

WIEC NEWS

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New Rate Structure Begins April 1

At the December 29, Board Meeting, the Directors of WIEC approved a new rate schedule that will take effect on April 1, 2010. Members will see this increase on the bills they receive around May 10. This increase of three-quarters of a cent per kWh will be for all rates except separately metered heat and geothermal rates.

This rate increase will mean a 5-10 percent increase on our member's bills. For the member who

uses 1,000 kWh per month, this represents a 6 percent increase.

This decision to increase rates was not an easy one for the board. However, after looking at several factors, including the increases in the price WIEC pays for wires, poles and our wholesale power, it could not be ignored that a price increase was necessary.

More specific information about the new rates will be in the March issue of the WIEC News.



Reminder...

The Youth to Washington essays are due at the WIEC office by:

February 16

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



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MAP LOCATION CONTEST

Every month we are printing four member's 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.

Capital Credit Checks Remain Outstanding

Last November, Western Illinois Electrical Coop. mailed capital credits checks to members who lived on WIEC lines during the years 1972 through 1973.

Below is a list of the members' names whose checks have not been cashed. Due to the advance printing of the WIEC News, any

checks cashed after January 1 will still appear on the list. (7812-17)

If you see your name listed below, please cash your check as soon as possible. If you see a former member's name, contact them and have them call our office to give us their correct address.

Thank you for your assistance.

Agrico Chemical Co	Cook James M	Grace W R	Laws Marjori
Akers Ruth	Cooper Benjamin F	Grafton Emery R	Lawson Michael W
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Barker Michael L	Davis Virgil	Henson Dorothy	Louden James P
Barnes George E	Davis William	Henson Harold L	Lovitt Edwin
Belknap Frank	Dawson Jean	Herrin O L	Lukens Glen A
Belshaw Doris	Dean Shirley J	Higgins Joseph J	Lukens Laurel
Bennett Donald E	Decker Grace H	Hitz Loretta	Lunt Chrystine G
Berlett John E	Denholm James	Hoffman Lee	Luton Beverly
Black Roy L	Detrick Sandra E	Horton Edward L	Luton Maurice
Blue Grass Cooper-	Dobson Donald	Hoskins Hazel W	Luttrell Lucille
age Co	Doherty Carol M	Hoskins Leo J	Magorian Larry E
Bollin Leo M &	Dolbeare Steven W	Hoskins Leslie W	Maiden Ray
Clara L.	Dollar Daryl	Housewright Terry W	Marano Gail E
Bolton Floyd D	Donaldson Ronald	Housewright William	Markey Ronald F
Bowen Emogene	Dowell Roger A	Howard Ira	Marmion Everett
Bowen Rodney	Doyle Donald	Hoyt Lawrence E	Marquith Laveta F
Bowles George D	Doyle William H	Hughes Marie	Marshall Fred L
Boyce Penny T	Elgin George R	Huls Irene	Martens James M
Boyd Raymond	Endres Gene	Hussey Dixie	Martin Lewis
Boyer Mary	Eppley Dale	Huston Peter W	Martin Lloyd M
Brewer Kenneth A	Evans Clifford G	Hutchinson Claude	Mason Harold W
Bridger John T	Farris Donald B	Hutson James J	Massaro Thomas
Bundy Don	Ferrill William G	Inman Kenneth	Mathena Russel
BUNte Ray L	Ferrill Woodrow	Jackson Raymond F	Maxwell Eugene
Burnett Floyd V	Finch Brad K	Jackson Roger	Mccombs WAYne E
Burrell Edward E	Foresman Anna L	Johnson Dale	Mcconnell Bessie
Burtalo Lily C	Foster Gilman	Johnson Dorothy	Mcconnell J W
Buss John D	Foster Thelma	Johnson Gertrude	Mccord Glen O
Butcher Kenneth	Fowler Dennis M	Jones Randy L	Mcdowell Duane
Butler L D	Franke Dennis W	Kappmeyer B C	Mcdowell Ronnie O
Butterfield Carrol	Freeman Ronald L	Kent Mary M	Mckeown Ralph
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Cain Helen	Fuller Harry	King Melvin	Mcvay Fanny M
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Coker G E	Gordon Dixie	Larner Fred E	Millizer Clarence E
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Moon Demming L
Moore Everett
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Moomann Carman B
Morin William S
Morris J C
Morris Wiley
Morrow Blaine
Moser Edna
Mower Ralph W
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Northup Harry
Oaks Earl M Jr
Oberly Roy
Oconnell John T
Olson Arnold
Olson Glen D
Olson M L
Olson Raymond L
Osborn Lee
Owen David B
Owens Onie A
Paben Terry
Palm Charles
Parlier Richard E
Parsons James Wm Jr
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Peacock Inn
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Peck Gladys L
Pence Jack W
Peters Karl L
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Peterson Larry M
Peterson Lois
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Phillips Deetta
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Queen Frank W
Quincy Harold F
Radstock Floyd J
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Reimbold John J
Research Corp
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Robbins Robin G
Roberts H Leroy
Rocky Run Softball
Asso
Rodeffer William
Rogers Paul J
Rohn Donald R
Rothert C Rodney
Rothert Herman
Roy A Morton Sons
Inc
Rupp Elizabeth
Rush William
Ruyle Zona
SaLdeen James R
Salisbury A G
Sanders Melvin
Sargent Don
Scheible Clelland
Schmidt Gary R
Schmitz Hildred
Schroeder R W
Schullian Clara A
Schulte Bill H
Schurman Henry K
Schuttler Walter L
Scott Elwanda
Seigfried Dennis M
Seward Floyd E
Shannon Dewey
Stiefken Lee E
Siegfried Cheryl R
Siegfried Mary
Siegfried Paul L
Siegrist Celia
Simmons Donald C
Six Kevin
Smith Marie C
Smith Wyman
Solomon Dale L
Sparrow Chester
Sparrow Harold
Spiker Vilas
Spory Erna
Sprietler Thomas A
Staff Hubert
Staff Norman
Stallard D Darlene
Starbuck Martin T
Stclair Paul
Steagall Joyce
Stephenson Howard
Stevens Lynn E
Stevenson Dennis
Stevenson Kenneth
Stevenson Mary
Stigner James E
Stoll Patrick W
Stolp Mabel
Stronghurst Twp
Garage
Stuller Alfred

