



Mike Smith
 President and CEO

Coats for Kids

Providing brand new, warm winter coats to children throughout our service territory is a big deal at McDonough Power Cooperative. Each November, when the temperatures begin to drop, we gear up for our Coats for Kids program — working with elementary school administrators to determine the need. November 2023 7232D1-102A marked our seventeenth year of fulfilling that need in our communities — with 285 coats being delivered. The Coats for Kids program is funded by scrap metal sales, employee and director donations, a matching grant from the CoBank Sharing Success program, and new this year — a donation from our contractor, Sellenriek Construction, Inc. Concern for Community is one of our cooperative principles and the Coats for Kids program is one of our favorite ways to give back to our communities.





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Please report any suspicious activity in or near substations, other electrical equipment

Substations are part of the electrical generation, transmission and distribution system. Transformers are contained inside many of them, and their job is to transform voltage from high to low or vice versa, depending on their location within the distribution path.

Besides transformers, substations usually house switches, protective devices and control equipment. In large substations, circuit breakers are used to interrupt any short circuits or overloads that may occur.

No one should approach a substation, touch the fence or enter the gate unless they are authorized to do so.

Paying attention to individuals and activity around substations and other utility equipment helps keep everyone safe. Here are some things to look for:

- Take notice of individuals in street clothes working near or on utility equipment; if you see this, please report it immediately.
- Notice whether individuals are dressed in proper personal protective gear or have utility identification badges. **527SG2-950C**
- Check vehicles or work trucks in the area for utility branded logos or information.
- Report any suspicious behavior you see, including non-utility employees tampering with utility poles, meters, padmount transformers (big green boxes) or other equipment.
- If you notice anything unusual at a substation, please report it to the utility. Examples include the following:
 - An open or unlocked gate.
 - A damaged fence.
 - Obvious damage to equipment inside the fence.
- Call 911 and then the electric utility (typically identified by a sign on the fence) if you see the following:

- Smoke or fire.
- Non-utility workers inside the substation fence.

Never try to address an issue yourself. Please report any suspicious activity or damage to the police or the utility.

First responder safety

First responders should always wait for the go-ahead from the electric utility before addressing a fire or vandalism at a substation, power plant or solar farm. First responders should also communicate with and wait for the utility before approaching a downed power line or damaged padmount transformer.

General substation safety

McDonough Power Cooperative and **Safe Electricity** remind you to:

- Never go near a substation.
- Teach children to never go near a substation or climb its fence to retrieve a ball or pet. Let them know they should always stay away and tell a parent or adult, who should call us to report the incident at 309-833-2101.
- Teach children about the dangers of electricity from an early age.
- Never try to extinguish a transformer that is on fire since water and electricity do not mix. Call 911 to report the fire.
- If you see an issue with or notice something unusual about a substation, transformer or power line, contact the electric utility named on the sign on the fence. Never try to address a problem yourself. **437A9-1208A**

For more information about substations, transformers or anything else concerning electricity, or to have us talk to your group about electrical safety, call us at 309-833-2101. For more information about electrical safety, visit SafeElectricity.

Help us locate former members or their heirs

McDonough Power is a non-profit electric cooperative. The annual operating margins, or profits, are allocated to members receiving service during the year. Margins are based on patronage, or usage, and are called capital credits. Capital credits are applied each year to individual capital credit accounts and remain on file until the board determines a general refund may be issued.

Past and current members who received **532RM7-900C** electric service for the years 2001-2002 should have received refund checks in August. The cooperative is attempting to locate former members (or possibly their heirs) who received electric service during that time. The cooperative does not have a valid address on these accounts.

If your name or the name of someone you know is listed, please complete the form and mail it to McDonough Power Cooperative, P.O. Box 352, Macomb, IL 61455. You may also e-mail any information you may have to dbeck@mcdonoughpower.com.

Allen, Mandy
Allison, Sarah
Alrashid, Saad
Alsup, Jamie
Anderson, Brad
Anderson, June
Angle, Matt
Atchley, Joshua
Atkins, Kellie
Aushman, Paul
Ausmus, Clyde
Ausmus, Susan
Baker, Andrew
Ballard, Tim
Baranowski, Richard
Bard, Brooke
Bernstein, Jessica
Beveridge, David
Blake, Michael
Bolokowicz, Joe
Borders, Nicholas
Bordner, Katrina
Bradford, Loretta
Branham, Jennifer
Brandt, Tonya
Briggs, Susan
Brumbaugh, Ada
Cameron, Ernie
Caraway, Ernie
Carcamo, Levi
Casady, Paul
Cass, Melissa
Castillo, I Chris

Cavanaugh, Dennis
Cavett, Mary
Cobb, Jodi
Conley, P K
Connelly, David
Connolly, Michael
Conover, Jim
Cooke, Michael
Coultas, Robert
Coulter, Sarah
Courtright, Rick
Coussens, Sheila
Craig, Joshua
Cromer, John C
Davies, Ryan
Davis, Amy
Davis, Darrin
Decker, Harry
Demaree, Todd
Demink, Paul
Dewitt, Joshua
Eaves, P L
Ebbing, Robyn
Ekstrom, Brian
Ellsworth, Richard
Fessler, Andrea
Finke, Karl
Fitzgerald, Laura
Ford, Charlie
Frakes, Howard
Frakes, Melinda
Friend, David
Gajdik, Elizabeth

