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The time of day that our members use power changes how much that power costs our electric cooperative. It's the law of supply and demand: When everybody's using electricity, it costs more and puts a bigger strain on the electric system.

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The program is simple. EnerStar installs a control switch on your central air conditioner unit, electric water heater, or fixed pool pump. When demand for electricity is up, our power supplier will control the load a few times a year, for just a couple of hours. For your AC, the load is controlled every 15 minutes, and the fan still continues to turn. We won't ever activate the switch on weekends or holidays, and most people don't even notice the difference.

To sign up for PowerShift or for more information, contact EnerStar Electric Cooperative at 800-635-4145.



PowerShift credits for Participating Members October electric statements

Electric Water Heaters	\$27
Central Air Conditioners	\$45
Fixed Pool Pumps.....	\$45

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Monday through Friday
7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Board elections-know how to vote

EnerStar's annual meeting is just around the corner and it is an excellent opportunity to take part in the buisess of your member-owned electric cooperative. It is the democratic control that affords you, the member, the privilege of attending the annual meeting and participating in the director elections. A director is a member just like you. He or she represents your district and is your voice in the cooperative.

The EnerStar service territory is divided into nine Representative Districts. Representative districts are then assigned to one of three Voting Districts. Although the Representative Districts range in size, they contain approximately equal numbers of members.

Via first-class mail in mid-February members will receive an envelope containing all necessary voting documentation for the EnerStar board elections. The following items will be included: Official Notice, Voting Ballot, Ballot Envelope and a Return Envelope.

OFFICIAL NOTICE – This is the official announcement of the meeting as required by our bylaws. The notice includes the meeting date, time, and location. It also contains election information and voting instructions. Members should carefully read these instructions to ensure their ballot is completed correctly. The notice will also include a brief candidate biography. The candidates are solely responsible for the content provided in the biography.

VOTING BALLOT – To properly complete a ballot, members should mark an "X" in the box. **The two lines of the "X" must cross inside the box.** Members must not color in the box or use a check mark when voting. The Election Inspectors are required to void any ballot incorrectly completed. You will put your completed ballot inside the Ballot Envelope and seal it.

BALLOT ENVELOPE – This envelope is smaller than the return envelope with the words "Ballot Envelope" clearly stated on the front. Completed ballots should be sealed inside this envelope. The ballot envelope should be placed in the return envelope and sealed.

SIGN THIS BALLOT!

INSERT THE SECRET BALLOT ENVELOPE INTO THIS RETURN ENVELOPE

Return envelopes with ballots enclosed can be mailed or hand-delivered to the EnerStar office and must be received by Friday, March 17, 2017.

Return envelopes may also be brought to the Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 18, 2017, at Crestwood School, 15601 US Hwy 150, Paris, Illinois.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that as a member of EnerStar Electric Cooperative I have personally voted the enclosed ballot for the 2017 Director Election.

FROM: _____
(Void if not signed by member, or at least one member if a shared membership is held.)

**Your voting preference will remain anonymous.
DO NOT INCLUDE PAYMENTS OR OTHER CORRESPONDENCE IN THIS ENVELOPE.**

Do not forget to sign the back of the return envelope where indicated.

RETURN ENVELOPE – The return envelope is the larger of the two envelopes. For the convenience of our members, the return envelope will be stamped and self-addressed to the attention of the Election Inspectors. **Members are required to sign the back of the return envelope where indicated.** This certification verifies that the member personally voted the enclosed ballot. If the account is a joint membership, only one member is required to certify the ballot.

Members may return their ballots one of two ways. Return envelopes with ballots enclosed can be mailed or

hand-delivered to the EnerStar office by Friday, March 17, 2017. Ballots received in the office after that date will be null and void. Return envelopes with ballots may also be brought to the Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 18, 2017.

Election Inspectors, chosen by the cooperative legal counsel, open the ballot envelopes and count the ballots at the Annual Meeting. Members' voting preferences always remain anonymous. Election results will be announced at the close of the meeting after all business properly brought before the meeting has concluded.

