



Energy Efficiency Loans for Small Businesses

One way to reduce energy costs is to use less. This is often accomplished by making investments in buildings or energy consuming equipment. As technology has improved over recent decades, many things, such as windows and heating and cooling systems, are now more efficient.

The co-op has offered Energy Efficiency loans for residential improvements to members since 2009. We are now expanding the program to small businesses on co-op lines. The loans carry an annual percentage rate of 2% and payments are added to your monthly bill.

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Examples of Uses for Energy Efficiency Loans:

- Caulking and Weather Stripping
- Heat Pump Systems, including Geothermal Systems, Water Heaters, Heat Pumps, and Central Heating or Central Air Conditioning Systems that reduce energy use
- Insulation - ceiling, wall, floor, duct, pipe, water heater insulation
- Storm Windows, Storm Doors, and Replacement Windows and Doors
- Programmable Thermostats
- Attic Fans
- Lighting Systems
- Renewable Energy Systems



Repayment period varies based on the amount borrowed. For less than \$1,000 borrowed, you'll have up to 12 months to repay the amount. For \$1,001 to \$4,000, you'll have up to 48 months to repay the loan. For amounts above \$4,001, you'll have up to 84 months to repay the loan. The threshold for unsecured loans is \$3,000 and below.

In order to qualify for an Energy Efficiency loan, your electric account needs to be in good standing. You'll have to pass a simple credit check, and we'll put a lien on the property until the loan is fully paid.

If you are interested in the Energy Efficiency loan program, for your residence or a small business, give Seth Bushnell a call at 1-800-468-4732 for more information. If you would like to download a loan application, visit our website at e-co-op.com.

Did You Know?

According to the Department of Energy, a programmable thermostat can save people an average of 10-20 percent on their heating and cooling costs.

Many newer programmable thermostats are internet connected therefore giving users more control over their heating and cooling.



(L-R) Tim Baker and Bret Richards, Corn Belt Energy Corporation; Joseph Alexander and Ryan Little, Illinois Electric Cooperative; Kurt Krohmer, Jo-Carroll Energy, Inc.; Troy Shafer, Menard Electric Cooperative; Paul Dow, AIEC videographer; William Fields, Jr., Norris Electric Cooperative; Brannon Dasch, Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Matt Eisenmenger, AIEC safety instructor; and Shannon Davis, Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Alexander and Little Recognized for Volunteer Efforts

Co-op linemen Joe Alexander and Ryan Little were recently recognized at the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperative's (AIEC) 2017 Annual Meeting. Joe and Ryan were two of 12 linemen from across Illinois that volunteered their time and energy in Bolivia as part of a National Rural Electric Cooperative (NRECA) volunteer effort.

The linemen worked for three weeks in April to build a power distribution system to 62 households, two schools, and a facility for handicapped individuals in Bolivian villages.

The trip was sponsored by AIEC and managed and coordinated by NRECA International.

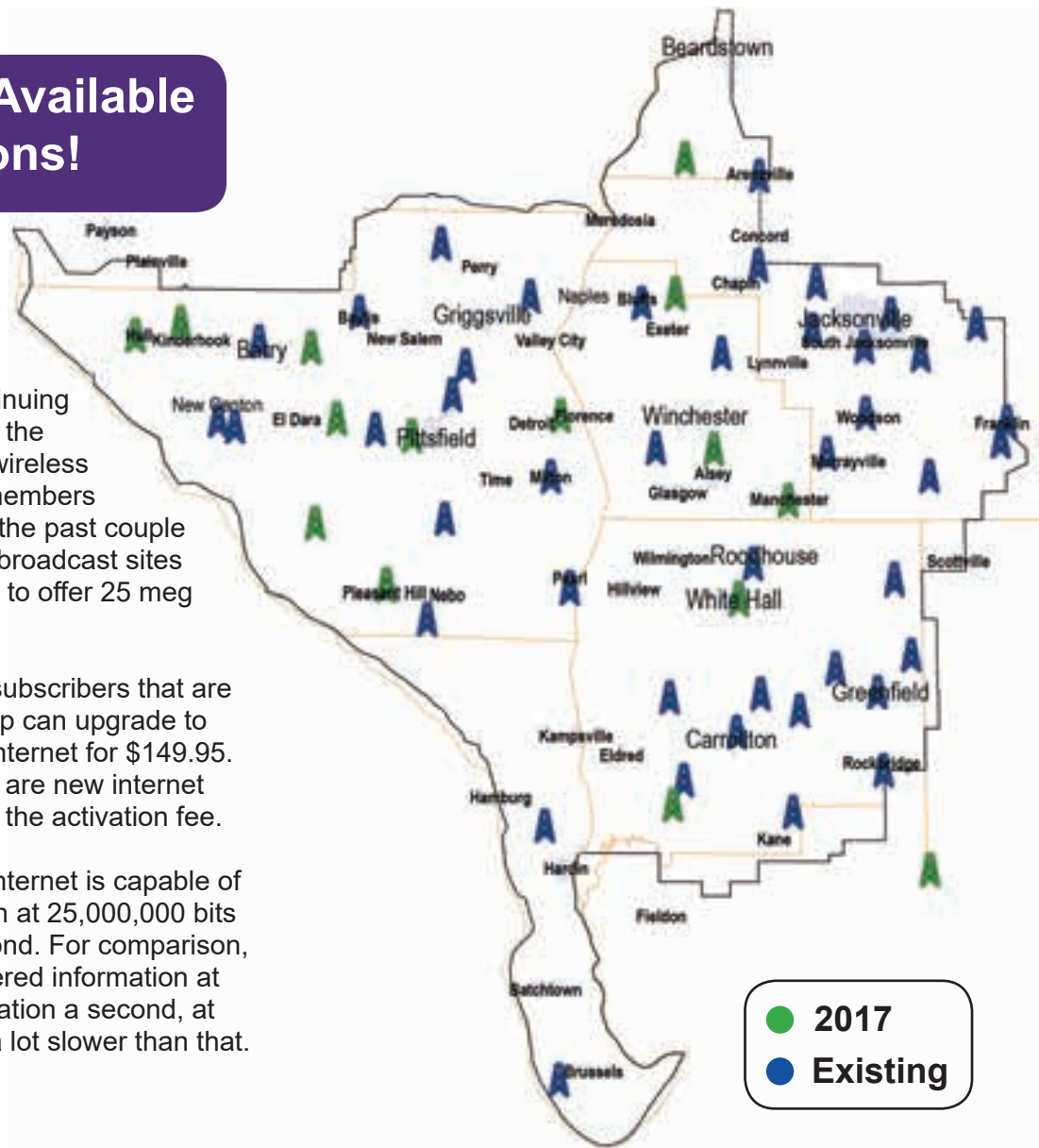
NRECA International, an affiliate of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) has been working in developing countries since 1962. Today more than 300 member electric cooperatives support its work through monetary contributions, material donations, and sending hundreds of electric co-op linemen and employees abroad as volunteers.

25 MEG - Now Available in More Locations!

The co-op is continuing to upgrade towers to the latest generation of wireless technology to offer members faster internet. Over the past couple months a handful of broadcast sites have been upgraded to offer 25 meg internet.

Existing internet subscribers that are members of the co-op can upgrade to the Proxim 25 meg internet for \$149.95. Co-op members that are new internet subscribers only pay the activation fee.

Proxim wireless internet is capable of delivering information at 25,000,000 bits of information a second. For comparison, dial-up service delivered information at 56,000 bits of information a second, at best, and generally a lot slower than that.



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