



2011 Rate Adjustment



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President/CEO



**Our office will be closed
December 23 and 24
for Christmas
and December 31
for New Year's Eve.**

Over the past several years your cooperative has had the unpleasant task of adjusting rates in small increments in order to cover costs that are associated with purchasing electricity on your behalf. In a 4-year period McDonough Power Cooperative has absorbed a 62 percent increase in wholesale power costs (the electricity purchased and then distributed to each member). Your Board of Directors, who saw this coming, wanted to prevent a large rate increase to members so several measures were proactively adopted.

- Several years ago some revenue was deferred in order for it to be applied in recent years in an effort to mitigate rate increases.
- The number of employees was reduced and duties consolidated (McDonough Power has five fewer employees on average than do cooperatives its same size in the United States).
- Employee benefits were modified in order to realize significant savings.
- In the recent past, new technologies were deployed in order to create internal efficiencies and further cost containment.
- Portions of McDonough Power's debt were refinanced at opportune times to decrease interest expense.
- Line Loss (escaped electricity) was reduced by 35 percent through aggressive maintenance and new technology.

As a result of these and other deliberate actions, your cooperative is limiting the members' rate adjustment for 2011 to a \$3 increase in the facility charge – effective Jan. 1, 2011, first appearing on your February electric bill. The facility charge represents the cost associated with your cooperative's infrastructure of wires, poles and substations prior to them being energized and maintained. For example, if you borrowed money to purchase a car and it only sat in the garage, never driven, there is still a cost associated with owning the car. This, in simple terms is similar to the cooperative's facility charge. The facility charge must increase over time as the cost related to replacing portions of the infrastructure have increased significantly over when it was originally built.

Geothermal and all-electric metered heat rates will receive additional minor adjustments. These adjustments will be detailed in a letter to those specific members. If you have any questions concerning any of the increases, please feel free to contact your cooperative at (309) 833-2101. **101E7A9-408C**

Thank you so much for your support and understanding regarding this unpopular and unfortunate subject. McDonough Power Cooperative is blessed with great members who work hard and care deeply about their community. Please know your cooperative is committed to always protecting your interests and advocating on your behalf.

Tip of the Month

When decorating, remember that outdoor "icicle" lights use more energy because they have more bulbs per linear foot than regular light strands. Consider using regular strands of energy-saving LED (Light Emitting Diode) lights. They use less electricity and last up to 100,000 hours. (Source: Alliance to Save Energy)

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Together We Save *Even More*

Looking for information on how to lower your energy bills this winter? McDonough Power Cooperative has you covered.

McDonough Power is part of a nationwide energy efficiency campaign known as Together We Save. The campaign's mission is to motivate co-op members like you to make small changes in behavior that add up to big savings. And at McDonough Power, we're always looking for ways to bring value to our members. Together We Save offers an unprecedented collection of resources and advice on simple energy efficiency steps you can take in your home.

We've recently recharged the Together We Save campaign with even more tips and ideas to help you save on your energy bills. Where can you go to access this money-saving information? Log on to TogetherWeSave.com, the online epicenter of the campaign. Once you arrive, enter your ZIP code to be redirected to McDonough Power's customized site, personalized to reflect our rates and region. Now you're ready to start saving! **4055-5533**

TogetherWeSave.com offers everything from videos and interactive applications to an energy savings forum. Use the navigation bar across the top of the landing page to explore the site.

Touchstone Energy® Web TV (found under the "Watch and Learn"



tab) is a compilation of more than 50 short how-to videos on topics such as lighting, heating/cooling, insulation, and many other energy efficiency topics. The library recently added dozens of new videos.

Got an old refrigerator in your basement or garage? It's probably costing you more than you think. Click on the

"Energy Savings Applications" tab and scroll down to find out how much you could save by saying goodbye to that old refrigerator. Another new application demonstrates how to save even more with ENERGY STAR® qualified appliances. **738-681750218**

Take the Energy Savings Home Tour ("Add Up Your Savings" tab) and discover how all of these small changes add up in a big way. The Home Tour guides you through each room in a typical home and recommends several energy-savings tips in each room. Areas highlighted in yellow prompt you to take various interactive energy-saving steps, demonstrating how these changes can translate to real savings on your utility bill.

Live in a manufactured home? A new feature points out more than a dozen ways you can cut energy costs throughout your home.

Helping our members save money during tough times is important to us. It's just one more way McDonough Power is looking out for you.

MAP LOCATION GAME

Every month we will have four map location numbers hidden throughout The Wire. If you find your map location number, call our office and identify your number and the page that it is on. If correct, you will win a \$10 credit on your next electric bill.





Capital Credits Refunded

The board of directors of McDonough Power Cooperative voted to return capital credits to members who received service from 1981-1982.

McDonough Power is a non-profit electric cooperative. The annual operating margins, or profits, are allocated to members receiving service during the year. Margins are based on patronage, or usage, and are called capital credits. Capital credits are applied each year to

individual capital credit accounts and remain on file until the board determines a general refund may be issued.

