


The SOUTHEASTERN Light

SouthEastern Illinois Electric Cooperative

Eldorado Illinois

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President's Comments



Dustin Tripp
President/CEO

Your Cooperative is pleased to announce that the new headquarters facility is nearing completion and your Cooperative will begin operations from the new facility in early July 2016. This article provides a brief history of your Cooperative's headquarters, a brief summary of the numerous benefits of the new facility and informs members about the Cooperative's transition to the new facility.

Many of you may know that the Cooperative was formed in 1938 and started with a one room office in the Harrisburg City Hall. As the cooperative continued to grow, it expanded to three rooms before moving in 1946 to a renovated building located in Harrisburg. In 1951, the cooperative board and staff began seeking a site for a new headquarters facility. In 1953, the cooperative employees moved into a facility that was constructed on the southeast side of Eldorado which is where we have been for the past 63 years.

SouthEastern Illinois Electric Cooperative has grown significantly over its history and currently delivers energy to over 24,000 accounts in ten counties of southeastern Illinois. In the year 2014 and again in 2015, your Cooperative achieved yet another milestone by delivering over 1 billion kilowatt-hours to Cooperative members. To put this into perspective, our electric cooperative delivers more energy than any of the other 24 electric cooperatives in Illinois. In fact, SouthEastern delivers almost 50% more energy on an annual basis than the second largest Cooperative in Illinois.

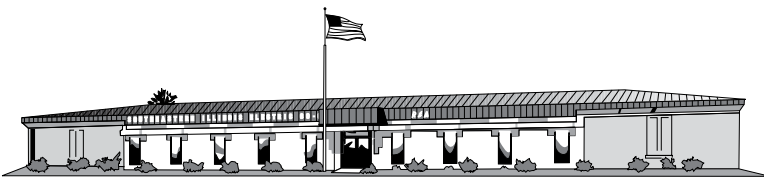
There's no question that over the Cooperative's history, time and technology has certainly changed the way we build, maintain and operate our distribution systems and the way we provide service to the membership. Technology has brought about changes in the vehicles that we operate, the equipment we use and the technological systems we deploy. All of this has certainly changed the infrastructure needs of the Cooperative.

As you know, your Cooperative began the construction of a new headquarters facility in July 2015 to address the lack of headquarters facility size, space, security, functionality, efficiency and numerous other issues. The headquarters facility is being constructed on a site that is located six miles west of Harrisburg along the south side of Illinois Highway 13. This site offers many advantages including being more centrally located geographically and by member population. In fact, the member population center is located only 3 miles southwest of this site.

This new facility will fulfill the numerous needs that the Cooperative has been experiencing for years in the current facility and provide the much needed space and functionality for years to come. This new facility will improve member access by being more centrally located to our service territory, more convenient member parking and entrance capabilities, more member convenience including drive thru facilities and

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READERSHIP PRIZE WINNER:
David Waller, Marion, IL



Surplus equipment for sale

1. *2010 Ram 5500, Vin #3D6WD7EL9AG126469, 4X4, 6.7L Cummins, Automatic Transmission, Unit #107B, Mileage 161,XXX, Altec AT40M Material Handler Serial #1209CZ0144, 1,475 P.T.O. Hours. **Minimum Bid \$37,500.00**
2. *2010 Ram 5500, Vin #3D6WD7EL5AG126470, 4X4, 6.7L Cummins, Automatic Transmission, Unit #108B, Mileage 189,XXX, Altec AT40M Material Handler Serial #1209CZ0142. 1,685 P.T.O. Hours **Minimum Bid \$35,000.00**
3. *2001 Freightliner FL70, Vin #1FVABUBS51HG77317, ISC Cummins 275 HP, Automatic Transmission, Unit #15D, Mileage 151,XXX, 14,016 P.T.O. Hours, Altec LRV55 Forestry Unit with Chip Box, Serial #0700CV0597. **Minimum Bid \$25,000.00**
4. *2000 Freightliner FL70, Vin #1FV2HLBB0YHB44766, 4X4, ISC Cummins 250 HP, Automatic Transmission, Unit #02C, Mileage 161,XXX, 11,123 P.T.O. Hours, Altec D845-TR Digger Derrick with Platform, Serial #1299BE2818. The unit has problems with the upper controls. The Boom will not pass dielectric test. **Minimum Bid \$10,000.00**

*10% fee added to the final sealed bid price for units listed in items 1-4 due to Altec handling the sale of these units.

