

# JAMULP

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## SIEC crews assist cooperatives damaged by ice



*Pictured above, Apprentice Lineman Aaron Stover, Journeyman Linemen Alan Plott and Robert Nelson, and Crew Foreman Dennis Abercrombie traveled to Newton, Illinois to assist Norris Electric Cooperative.*

**S**IEC sent crews north to assist other Illinois cooperatives during a major winter storm in February. Luckily, SIEC members were spared the dangerous ice and deep snow that slammed the Midwest one month ago. Just two years ago, dozens of crews traveled

from many cooperatives and nearby states to assist SIEC during our devastating ice storm.

Crew Foreman Robin Ramage and Journeyman Lineman Dale Guetersloh traveled to EnerStar Electric Cooperative in Paris, Ill. to assist their crews. **Curtis L. Moore**

Meter Tester Lineman Steve Hoffman and Journeyman Lineman Nathan Menees assisted Tri-County Electric Cooperative crews in Mt. Vernon then moved on to EnerStar in Paris to assist those crews.

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# What's mine? What's the co-op's?

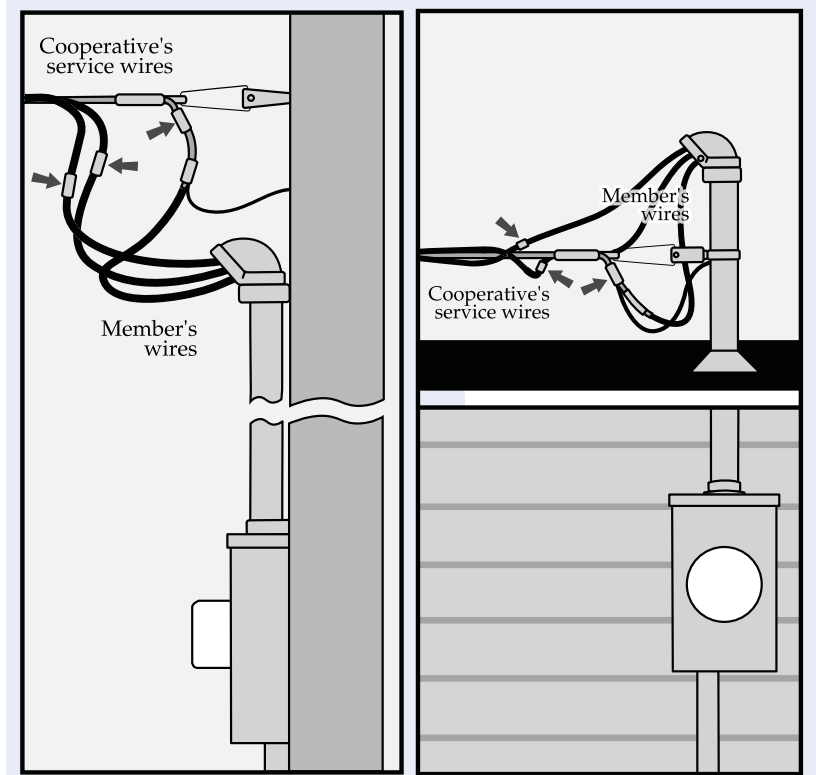
At Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative, we take reliable service very seriously. We know how important it is for you to have a Cooperative you can count on.

It is also important for you to understand that we can only fix what belongs to the Cooperative; that is, everything before the service point. You are responsible for everything after the service point. What's the service point? In general terms, the Cooperative is responsible for everything before the meter, and the member is responsible for everything after the meter. For a typical residential service, this is the case. However, to better understand the "service point," please look at the illustrations provided.

## Your meter is on a pole near your home ...

The Cooperative is responsible for the meter itself and the connections at the top of the pole between the Cooperative's service wires and the member's wires. The Cooperative is also responsible for the pole, ground wire, and ground rod. The member is responsible for the meter loop assembly, which includes the meter base, conduit, wiring inside the conduit, weatherhead, breakers, fuses, and enclosures. The member is also responsible for the service wire running from the pole to the house or other building. The meter loop may be purchased from the Cooperative, or the member may assemble his/her own meter loop, meeting Cooperative specifications. The Cooperative installs or removes the meter loop assembly on the pole for the member.

Jeremy Paul Greenley



## Your meter is attached to your home with overhead wires ...

When the metering is on a member's house, the overhead service wires that attach to the top of the mast and the connections between the Cooperative's wires and the member's wires are the Cooperative's responsibility. The service entrance, which includes the meter base, conduit mast, service wires, ground wire, and ground rod are the member's responsibility. The service entrance is installed by the member's electrician before service is connected, and must meet Cooperative specifications.