Past and current members who received electric service for the years 1981-1982 should have received refund checks in August. The Cooperative is attempting to locate former members (or possibly their heirs) who received electric service during that time. The Cooperative does not have a valid ad-

dress on the accounts that are printed in this listing. ☎056-858275

If your name or the name of someone you know is listed, please complete the form and mail it to McDonough Power Cooperative, PO Box 352, Macomb IL 61455. You may also e-mail any information you may have to dawn@mcdonoughpower.com.

I have information about the following:

Name from the list: _____

Current Address: _____

Executor's name and address if person is deceased: _____

Telephone number of executor: _____

Information provided by: _____

Mail this form to: McDonough Power Cooperative
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List of returned 2010 checks

Adams, Michael
Adeszko, Lance
Allen, Lyle
Anderson, Billy
Anderson, Kathy
Anderson, Mike
Angelucci, Frank
Ansbro, Regina
Arians, Harold
Aten, Russell
AVCO Financial Service
Avery, Dallas
Barker, John
Barsi, Becky
Bartlow, Byron
Barton, Teresa
Bassett, Susan
Bastic, Randall
Bauling, Craig
Baumgardner, L. H.

Bell, Gayland
Beshir, Heshom
Besser, Douglas
Bialk, Gary
Bigelow, David
Bitler, Ronald
Biver, Linda
Black, Don
Blanton, Kim
Blohm, Steve
Boeck, Gary
Boren, Danny
Brinsfield, Frank
Brooks, Gary
Brown, Jack
Brown, Wm
Bunkheils, Adnan
Burgess, Effie
Burhenn, Edward
Burke, Timothy

Butler, Bryan
Cagle, Harold
Carlson, Laura
Carlson, Lisa
Carlson, Marvin
Carnine, Glenn
Carsello, Heather
Carson, Maxine
Cebuhar, Robert
Chambers, Thurman
Clark, Susan
Clawson, Gary
Clevenger, Amos
Cockerill, Keli
Conley, Gail
Conn, Gregory
Cook, Mike
Cortez, Lynda
Cosgrove, Duane
Costello, James

Coultas, Kenneth
Cox, Jerry
Crawford, Gene
Creasy, Robert
Crofton, Jolyn
Crowley, Lucinda
Cunningham, Richard
Current, Jeffrey
Curry, Linda
Daneshbodi, Farnoud
Daniels, Jose
Dark, Mac
David, Paul
Day, Rebecca
DeCrane, Thomas
Deering, David
Deppe, Larry
Derry, Mildred
Dick III, William
Dickenson, Heidi

Digiovanni, James
Ditto, Gerald
Domek, Paul
Donley, Karen
Doss, Kathy
Downs, John
Druffel, David
Drummond, Harry
Duesenburg, Melvin
Dulin, Kathryn
Dulin, L.T.
Dunn, Crancen
Eckrich, Christopher
Edleman, William
Efaw, Mark
Eiten, Dean
Engelman, Timothy
Evans, Richard
Farmer, Judith
Farr, Donald

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Ferris, Everett
Fidelity Federal
Savings & Loan,
Fizzell, Robert
Flowers, William
Fogle, Kirsten
Ford, Dale
Ford, Neal
Fowler, Janice
Fox, Cheryl
Frakes, Alan
Frazier, Robert
Freeman, Danny
Freeman, Louis
Frost, Anthony
Gauen, Bruce
Gauen, Timothy
Gem City
Savings & Loan
Gibbs, Guy
Glascock, Kathy
Glass, Edwin
Goehl, Tami
Goheen, Patricia
Goldthorpe, Karla
Gosnell, Rod
Grafford, John
Graves, Larry
Gray, Rudy
Gray, Stephen
Grier, Lisa
Gross, Bill
Guiher, Elizabeth
Haasis, Lawrence
Hagert, Duane
Hall, Michael
Hall, Shirley
Hamilton, J Coder
Hamm, Rose Marie
Hancock, Lyman
Hanson, Eileen
Harbaugh, Mark
Harken, Arlene
Harmony Acres,
Harrison, Dallas
Harrison, Mary
Hearne, Leslie
Heberling, Hank
Heitz, Kevin
Hendrickson, Robert
Heubner, Jay
Hewitt, Valerie
Hickey, Mike
Hill, Shelly
Higgins, Ann
Holland, Pamela
Holmes, Robert
Hotto, Barb
Hudson, Larry
Huff, James

