Infrastructure (AMI) to all electric locations.

The meters installed this year will provide communications through radio frequency channels to report usage and even outages. Additional data and active outage notifications are just two of the additional features from the radio frequency meters. Installation activities will be in the Savanna to Thomson area.

Infrastructure equipment is already being installed while delivery of the meters takes place. Installation of the meter will be performed by Chapman Metering, a Jo-Carroll authorized contractor.

Jo-Carroll Energy is adopting

AMI meters to better enhance our ability to provide efficiency meter reading, power quality, and system reliability.

"We look forward to having all electric meters on the AMI system" stated Dean Skinner, Manager of Engineering Services. "Employees are already using many of the tools provided by AMI meters".

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