VOTING

<p>Voting District A - Representative District 1 Currently served by Jeff Zimmerman, Oakland</p> <p><i>The Townships of Newman, Bowdre, and Sargent in Douglas County, Illinois; the Townships of East Oakland and Ashmore in Coles County, Illinois; the Township of Embarrass in Edgar County, Illinois; and all that portion of the Township of Shiloh lying south of the 1800th Road in Edgar County, Illinois</i></p> <p>3 year term</p>	<p>Voting District B Representative District 5 Currently served by Robert Staley II, Paris</p> <p><i>The Township of Elbridge in Edgar County, Illinois; all that portion of the Township of Symmes lying north of the 400th Road and west of Illinois Highway 1 in Edgar County, Illinois; and all that portion of the Township of Symmes lying north of the 300th Road and east of Illinois Highway 1 in Edgar County, Illinois</i></p> <p>3 year term</p>	<p>Voting District C - Representative District 9 Currently served by Danny Gard Jr., West Union</p> <p><i>The Townships of Anderson, Darwin, Melrose, and York in Clark County, Illinois; and all that portion of the Township of Marshall lying south of Interstate Highway 70 in Clark County, Illinois</i></p> <p>3 year term</p>

Voting qualifications: who can vote

Because there are certain rules regarding voting procedures for the Annual Meeting of Members, it is important to remind members of their voting rights and responsibilities. The following points explain who can and cannot vote in the annual director election. By knowing these points, you can be assured your vote counts at the meeting.

- If only one person signed the original membership application, then only that person is allowed to vote. This is known as a Single Membership. With this membership, only one name is printed on the billing statement.
- If a husband and wife both signed the membership application, then one of them may cast one vote for that membership. This is known as a Joint Membership. Both names are printed on the billing statement. Sometimes, a membership was taken out before the member was married. In that case, the new spouse may not vote for the membership. A single membership can easily be converted to a Joint Membership. If you would like to make this change, contact the EnerStar office prior to February 8, 2017, for details.

- If you pay your landlord for the electrical usage at a location and the landlord's name is on the bill, you are not able to vote for that location. The membership belongs to the landlord, who would vote the membership.
 - If you have power of attorney for a member, you may vote that membership as long as the form is on file at the cooperative office.
- If you have any further questions regarding your membership status, please contact the EnerStar office at

800-635-4145 during normal business hours. We will be more than happy to assist you with any questions you may have regarding your account.

Remember, members can vote by mail, but ballots must be received in our office no later than Friday, March 17, 2017! Otherwise, **bring your voting ballot with you to the Annual Meeting of Members on Saturday, March 18, 2016.**



Mark Your Calendar ✓
Saturday March 18, 2017

Crestwood School • 15601 US Hwy 150 I • Paris, Illinois

*Member Breakfast 7:30-9:00 a.m. • Member Registration 7:30-9:30 a.m.
Meeting Begins 9:30 a.m.*



Now is a great time to sign up for budget billing

Members wanting to eliminate the fluctuations of their monthly electric bills are encouraged to sign up for EnerStar's Budget Billing program!

Accounts with at least 12 months of consumption history and with account balances paid in full are eligible.

- Monthly budget bills are reevaluated in April, August and December based on the account's consumption history. If necessary, the monthly amount will be adjusted accordingly.

- There is no "catch up" month. When reevaluating the account, any under-collected amounts and overpaid amounts are "rolled over" into the next 12 months.
- Monthly budget bills must be paid before the disconnect date. If payment is not received, the account will be removed from the budget plan.
- If an account is removed from budget billing for any reason,

any balance on the account is due immediately.

- Budget Billing is automatically renewed, unless terminated by either the member or the cooperative.

Think you might be interested in EnerStar's Budget Billing program? If so contact a Member Accounts Representative at 1-800-635-4145 or via email at billing@enerstar.com.

Ready to save in the new year?

Make POWER MOVES® a resolution for your home, business, school or farm

If saving money (and energy) is on your list of resolutions in 2017, you're in luck! EnerStar Electric Cooperative has rebates and programs that will do both. The POWER MOVES® program offers money back on lighting, heating and cooling systems and heat pump water heaters for your home. Light your space when you replace your incandescent bulbs with ENERGY STAR® screw-in LED bulbs and receive up to \$3 per bulb. Or is a new heating and cooling system in your budget in 2017? Check out **PowerMoves.com** for more details on rebates and get up to \$1,500.

If you own a business or farm, there are also rebates for lighting, heating and cooling, motors, pumps and more. Can't find a rebate that applies to your project? Our custom rebate program may be just the thing for any verifiable energy-saving upgrades. Pre-approval is required.

If your business is considering a new building, or set to undertake a major renovation, talk EnerStar as soon as you start planning. We can help you choose systems and equipment best suited to your project that will earn you the biggest incentives — before they start saving you money and energy. Get started by filling out a project information form at **PowerMoves.com**.

Being part of an electric cooperative is unique and that brings unique opportunities like rebates and programs found at **PowerMoves.com**. Contact EnerStar's Tim Haddix at 800-635-4145, extension 117 for more information on how you can start saving today. **For full program requirements, see applications at PowerMoves.com.*



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