Huggins, Ronald
Hughes, Eldon
Huston, Ronald
Huston Estate, Wendell
Hutchins, Arlene
Hutchison, Judd
Ibrahim, Faiza
Ingledue, Edward
Ingrassia, Michael
Ioerger, Michele
Irvine, Laurie
Ischer, Loraine
Izard, Martin
Jackson, Michael
Jaeger, Anne
Jethroe, Cynthia
Jobe, Karen
Johnson, David
Johnson, Edna
Johnson, James
Jones, Charles
Jones, Cherrie
Jones, Neil
Jones, Karrin
Juliusson, Kathy
Jurek, Amy
Kahn, Donald
Kasza, Thomas
Kauke, Sandy
Keller, Vern
Kellogg, Roger
Kiley, Mary
Killey, William
Kim, Yew Ky
Kimpton, Paul
King, Jim
King, Terry
King, Timothy
Kirkeberg, Scott
Kizans, Andis
Knuth, Dennis
Kreigshauser, Kent
Krishnan, Suresh
Kuhn, Patricia
Kutcher Jr, Harry
Lafantant, Sandra
Lambert, Harold
Landolt, Mark
Larner, Robert
Larson, Jeanne
Lawrence, Bennie
Lazansky, Michael
Lee, James
Leighty, Cynthia
Lenzi, Cathi
Lewis, Robert
Lippert, Lynda
Little Swan W. Ellfund
Logan, Richard
Loncor, Sherry

Lubker, Ken
Magnison, James
M A M R A,
Marasco, Janet
Markwell, Philip
Martin, Henry
Martin, Leroy
Mason, Marty
Maxwell, Robert
May, Diana
McAllister, Kurt
McCants, Janet
McLouth, Ted
McCollough, Kent
McCollum, Jeff
McCombs, OK
McCord, Evelyn
McCoy, Pamela
McGeehon, Emmett
McKillip, Patrick
McMillan, Keith
Mercer, David
Merz, Greg
Huff Baird Estate, M F
Mohamad, Abdulh
Mohamud, Xrohana
Moore, Pat
Morris, Mike
Morrison, William
Morse, Patricia
Moses, Nellie
Mowrey, Harriet
Mudaro, Thomas
Murfin, Max
Murray, Joe
Murray, Kathie
Neff, Dale
Nelson, Janet
Nelson, Malissa
Norris, Deloris
Norton, Mark
Oliver, Grace
Olson, Deborah
Olson, Steve
Olson, Terry
Osborne, Jackie
Ossenbck, Meg
Ouart, L Dean
Parry III, Thomas
Patrick, Lawrence
Patterson, Judith
Payne, Rebecca
Perry, Betsy
Peterson, Cristine
Peterson, Glen
Phelps, Kenny
Pickett Estate, James
Polillo, Patrick
Poncin, William
Potter, Bernie

Pragstis, George
Preston, Cindy
Price, Karen
Pusateri, James
Pyle, Wendy
Quattrocchi, Robert
Rapp, Michael
Red, Raymond
Reed, Gary
Reese, James
Reinhardt, Phyllis
Richards, Robert
Riverwood Game
Preserve,
Roberts, Robin
Roberts, Sheri
Robinson, Lois
Robinson, Wendell
Rohr, Danny
Rohr, Ruth
Rohrberg, Dana
Roller, Joseph
Roosa, Marlene
Rose, Kathy
Royer, Karl
Russell, Julie
Rutherford, David
Ryan, James
Ryan, Larry
Scarpetta, Joan
Schmidt, Galen
Schreiber, Mary
Schwartz, Brian
Sckrabulis, James
Scolatti, David
Secrist, William
Seng, Kenneth
Sergeant, Dennis
Settles, Dennis
Sharp, Celeste
Sheeran, Timothy
Sickles, Donald
Simmons, Jody
Simon, Karen
Singh, Arvind
Sipes, Katy
Sjostrom, Timothy
Skees, Marion
Smiddy, Glen
Smith, D A
Smith, Sue
Sparks, Jim
Spragg, Edwin
Standeford, Mary
Stanley, Earl
Starr, Denise
Steeple, Susie
Steinmann, Gary
Steinmetz, Martin
Stewart, Janis

Stice, Gretchen
Stick, Jack
Stidd, Benton
St. John, Cindy
Stowers, Dennis
Strama, Mary
Suycott, Diane
Swan Hills Golf
Swearingen, Kevin
Swords, Clarence
Taft, Mark
Tassart, Mechelle
Teicher, Alan
Thele, Larry
Thompson, Gary
Thompson, Herbert
Tillhof, Richard
Tobinski, John
Todd, Deborah
Toledo Peoria Western
Toth, Joseph
Townsend, Tracy
Tracy, Sharon
Traff, Douglas
Triboulet, Eva
Tucibat, John
United Federal Savings
Van Loon, Carol
Vernoy, Roger
Vinsen, Marianne
Vogler, Leslie
Walker, Raymond
Walsh, William
Weaver, Mary
Webster, Scott
Weiss, Douglas
Welsh, Howard
Wenzel, Jeff
Werk, Barbara
Westvold, Warren
Wheeler, Nancy
White, Samuel
Willdrick, Robert
Wille, Dianne
Williams, David
Williams, Dow
Wilson, Thomas
Wiseman, Donald
Wohrley, James
Wolf, John
Wolf Jr, Richard
Woodford, Barbara
Woodside, Mark
Wright, Lyle
Yano, Gyo
Yates, Jeannett
Zadeh, Homayoon
Zimmerman, Edward