



**Harrison
REMC**

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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To report service interruptions, call:
 812-738-4115 or 812-951-2323 day or night.
 During regular business hours these phone numbers will connect members to personnel at the Corydon office. After hours, they will connect members to the REMC answering service. Members should restrict calls to the answering service to electrical outages or emergencies.

SERVICES WE OFFER

- Long distance phone service
- Personal medical alert system
- Security lights
- Rebate program
- Surge protection
- New home energy seminars
- Discount theme park tickets
- Home security

co-opNews Information from your electric cooperative

NEWS OF NOTE

Co-ops reach one million milestone

One compact fluorescent light bulb can save up to \$40 in electricity costs over its lifetime. It uses less energy, lasts up to six times longer and produces about 75 percent less heat than a standard incandescent bulb.

Imagine multiplying those benefits by a million.

That's what Harrison REMC and 17 other electric cooperatives in central and southern Indiana and southeastern Illinois have accomplished by distributing one million CFL bulbs to their consumers over the past three years.

The cooperatives' CFL campaign, in cooperation with power supplier Hoosier Energy, has helped thousands of families discover the energy- and money-saving benefits of compact fluorescent lights.

Installing CFLs in the home is one of the easiest and least expensive ways to reduce energy consumption and better manage electricity costs. A part of the special relationship that electric co-ops have with consumers is helping them to use energy efficiently and keep bills affordable. The CFL distribution program has been a cost-effective way to do that for our co-ops.

What's the impact of one million CFLs?

- Co-op consumers are expected to reduce electricity consumption by about 260 million kilowatt-hours over the life of the bulbs, saving nearly \$26 million.
- The bulbs will reduce carbon dioxide emissions from coal-fired power plants by 260,000 tons – the equivalent of taking more than 45,000 cars off the road for a year.
- The energy savings from one million CFLs is equivalent to avoiding watching television for almost 2.4 billion hours – or a million



David C. Lett
CEO
Harrison REMC

households turning off their TVs for a year.

Demand side management measures, such as CFL installations, help utilities reduce energy use during periods of high demand – when temperatures are extremely hot or cold. The one million CFL bulbs help Hoosier Energy reduce peak demand by 4 megawatts in summer and more than 8 megawatts in winter.

Energy efficiency also has environmental benefits and helps to delay the need for costly new power plants.

The more than 300,000 consumer-members served by Hoosier Energy member cooperatives have taken advantage of an array of energy-saving demand side management programs. These include:

- Incentives for efficient heating, cooling and water heating equipment
- Home weatherization
- Appliance recycling to eliminate energy-wasting old refrigerators and freezers
- The high efficiency Touchstone Energy Home Program
- An energy management program for peak demand reduction
- Commercial and industrial energy efficiency.

In addition, Harrison REMC and other Hoosier Energy power network cooperatives recently launched "Team Up to Power Down," a campaign to raise consumer awareness about the forces driving up power costs and what families can do to better manage their electricity use. Learn more at Facebook.com/TeamUpToPowerDown.

Additional information about energy efficiency programs can be found at www.harrisonremc.com.



Increase your awareness about the factors that are driving up power costs. Learn what you can do to better manage electricity use at Facebook.com/TeamUpToPowerDown.

October kicks off 'Year of Cooperatives'

Electric cooperatives and other members of the co-op family take center stage globally in 2012, designated the International Year of Cooperatives.

The celebration begins in October when U.S. cooperatives traditionally celebrate National Cooperative Month. The International Year of Cooperatives' theme, "Cooperative Enterprises Build a Better World," resonates with co-ops in the electric, banking, food, retail, housing and marketing arenas.

"We're surrounded by a diverse mix of cooperatives," stated Glenn English, CEO of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), the national service organization for more than 900 not-for-profit electric cooperatives and public power districts. "No matter what kind

of co-op you belong to, two things are clear: we put people first, and we are innovators. By getting neighbors and communities to work together, co-op members build a better world."

What are co-ops?

Cooperatives are a global network of independent, local businesses owned by those they serve.

"We share a common set of business principles and values like self-help and democracy," explained English. "Each co-op exists to meet the needs of its members."

According to the Washington, D.C.-based National Cooperative Business Association (NCBA), more than 29,200 cooperatives nationally employ two million Americans. One in every four Americans is a co-op member, but the scope of the cooperative network doesn't

stop at the border.

"Co-ops are a major economic force in industrialized countries and provide a powerful business model for developing nations," noted Paul Hazen, NCBA president and CEO.

More than one billion co-op members exist worldwide, and co-ops generate 100 million jobs globally. Cooperatives strive for sustainable development of communities through member-driven policies, with co-op leaders elected by members.

"As a member, you have a voice in how your co-op operates. That keeps the co-op's focus on you and how best to meet your needs," noted English.