## Your meter is installed in a meter pedestal near a pad-mounted transformer ...

In most cases, the Cooperative is responsible for the pad-mounted transformer, the underground wire running to the meter pedestal, and the meter pedestal. The member

is responsible for the breaker in the meter pedestal and any wiring from the meter pedestal to the house or other building. The meter pedestal must be purchased from the Cooperative in accordance with applicable Cooperative line construction policies. The Cooperative installs the meter pedestal. For subdivisions and mobile home parks, the meter pedestal may already be installed on the utility easement.

These examples illustrate the most common residential services. In some cases, the service installation may look different. If you are unsure of what is your responsibility and what belongs to the Cooperative, please give us a call at 618-827-3555 or toll free 800-762-1400.

# Appliances... Out with the old, in with the newer

Your home is equipped with kitchen appliances and probably a washer and dryer. If they are more than 10 years old, they will cost you more to operate than newer, energy efficient appliances. If your home is full of older appliances, and you can afford it, make a one-to-two year plan to replace them with newer models. Appliance manufacturers have made incredible technical advances since the early 1990s. Depending on the appliance type, its efficiency may have increased by 25-50 percent.

For example, refrigerators (the biggest energy user of the large appliances) are nearly 150 percent

more efficient than in 1980. Therefore, upgrading to a newer unit will really pay off in energy savings.

One of the newest features in clothes dryers includes moisture sensors that will shut off the dryer when the clothes are dry, and not continue to run simply because you set the timer.

Dishwashers use the most of their energy consumption to heat the water needed for washing. Today, some manufacturers are designing dishwashers to use four-six gallons per load as opposed to 10 years ago when over 14 gallons were needed.



There is an easy way to spot these new appliances when you are shopping. Look for the blue ENERGY STAR label. It assures you the appliance exceeds federal efficiency standards.

Not convinced to upgrade old appliances? Well, the more efficient an appliance is, the less you will pay to run it, and using less energy is beneficial to the environment by reducing air pollution. If you can save money and the environment at the same time, why wait?

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**Don't forget to check out a super money saving tip on page 9!**

## Over 800 years of experience serving you!

That's right! If you combine each SIEC employee, attorney and director's time of service to your cooperative, it adds up to over 800 years of

experience. SIEC has 40 employees maintaining over 2,100 hundred miles of line and giving customer service to over 8,500 members.

SIEC appreciates the dedication of each employee, and our employees enjoy serving you, our members.

2/28/2011 Employees:	Years of Service
Lovell, Larry C.	37.7
Belcher, Cathleen A.	24.6
Lingle, Larry R.	31.9
Bennett, Chris	18.4
Harris, John K.	11.7
Logeman, Michael	18.2
Schaefer, Jerri	7.4
Boyd, Chris	13.3
Houston Jr., Lamar L.	38.2
Parr, LaRue D.	29.8
Keller, Larry J.	27.0
Abercrombie, R. Dennis	21.8
Dailey, Perry J.	32.3
Grissom, Terry L.	20.9
Hoffman, Steven C.	20.5
Ramage, Robin J.	22.1
Cates, Jeff	7.9
Guetersloh, Dale	11.3

2/28/2011 Employees:	Years of Service
Bowen, Kelly J.	7.4
Treat, Stanley J.	22.1
Holhouser, Blayne	13.9
Rendleman, John	19.8
Palmer, Jeff	6.0
Nelson, Robert L.	6.6
Thurston, Todd	11.3
Menees, Nathan D.	7.5
Plott, Allen	7.4
Dirden, Brian Neil	1.3
Stover, William Aaron	5.6
Doctorman, Ryan C.	0.4
Bierstedt, Pam	15.3
Fear, Steven M.	3.4
Lentz, Pamela J.	33.7
Dallas, Cindy L.	20.5
Mead, Lisa	10.4
Livesay, Lana D.	5.6

2/28/2011 Employees:	Years of Service
Harvel, Leslie Ann	17.4
Theis, Stephanie	14.0
Hileman, Bree	7.9
Adamitis, Casey E.	2.8
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Fisher, Larry	16.1
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Kelley, Carole J	11.6
Littrell, William E. (Bill)	1.6
Ury, Scott L.	11.6
Inman, G. Robert	15.2
Taake, Dale	17.6
Osman, Ronald E.	30.3

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## Member prize

*In this issue of the JAMUP, we printed the names of three SIEC members who are eligible to receive a \$10 credit toward their utility bill. If you find your name printed in this center section and it's not part of the story, call Jerri with your account number at 800-762-1400 to claim your prize.*

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