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Peak Power Rewards: A new savings program for members



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As energy prices continue to rise across the country, Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative (SIEC) has been developing a new voluntary program for our membership to save money. Starting in the fourth quarter of 2026, SIEC members will be able to enroll in Peak Power Rewards (PPR). This is a voluntary program that offers bill credits in exchange for reducing electricity usage during high demand periods. By reducing energy use for a few hours, SIEC

members can help ease the burden on the electrical grid while earning credits to go towards their monthly bill.

Peak Power Rewards will be utilized during times of high energy usage. These coincide with extreme temperatures in both the summer and winter. However, it is possible for events to be called outside of these seasons as determined by increased strain on the electrical grid.

How will the Peak Power Rewards program work?

- **Notification of an event:** When an event is to be called, SIEC members can expect to be notified via email and text message 24 hours in advance to allow for planning to reduce electrical usage.
- **Participation of the event:** During an event, members decide if and how they will reduce their energy consumption. Participation is 100% voluntary with no penalties for deciding not to participate in a scheduled event.

- **Earn bill credits:** After participating in an event, members will be credited \$1 for every kilowatt-hour (kWh) of energy saved. Each member's saved energy is calculated based on their energy usage prior to the event.

How will events get scheduled?

SIEC has partnered with our wholesale power provider, Southern Illinois Electric Power Cooperative (SIPC), to help develop and manage the Peak Power Rewards program. SIPC monitors the condition of the electric grid both locally and nationally. This allows them to forecast when best to call for an event to help in times of high electrical demand.

How will I participate during an event?

Members can participate in a multitude of ways, both big and small, such as:

- Adjusting the thermostat a few degrees. Heating and cooling are typically the largest source of residential electricity usage.
- Avoiding the usage of major appliances during an event. Some examples are ovens, stoves, dryers and water heaters.
- Turning off unnecessary lights and electronics.

When can I enroll in Peak Power Rewards?

Enrollment will be open to Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative members in the fourth quarter of 2026. To learn more, members can call 618-827-3555.

Nominating Committee to meet May 7, 2026

Members to serve on the 2025-2026 Nominating Committee were appointed by Scott Ury, President of the Board of Directors, at the 2025 annual meeting of the members held Aug. 14, 2025. The committee will meet at the cooperative headquarters, 7420 U.S. Highway 51 South, Dongola, Ill., at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 7, 2026, to consider nominees for election to the board of directors at the 2026 annual meeting of members.

The following committee members were appointed to the 2025-2026 Nominating Committee to represent their respective counties:

Alexander County:

Delegate: Larry D. Houston, Tamms, IL 62988
 Alternate: Tim J. Pierce, Thebes, IL 62990

Johnson County:

Delegate: Nancy Breeden, Buncombe, IL 62912
 Alternate: Virginia George, Belknap, IL 62908

Massac County:

Delegate: Randy Wilke, Karnak, IL 62956
 Alternate: Ashley Thompson, Metropolis, IL 62960

Pulaski County:

Delegate: Danny J. Thurston, Pulaski, IL 62976
 Alternate: Craig Bradley, Karnak, IL 62956

Union County:

Delegate: Bruce Mosby, Jonesboro, IL 62952
 Alternate: Glenn Russell Heisner, Anna, IL 62906

The bylaws of the cooperative provide the nominations to the board of directors may be made by: (1) nominating committee, or (2) petition received not less than 45 days prior to the actual meeting, signed by 15 or more active members. **Alison F. Holliman** The three-year terms of the directors are expired alternatively so that each year elections are held for a portion of the board. At the 2026 annual meeting, elections will be held for a director from each of these three counties: Alexander, Johnson and Massac County.

Petitions may be picked up at the Dongola Headquarters, 7420 U.S. Highway 51 South, Dongola, Ill. Petitions are due by June 23, 2026, at 4 p.m.

**Mark
 your
 calendar**

Save the Date!
SIEC Annual Meeting
Thursday, August 6
Shawnee Community College



SOLAR ENERGY POP QUIZ

Solar energy is amazing because it allows us to use electricity generated from natural sunlight. Complete the quiz below by matching the solar energy terms in the word bank to the correct description.



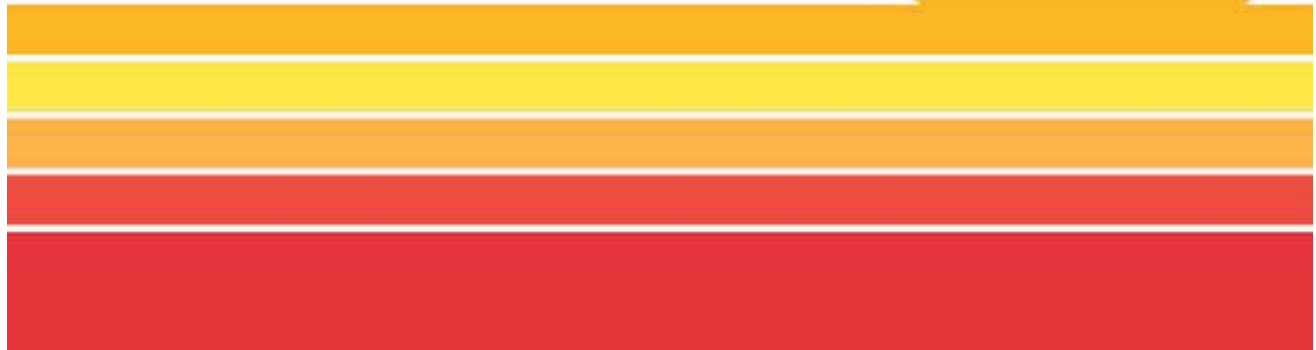
1. _____ A star at the center of our solar system that provides light and heat.
2. _____ Flat devices often placed on rooftops that collect energy from the Sun and help power homes and businesses.
3. _____ Tiny particles of energy that travel through space and reach Earth in about eight minutes.
4. _____ The basic building block inside rooftop equipment that converts sunlight into usable power.
5. _____ The type of energy that runs appliances, lights and electronics in your home.

Word Bank

- A. Solar Cell
- B. Electricity
- C. Solar Panels
- D. Sun
- E. Photons



Answer Key: 1) D 2) C 3) E 4) A 5) B



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 Brent with your account number at **800-762-1400** to claim your prize.

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ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

As temperatures start to rise, many homeowners focus on staying cool. Don't forget about the small gaps around windows and doors. While air sealing is often associated with keeping cold air out during winter, it's just as important during summer. Tiny cracks and worn weatherstripping allow cool, conditioned air to escape and hot, humid air to seep indoors. This forces your air conditioner to work harder than necessary and increases energy costs. Take a few minutes to check for drafts, replace weatherstripping and seal leaks. A tighter home keeps you more comfortable and helps manage energy use.

Source: *energy.gov*



Safety Tip

When planning a controlled burn, stay far away from power poles and overhead lines. Even a well-managed fire can damage a pole, sometimes from the inside out, creating serious electrical hazards. Keep suppression tools such as a shovel, water source or fire extinguisher nearby. Never burn during high winds or when wildfire warnings are in effect.

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MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER & HONOR

Our office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day Monday, May 25th.