

WIEC NEWS

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A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

WIEC offers incentives for electric heating and cooling

Be energy efficient and save money

It has been a cold winter with heating bills reaching sky-high levels. Maybe you've been looking into a new heating and cooling system. It has never been a better time to consider replacing your existing heating and cooling system with a more energy efficient model. There are federal tax credits available for home improvements, such as updating your HVAC. In 2010, homeowners can take a tax credit at 30 percent off the cost of a geothermal heat pump. By purchasing certain Energy Star rated electric air source heat pumps; there are rebates available from the state of Illinois for \$1,000.

But don't forget WIEC's rebates and financing when considering (8516-19-1) replacing your heating and cooling system. They can reduce your costs even further. And doesn't everyone want to save money?



Geothermal

For a first time geothermal purchase, WIEC offers a \$1,000 rebate.

For a replacement geothermal unit, WIEC offers a \$500 rebate.

WIEC offers a five-year, 5 percent loan of up to \$15,000.

Eligible year round, 6 ½-cent per kilowatt-hour rate.

Air Source Heat Pump

WIEC offers \$300 rebate.

WIEC offers a five-year, 5 percent loan of up to \$15,000.

Eligible October through April, 6-cent per kilowatt-hour rate.

For more details, check our website at www.wiec.net or call our office. Don't let this opportunity pass you by!

Call toll free 800-576-3125



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8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday

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OR AFTER HOURS
TO REPORT OUTAGE**
217-357-3125
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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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.

Rate changes

Effective April 1, 2010

As stated in the February issue of the WIEC News, rates will change for WIEC members on April 1, 2010. Members will see this increase on the bills they receive around May 10. The new costs for Rate 1, Rate 3 and Rate 11 are below. There is no change for Rates 40, 41, 60 and 61. Call our office for changes in Rates 5 and 10.

| Rate changes | Effective 4/1/10 | Previous |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Rate 1 | | |
| Facility Charge | No Change | \$18.75 |
| Cost of electricity | | |
| First 2000 kWh | 0.1275/kWh | .12/kWh |
| Next 1000 kWh | 0.1025/kWh | .095/kWh |
| Over 3000 kWh | 0.0775/kWh | .07/kWh |

| Rate 3 (General purpose 3-phase) | | |
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| Facility Charge | No Change | \$28.75 |
| Cost of electricity | | |
| First 2000 kWh | 0.1575/kWh | .15/kWh |
| Next 1000 kWh | 0.1025/kWh | .095/kWh |
| Over 3000 kWh | 0.0775/kWh | .07/kWh |

| Rate 11 - Three Phase - Interruptible | | |
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| Facility Charge | No Change | \$60.00 |
| Cost of Energy | | |
| First 2000 kWh | .1075/kWh | .10/kWh |
| Over 2,000 kWh | .0775/kWh | .07/kWh |

Director nomination and election process

In accordance with Article IV, Section 4, of your cooperative's by-laws, a nominating committee must be appointed between 30 and 120 days prior to the Annual Meeting of Members (June 24, 2010).

Directors shall be elected by and from the membership by ballot and shall serve for a term of three years, or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified. The terms of directors from Districts 4 and 5 will expire this year.

District 4, currently represented by Calvin Baumann, is St. Albans, Chili, Bear Creek, and Prairie Townships in Hancock County, Ill., and the cooperative's service area in Adams County, Ill., lying south of St. Albans and Chili Townships.

District 5, currently represented by David K. Biery, is Carthage, Pilot Grove, and Fountain Green Townships in Hancock County, Ill., and the cooperative's service area in Hire Township in McDonough County, (951-2) Ill.

The nominating committee must post a list of nominations at the cooperative office at least 20 days before the annual meeting. Any 15 cooperative members may



act together and nominate another member by petition. These nominations will be posted with those made by the nominating committee. Nominations made by petition at least 10 days before the annual meeting will be included on the official ballot. Later (3811-27) nomi-

nations by petition shall be treated as nominations from the floor. The chairman shall call for additional nominations from the floor. No member may nominate more than one candidate.

Energy Efficiency *Tip of the Month*

Use your microwave for cooking whenever possible. They use 50 to 65 percent less energy than conventional ovens and do not heat up your house in the summer. However, conventional ovens may be more appropriate for larger size items (3911-27) when cooking time is increased.



Source: Touchstone Energy Cooperatives

Home Energy Savings Booklet Available



Western Illinois Electrical Coop. has available an energy saving booklet entitled "101 Low-Cost/No-Cost Home Energy-Savings Measures."

This booklet was produced by Touchstone

Energy and contains a list of low-cost/no-cost energy saving tips to help you better manage your home's energy costs. Be sure to pick one up at the WIEC office in Carthage.



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Welcome New Members

J. Roger Clampitt, Newark, Ill.
Jaclyn Jokerst & Ryan Lansing, Hamilton
Bridgette J. Northern, Bowen
Marc Sparrow, Niota
Cory R. Wildermuth, Nauvoo



INSULATION and DUCTWORK



R-Value indicates an insulation's resistance to heat flow (the higher the better). Insulation should meet R-values recommended for your specific climate.

HEATING and COOLING



AIR INFILTRATION



APPLIANCES and LIGHTING



Source: National Rural Electric Cooperative Association