Gearing, Lynda
Gilbert, Michelle
Gladfelter, Chris
Goehner, George
Goddard, Tonya
Gooding, Violet
Goodwin, Justin
Gray, J Todd
Greer, Tramain
Griffiths, David
Grossman, Dana
Guinta, Anne
Gulick, Tracie
Haines, Lacy
Hall, Adam
Hall, Emily
Hammond, Leroy
Harness, Michelle
Harris, Terry
Harrison, Melissa
Hart, Richard
Hennenfent, John P
Heraty, Kevin
Herrick, Melanie
Hiett, Robert
Hillyer, Daniel
Hodge, Melissa
Hodges, Kevin
Hood, Doug
Hopping, Abbie
Hriszko, Amanda
Hudson, Cheryl
Ingrum, Adam

Johnson, Jamie
Johnson, Ron
Junkerman, Jamie
Kellick, Lisa
Kendrick, Bob
Kerfoot, Sarah
Kerwan, Paul
Kitch, Heather
Kloss, Matt
Knupp, Elizabeth
Kolb, Patrick
Kotek, Kristin
Lancaster, Andrew
Landon, Christina
Lee, Jennifer
Lobb, Andy
Lock, Bruce
Lovin, Michael
Lowe, Holly
Lockett, Elisha
Luper, David
Lyon, Jonathan
Macaluso, Becke
Maddox, Kara
Malone, Mindy
Maserang, Carrie
Matheny, Stephen
Maxwell, Justin
Mcalister, Paul
Mcclain, Nathan
McCormick, Brian
Mega, Michael
Michna, Justin

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I have information about the following:

Name from the list: _____

Current address: _____

Phone number: _____ Last 4 of SSN: _____


Executor's name and address if person is deceased: _____

Telephone number of executor: _____

Information provided by: _____

Mail this form to:

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Member Prizes

Every month we will have four map location numbers hidden throughout The Wire. If you find the map location number that corresponds to the one on your bill (found above the usage graph), call our office and identify your number and the page that it is on. If correct, you will win a \$10 credit on your next electric bill.

Help us locate former members or their heirs (Continued from page 18C)

Miller, Mike	Reedy, Joel	Smith, Renee	Thomas, Virginia
Moore, Dominic	Richardson, Linda	Smith, S Vance	Tracy, Malinda
Moser, Amy	Richardson, M Anne	Smith, Tania	Ullrich, Hilda
Mosser, Jacy	Richter, Erin	Smith, Walter	Vandekerckhove, Amanda
Mowen, Brad	Riebling, Freddie	Snodgrass, Cari	Vanooteghem, Julie
Mowen, Dan	Ring, Eric	Snodgrass, Hilary	Vermillion, John
Murphy, Mike	Rittenhouse, Lance	Solie, Ryan	Vieluf, Jonathan
Musgrave, Kyla	Roberts, Ronda	Sommer, Jacob	Vogel, Meagan
O'donnell, Amber	Robinson, Shawna	Soukup, Lindsey	Walton, Jim
Oie, C Evan	Roe, James	Spytek, Christena	Walton, Michael
Palmer, Jonathon	Roe, Rob	Stachelski, Allison	Ward, Terry
Paneitz, Timothy	Ruettiger, Ryan	Staton, Charity	Wells, Monty
Parson, Lynn	Russell, Christina	Steffen, Alma	Welsh, Amanda
Pearl, Ryan	Samples, Benjamin	Stopka, Drew	Westfall, Kemper
Peterson, Loren	Schaapveld, Kathryn	Swiderski, Anna	Wheeler, James
Pieper, Jack	Schmidgall, Regina	Swietek, Angela	Whitfield, Janice
Pirtle, Sharon W	Schwietter, John	Taber, Dena	Williams, Brian
Plaga, Corey	Sellars, Doris	Taylor, Chad B	Williams, Kacy
Powell, Justin	Sheriff, Chris	Teel, Mike	Williams, Mish
Pullins, James G	Simmons, Amy	Thoene, Jeff	Wise, Sylvia
Radini, Ibrahim	Simpson, Rhonda	Thomas, Robin	Witt, Brian
Ramsey, Brian	Smiekel, Jason	Thomas, Samantha	Yard, Shane
Redmond, Jeffrey	Smith, Pete	Thomas, Steve	

ENERGY EFFICIENCY
TIP OF THE MONTH

During winter months, ensure your home is well sealed to reduce the need for excessive heating. Seal air leaks around your home and add insulation where needed to save up to 10% on annual energy bills.

Install weather stripping on exterior doors and apply caulk around windows. Check attic insulation levels and hire a qualified contractor if additional insulation is required.

Source: energystar.gov



Happy
New Year

Closed for New Year's
on Monday, Jan. 1.