The innovative practices of co-ops provide consumer-focused solutions that can adapt

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Help us avoid future electric rate increases

We need your help. At Harrison REMC, we are developing new ways to help you reduce your electric costs. Currently, some members are participating in our energy management program, and we would like others to participate as well. Your help will aid Harrison REMC as it works to better manage costs, conserve energy, help the environment and lessen the impact of rate increases.

The energy management program is an innovative program that puts technology to work to save energy. Cycling the water heaters, air conditioners or heat pumps of participating members throughout our service territory helps reduce the demand for electricity during hours of peak energy use.

The program is free, and a simple phone call is all it takes to have a switch installed on your water and air conditioner. (An example of the water heater switch is shown at right).

Harrison REMC's energy management program is an innovative energy savings program that puts technology to use to save energy.

Then, when energy use is at its peak, a signal can be sent to cycle down the water heater and heating and cooling units for short periods of time.

You'll still have plenty of hot water and the inside temperature of your home shouldn't be compromised. The good news is that you'll be saving energy, as well as helping out the environment, without having to do a thing.

For your participation to help manage costs, we are offering energy management credits. The REMC will install and maintain the switch at no cost to you. To sign up or if you have questions, please call 812-738-4115 or 812-951-2323.



Does it make a difference?

Your appliances are only cycled down for small periods of time. However, the more participation the REMC gets in the program by our members, the more effective we will be in reducing the demand when energy is expensive. Doing this means we can help keep energy costs low as well as help reduce greenhouse emissions.

Earn credits for participating in energy management

Water heater only:

- \$1.50/month (June-August)

Water heater only:

- \$2.50/month (December-February)

Air conditioner only:

- \$4/month (June-August)

Water heater & air conditioner:

- \$7/month (June-August)

Water heater & air conditioner:

- \$3/month (December-February)

Second air conditioner:

- \$2/month

Energy management credits will only be given during the following months: June through August; December through February. There will be little if any controlling during the months of March through May and September through November.

HOME SEMINARS 2011



Are you ready to build a new home or make your home more energy efficient?

Learn the five most important energy-efficient decisions you will make when building or remodeling a home.

These seminars are designed to help homeowners make informed decisions about their homes.

Seminars at Harrison REMC

High Performance Homes,
Parts 1 and 2

• Oct. 5 and 6, 7 p.m.

Heat Pump Operation for
Maximum Comfort
at the Lowest Cost

• Nov. 10, 7 p.m.

How to Lower Your
Hot Water Costs

• Nov. 22, 7 p.m.

Seminars at Clark County REMC

How to Perform
Your Own Energy Audit

• Oct 27, 7 p.m.

Touchstone Energy
Home Seminar

• Nov. 3, 7 p.m.

SCI Security from Harrison REMC

Protection for home or business



Basic system starting as
low as \$99 installed

Call Shelley: 800-222-7362, ext. 3
or visit www.myscisecurity.com

Already have a security system? We can convert it over to SCI ... ask us how!

Make donations, receive CFLs

During the month of October, Harrison REMC will have a basket in the office lobby to collect nonperishable items for Harrison County Community Services to distribute to families. We will be exchanging up to six items for six CFLs. In order to get more variety, we are asking that you adhere to the schedule based on each week in October. Harrison REMC will not accept any damaged or expired products.



- Week 1 – canned goods
- Week 2 – paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, baggies, foil, plastic wrap)
- Week 3 – cereal, macaroni, oatmeal, crackers
- Week 4 – peanut butter, jelly, syrup, juice

In November, we will collect personal care items for distribution to families in need this holiday season. Examples of acceptable items include razors, shampoo, soap, bubble bath, after shave, feminine products, shaving cream, toothpaste, denture cream, diapers, baby products, deodorant, etc. Members can donate up to six items and receive six CFLs. Please adhere to the schedule below so we can help all ages.

- Week 1 – women's products
- Week 2 – men's products
- Week 3 – children's products
- Week 4 – senior products

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

Circle Centre Christmas Trip

- Downtown Indianapolis
- Thursday, Dec. 1
- 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
- \$40

Payment is required three weeks in advance. There are no refunds. A minimum of 30 people are required. Our bus is from American Coach Travel. Pick up is at Lincoln Hills Christian Church and across from the McDonalds in Georgetown. Please call 812-738-4115 or 812-951-2323 for questions and reservations.

Photos with Santa

- Harrison REMC Office
- Wednesday, Dec. 14
- 3-7 p.m.
- Get a free photo!