5. 2002 Jeep Liberty, Vin #1J4GL48K22W294255, 4X4, V6 Engine, Automatic Transmission, Unit #23A, Mileage 190,XXX. **Minimum Bid \$1,525.00**
6. 2005 Dodge Dakota Quad Cab, Vin #1D7HW28K65S234793, 4X4, V6 Engine, Automatic Transmission, Unit #58E, Mileage 170,XXX. **Minimum Bid \$2,975.00**
7. 2007 Dodge Dakota Quad Cab, Vin #1D7HW28K97S150339, 4X4, V6 Engine, Automatic Transmission, Unit #76E, Mileage 125,XXX. **Minimum Bid \$4,450.00**
8. 2007 Dodge Ram Quad Cab 1500, Vin #1D7HU18P27J533542, 4X4, V8 Engine, Automatic Transmission, Unit #75A, Mileage 218,XXX. **Minimum Bid \$4,050.00**
9. 2003 Dodge Dakota Quad Cab, Vin #1D7HG12X03S211356, 4X4, V6 Engine, Automatic Transmission, Unit #35E, Mileage 178,XXX. **Minimum Bid \$2,425.00**

All items are to be sold AS IS. The descriptions on the items are to the best of the Cooperative's knowledge. There are no warranties existing which extend beyond the description of the goods sold.

The above surplus equipment is available for sale and may be viewed at the Eldorado Headquarters from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Wednesday, June 15, 2016. Sealed bids are to be submitted by 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 22, 2016.

Bid forms will be available on site during the viewing and can be submitted at that time. If you choose to write out your bid, please designate the UNIT Number you wish to bid on, your bid price, name, address and telephone number. Bids are to be for an exact dollar amount.

Please mark "SEALED BID" on the outside of your envelope and send it to: Jeff Crisp, Surplus Equipment, SouthEastern Illinois Electric Cooperative, Inc., P.O. Box 251, Eldorado, IL 62930.



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SouthEastern Illinois Electric Cooperative has partnered with Air Evac Lifeteam to allow our residential customers the opportunity to join the Air Evac Lifeteam Membership program through an affordable billing plan. You have the option to choose the convenience of paying a monthly fee or an annual fee. Each plan is offered at a discounted rate through your Cooperative. Your options are as follows:



The monthly fee is \$5.00 per month per household with a discount of \$0.50 per month per household from SEIEC. Should you choose the monthly plan your electric bill will reflect an additional \$4.50 per month per household.

OPTION 2:

The annual fee includes a \$10.00 discount through the Cooperative program and is \$55.00 per household for a 1 year membership.

**Join Air-Evac Lifeteam through your Cooperative today
and choose which option best suits your needs.**

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better member privacy. This new facility will provide a new level of security for employees, members and cooperative equipment. The security measures include a 24/7 gated access, access to the facility only by authorized personnel and advanced security measures in the lobby. This new facility will provide a hardened space for employees and critical technology equipment. This new facility will provide the much needed enclosed vehicle storage and warehouse space for all Cooperative vehicles and equipment. This new facility includes a vehicle maintenance facility and wash bay. This new facility will improve efficiencies through improved interaction of employees, additional training space for employees and overall better usability of the facility. This new facility will incorporate better construction methods and equipment technologies to improve

energy efficiency. This is only part of the needs and improvements that will be fulfilled in this new facility.

All of the employees that currently operate in the Eldorado and Marion facilities will be combined in the new headquarters facility and the Cooperative is selling the existing Eldorado and Marion facilities.

Your Cooperative is very excited about this new headquarters facility and how it will help in continuing to provide safe, reliable and affordable electric service to Cooperative members now and for many decades to come. The current plan is to transition our operations to the new facility in early July. We look forward to seeing you there.

See you next month and as always, "We'll keep the lights on for you."

***Our office will be closed Monday, July 4
in observance of Independence Day.***

POWER OUTAGE

If your power goes off, we offer these suggestions

1. Check the fuses or circuit breakers in your service panels. If you have breakers, make sure they are in the "ON" position.
2. If you have a meter pole, check the main breaker panel just below the meter socket. If the breaker is in the "OFF" position, check all of your wiring from the meter pole to your various buildings. If the wiring appears to be okay, reset the breaker to the "ON" position.
3. If you still do not have power, check with neighbors to see if they have power.
4. To report a power failure or other emergency, please phone 1-877-399-8405. This phone number is monitored around the clock, 365 days per year to accept your outage and emergency calls.
5. Your phone call will be handled by SouthEastern's automated outage reporting system and will be identified automatically through ANI (Automatic Number Identification). An outage record will then be generated

for your location. Please note that the phone number from which you place the call will be the number used to generate the record. If the system fails to recognize your phone number, members having touch-tone phones may simply enter their seven-digit phone number (without area code) in order to report the outage. Members not having touch-tone phones will be asked to leave a message. It is important you leave your name, phone number and location of the outage. Retrieving messages and entering them into the system is time consuming; therefore, please leave only a message that will help in restoration of electric service. Do not remain on the line for an operator because a live operator is not there to respond. In order to keep a current listing of all numbers, it is important that you notify the Cooperative of any changes in your telephone number.

6. Handling outage calls electronically allows you to report power failures very quickly. Once your outage has been reported, it will be dispatched to repair personnel who will restore your outage as soon as possible. Calling back repeatedly will not shorten the length of the outage, but may hinder the efforts of other members who are trying to report outages.

OUTAGE CALLS ONLY 1-877-399-8405

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