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HomE 3.0 - Co-op energy efficiency rebates - round three

The HomE program (pronounced home E) started in 2010 with grant funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act program through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's State Energy Plan. Your electric co-op and other co-ops across the state have helped make energy efficiency improvements to hundreds of homes with these funds.

The HomE program's initial success meant there would be approval for a second round of funding. And now there is a third round, but it is smaller and will likely be the last of the funds.

If you didn't get a chance to participate in the first or second round of rebates, you now have a third and final chance. HomE 3.0 rebates are available until funding runs out, or until May 31. The program starts on February 1 and funds are on a first-come, first-served basis. So don't wait.

HomE 3.0 Incentive Rebates Include:

- Geothermal system - \$1,000
- Air-Source Heat Pump (16 SEER or higher) - \$500
- Insulation and Weatherization - 30 percent of total project cost, up to \$500

With the help of the first two rounds of HomE funding WIEC members-owners installed 20 geothermal heat pumps and 1 air-source heat pump. Seventeen members made insulation and weatherization improvements to their homes.

"We know a lot of members were unable to participate in the first two rounds of the HomE program for a variety of reasons," says WIEC Manager Tommie Long. "All cooperative members are eligible for HomE 3.0. These rebates, plus the federal income tax credits that are available for some of the projects, (862-21-1) make this a great time to make your home more energy efficient."

For more information call the WIEC Office.





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MAP LOCATION CONTEST

Every month we are printing four members' map location numbers in the newsletter. If you find your map location number call the WIEC office by the 25th of the following month, tell us where it is and we will give you a \$10.00 bill credit. Keep on reading the WIEC News.



Geared up for safety

By *Abby Berry*

Can you imagine working a job that requires you to lift heavy equipment and perform detailed tasks near deadly high voltage? Now imagine doing this 40 feet in the air, and sometimes, in extreme weather. This is the life of a lineman.

These brave men answer when called – and they do so to ensure that you are provided with safe, reliable electric service. But how do they stay safe when working in these conditions? Western Illinois Electrical Coop. linemen are required to wear personal protective equipment (PPE) at all times when on the job to keep them safe.

Let's take a look at a lineman's PPE.

Insulated gloves. Linemen must wear insulated rubber gloves when working on energized electrical lines. These gloves provide protection against electrical shock and burn, and are tested at 30,000 volts. Protective gloves, (7519-44) usually made of leather, are worn over the insulated gloves to protect the rubber from punctures and cuts.

Hard hat. No matter how tough or "hardheaded" our linemen are, they

still need protection. Insulated hard hats are worn at all times to protect them from blows and falling objects.

Safety glasses. Linemen must wear protective glasses or goggles, whether working on electrical lines or clearing rights-of-way. This protects them from loose debris and other hazards.

These items make up a lineman's basic PPE. While working on electrical lines, they also may be required to wear equipment belts, tool pouches, safety straps and other types of equipment. A lineman's gear usually weighs about 50 pounds – that's a lot of extra weight when working in hazardous conditions.

So, the next time you see a WIEC lineman – be sure to thank him for keeping the lights on. But more importantly, thank them for the hard – and often times dangerous – work they do, day in and day out.

Abby Berry writes on consumer and cooperative affairs for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the Arlington, Va.-based service arm of the nation's 900-plus consumer-owned, not-for-profit electric cooperatives.

Reminder.....

*The Youth to Washington entries are due at the WIEC office by
February 17th*



*For additional information, see your high school guidance counselor,
call the WIEC office, or go to the WIEC website at www.wiec.net.*

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Did you know that 90 percent of the energy used to operate a washing machine comes from using hot water? A simple switch from hot to cold can save a great deal of energy! Also, consider air drying or even line drying to save even more household energy.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

Attention Henderson County WIEC members

It has come to our attention that there has been a change in the rural route numbers out of the Stronghurst, Lomax and Carman post offices. If your rural route number has changed recently, please let us know your new one. Please (671-63) either call our office (800-576-3125) or make the correction on your bill stub and mail it in with your payment.

Accepting after-hour credit card payments over the phone

Our members, who pay their WIEC bills over the phone after-hours, will notice a change in the way Cooperative Response Center (CRC) handles their calls.

As a way to protect our members' credit card information, CRC will be asking WIEC members to use their telephone keypad to enter their credit card numbers (and security code if necessary). The tones generated by entered numbers places the correct numbers in the system without their service representative actually seeing the information. This was implemented as a way for CRC and WIEC to protect sensitive credit card data.

Another option for our WIEC members is our Easy Pay program. Once enrolled, member's WIEC bill can be automatically charged to their credit card (or bank account) each month on the due date. Members will still get their WIEC bill each month, but we take care of the rest.

Call our office for more details about this free service or (6810-60) go to www.wiec.net to download an enrollment form.

Capital credit checks remain outstanding

Last fall, Western Illinois Electrical Coop. mailed capital credits checks to members who lived on WIEC lines during the years 1981 and 1982.

Below is a list of the member's names whose checks have not been cashed. Due to the advance printing of the WIEC News, any checks cashed after January 1st will still appear on the list.

If you see your name listed below, please cash your check as soon as possible.

Thank you for your assistance.

Allen Albert	Cremer Jay	Gullberg Farms Inc	Kern Robin J	Newlon Randy E	Spyres Hugh J
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Biddenstadt Nancy D	Elliott Allan	Hobby Ronald E	Leffler Alan R	Pitt Mary	Vaughn Bryan W Jr
Bierwirth Mark G	Eshelman Wm R	Hogan Patrick J	Leisureland Home Park	Prairie Rod & Gun Club	Vaughn William A
Blythe Della M	Eshom John	Hollon Francis L	Lierly Will E	Putnam Roy V	Veith Carol
Bolton James L	Evans Melody	Holtkamp Geriann	Logan Gary W	Rampley Willard	Vice Mark A
Booton Darlene	Ewing Bill Jr	Hornbaker Philip	Lomax Saddle Club	Rand Harold N	Virgin Sheryl S
Booton Earl	Ewing Patrick J	Housewright Gary	Long Gladys	Rea Gary A	Vonburg Sue A
Booton Flossie	Farrell Carol	Howard Jeffry L	Louden John R Jr	Rea Mike	Warsaw Gun Club
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Boughton Robert C	Fickel Steven W	Hudson Randy	Lowe Betty	Reid Jack	Watts Carol
Boughton Robert Sr	Fields Peter L	Huffman Chris	Manz Sally A	Reidner Jeffrey	Wayland James W
Bowen Larry E	Flack Hazel	Huls Robert	Marbol Cuft Inc	Reiter Paul	Webb Lonnie
Bowen Marshal	Flagg Gilbert M	Humphrey Ansel B	McClelland Lyle	Reiter Paul	Weber Ronald
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Brookhart Kevin	Ford Harry L	Humphry Ray	Mcconnell Terry J	Roberts Linda	Weston Richard
Brookhart Rich L Jr	Fowler Lois	Hunt Larry L	Mcgaw Darlene	Roberts Rex A	Whitney Phillip
Brown E C	Fowler Lois	Huston Chris J	Mcguire Judy	Robinson David	Whittlinger Wm M
Bryant Melvin N	Franklin Rodney L	Ikerd John	Mcguire Leroy	Sala James B	Wilkins Eddie
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Buckert Rodney L	Gerdes Clarence D	Ikerd Lester L	Mcneill Harry	Schlieper Anna M	Wilson Henry D
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