Sullivan Terry W
Swearingen I L
Symmonds James
Talbot Robert E
Tanner Larry
Tarry Neil J
Tenhouse Wayne
Thomas Deloris
Thomas Lloyd R
Thompson Dale E
Thompson Kenneth R
Thurman Gary L
Thurman Harry W
Tow Gladys
Townsend Leonard W
Turner Donald E
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Vanbaale Marion L
Vance Robert A
VaNcil Ellis L Jr
Vanfleet Alan
Volker Ross
Vollbracht Roger E
Vose Gene G
Waddell Shirley A
Waddill Thomas E
Walker Bertha H
Walker Donald C
Walters George
Waltman Leroy
Walton Henry F
Ward Dora B
Waterman Glen A
Waterman Robert O
Watkins William D
Watson Kenneth
Weathers Mary L
Weaver Mabel
Webster Gary G
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Welch Patricia
Wells Margaret H
Whitaker Don
Whitby Margaret N
White Cecil V
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Wiese Ronald
Wiesemes John A Jr
Wilcox Myrtle
Wilkins Ellen
Williams Roger L
Williams William E
Wisslead Thelma A
Wood Lala M
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Be a Savvy Senior



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Were you the victim of a home repair scam?

Don't let it happen again!

- ▶ If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- ▶ Get estimates before doing home renovations.
- ▶ Do not pay for work in advance.
- ▶ Never do business without checking references.
- ▶ Don't be afraid to call the police and have them check out the credentials of someone who is working in your area.

Welcome New Members

CBK Holdings, LLC, Plymouth
Tim Farniok, Dallas City
Kimberley Graber, Carthage
Karl Gullberg, Gladstone
Daniel & Angela Rathjen, LaHarpe
Dawn Trelstad, Nauvoo
Nichole Weber, Basco
Jacob Woods, LaHarpe

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

When using your laptop computer at home, put the battery charger (an AC adapter) on a power strip that can be turned off. (771-15) The transformer in the charger draws power continuously, even when the laptop is not plugged in.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

Tracking the Electricity You Use

Eat potato chips straight out of the bag and they'll be gone in no time. Pour them into a bowl first and they disappear a little slower.

The same goes for electricity. Learning to track how much electricity your home consumes remains a good way to start managing electric use.

Devices are appearing in stores that provide a constant, digital reading of how much electricity your home or even individual appliances are using. One type, like the Kill A Watt™, fits between an electrical outlet and (751-9) an appliance to give you an instant reading of how much electricity an appliance draws.

Another type connects to your electricity meter and wirelessly relays useful information to a small screen inside, called an in-home display. The device looks similar to a wireless weather monitor and can help make consumers more aware of energy being used day to

day. Research conducted by the Arlington, VA-based Cooperative Research Network (CRN), the research arm of Arlington, Va.-based National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, shows that most consumers who have an in-home display use less energy than those without one. And even after homeowners stop paying attention to the devices, most still use 1 to 3 percent less energy than before.

"The question of whether in-home displays catch on and become permanent fixtures in the American home is still open," explains Brian Sloboda, program manager with CRN. "However, for anyone wanting to take a proactive approach to understanding electric consumption, the in-home display may be worth exploring. You could use the knowledge that an in-house display provides to change the way you use electricity in your home and save some money."

There's also the old-fashioned way of tracking electricity use: reading your meter. As your home draws current from power lines, your electricity meter keeps a steady record of every watt being used. Many meters today are digital, replacing the older — though still reliable — design that uses spinning disks and dials.

Digital versions make tracking energy use a breeze: Jot down the number you see, and check it again in a month. The difference between the two represents the amount of electricity that has been used for that month or a typical billing period. The bottom line is your electric bill is based on your usage. The more kWh you use, the higher your bill. By being aware of how much electricity you use may help you become aware of wasteful habits and in the long run reduce your bill. (8611-10)

Sources: Scott Gates, Cooperative Research Network, U.S. Department of Energy

Kill-A-Watt Monitors Available

If you think having a Kill-A-Watt monitor in your home would be a good idea, Western Illinois Electrical Coop. has them for sale at our office. Stop in and get one to easily track which appliances are costing you the most.