REMC RATE SCHEDULE

Residential and Farm Service Rate

EXAMPLE FOR 1,000 KWHS

Basic service charge.....	\$20.00
First 750 kwhs @ .08295/kwh	62.21
Over 750 kwhs @ .06723/kwh.....	16.81
Power cost tracker .012792 per kwh.....	12.79
SUB-TOTAL.....	\$111.81
Indiana sales tax (7%)	7.83
TOTAL BILL.....	\$119.64

TRACKER NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on Oct. 5, 2011, Harrison Rural Electric Membership Corporation will file before the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) a request for approval of the application of the Wholesale Power Cost Tracking procedures established by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission in Cause No. 34614.

This request is being made by reason of a change in Hoosier Energy, Inc.'s wholesale rates to its member Rural Electric Membership Corporations (REMC). This change in rates will be passed through to its member systems' retail rates via the wholesale power cost tracking procedure.

The most recent Wholesale Power Cost Tracking adjustment that Harrison REMC filed for in September 2011 included the last month of a three month credit adjustment in the amount of \$-0.003660 (\$-3.66 per 1,000 kWh). This credit adjustment has been/will be passed through to our members during the September, October and November billing cycles. Harrison REMC is filing this current adjustment to reflect the end of the credit adjustment period starting with our member's December 2011 bills.

This action will result in an increase in the wholesale power cost tracker included in the rates charged by Harrison REMC and will affect the consumers of Harrison REMC receiving service pursuant to the schedule of tariffs set forth in Appendix A on file at the IURC. The increase is expected to be \$0.003660 per kWh (\$3.66 per 1,000 kWh).

This filing is expected to be approved by the IURC by Nov. 16, 2011. If approved, the change would take effect for bills to be rendered beginning with the December 2011 billing cycles.

Any objections to this filing should be in written form and directed to either the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC), ATTN: Brenda Howe, 101 W. Washington St., Suite 1500E, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor, National City Center, 115 W. Washington St., Suite 1500 South, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Energy vampires suck energy in homes

Did you know that you're sharing your home with "energy vampires" — electronic and electrical devices that continue to suck electricity even when turned off? On average, these items are responsible for an estimated 10 percent of the electricity you use every month.

Here's a tip that can help you drive a stake through the heart of these vampires, saving energy and money.

One way to identify energy vampires is to look for devices with remote controls — TVs, DVRs, and audio equipment, for example. Then target gaming consoles, computers, monitors and printers as well as chargers for cell phones, iPods, small DVD players and laptops. Chargers draw energy even when they're not charging anything.

An easy way to seal the coffin on energy vampires is to plug components of your computer or home entertainment system into a power strip. With a single flip of a switch, you can fully cut power to them.

In addition, don't forget to unplug any appliances with digital clocks — such as coffee makers and toaster ovens — when you aren't using them. As TogetherWeSave.com has shown, pulling plugs and employing power strips can save you \$222 in electric bills per year.

For other tips on how to save energy — and money — visit www.energysavers.gov or Touch-

stone Energy® Cooperatives energy-saving website, www.TogetherWeSave.com, or call the efficiency experts at Harrison REMC.



Use a power strip to plug in several electronics. When they are not in use, you can save more energy by flipping the switch on the power strip to fully cut power to each device.

YEAR OF COOPERATIVES

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quickly to change. Unlike competitive, profit-driven businesses, co-ops cooperate with each other to fashion programs that improve service. For example, food co-ops introduced food nutrition labels long before they were federally required in 1994. Credit unions fought the predatory practices of payday lenders by introducing salary advance loans that double as savings accounts.

Electric cooperatives are leading the way nationally in deploying technologies that enhance service reliability.

"You can find co-ops for all walks of life," said English. "When people unite with a common goal, the co-op business model comes into play."

Lighting the world

Electric cooperatives are leaders, delivering power and light to 42 million consumers in 47 states covering more than 75 percent of the nation's land-mass. Not only does 2012 mark

a global celebration of the cooperative business model, it also marks the 50th anniversary of NRECA International Programs, a division of

NRECA. The theme, "Cooperative Enterprises Build a Better World," shines in the work NRECA International Programs does every day.

Working together, more than 300 U.S. electric cooperatives have delivered the benefits of safe and reliable electric service to more than 100 million people in 40-plus countries since November 1962.

Building a better world takes experience, and no group has more experience in bringing low-cost power to remote areas than electric cooperatives.

In the United States, co-ops helped electricity evolve from a luxury to an essential part of daily life. Yet more than two billion people around the globe still live without power — 64 million in Latin America, 500 million in Africa, and more than one billion in Asia.

Learn more about how you can help electric co-ops build a

better world at www.NRECAFoundation.coop. For more information about co-ops, visit www.go.coop.

Did You Know?

Electric cooperatives own and operate more than 2.5 million miles of distribution lines. That's enough line to circle the equator more than 100 times!



Source: NASA, NRECA