



**Harrison  
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Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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CORYDON, IN 47112**

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## PHONE NUMBERS & HOURS

**Local** ..... 812-738-4115  
**Local** ..... 812-951-2323  
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 and go to Ask a Question on the home page.  
**Website** ..... [www.harrisonremc.com](http://www.harrisonremc.com)  
**Hours** ..... 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
 Monday-Friday

## SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS

**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.

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## 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

## Harrison REMC offers CFL recycling

Please put old bulbs in a plastic bag and bring them to our office. We will see that they get disposed of properly.



# CO-opNews Information from your electric cooperative

## NEWS OF NOTE

# New regulations on horizon

Co-ops hope to stall EPA involvement

Efforts by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to regulate emissions of greenhouse gases from stationary sources, like power plants, as pollutants under the federal Clean Air Act have drawn objections from congressional and state leaders and others who say the law was never intended for such purposes.

**“EPA is not equipped to consider the very real potential for economic harm when regulating [greenhouse gas] emissions,”** stated governors of 20 states in a March 2010 letter to congressional Democratic and Republican leaders. **“Without that consideration, regulation will place heavy administrative burdens on state environmental quality agencies, will be costly to consumers, and could be devastating to the economy and jobs.”**

Created in 1970, EPA fashions regulations to protect the environment and safeguard public health as authorized in bills passed by Congress. Over time, its jurisdiction has grown to cover numerous items that impact electric bills, including power plant emissions, coal combustion by-products, and water.

While EPA has begun to make known a series of climate change-themed rules that will boost the cost of electricity and other energy prices resulting in higher prices for consumers and businesses, few actions have been as controversial as its move to curb greenhouse gas emissions, notably carbon dioxide, from stationary sources. A 2007 U.S. Supreme Court ruling determined that EPA can regulate greenhouse gas emissions from new motor vehicles under the Clean Air Act if the agency determines they threaten public health and welfare. In April 2009, EPA took the formal step of issuing an endangerment finding on the emissions and soon began developing greenhouse gas regulations that have since expanded to include power plants.

At Harrison REMC, we’re committed to keeping your electric bill affordable. So you can understand why I get upset when I see EPA folks make bad decisions that put pressure on how much you pay for power.

Over the past two years, Congress debated, but never passed, a comprehensive climate change bill. Into this void, EPA has stepped forward and has now fielded a team of new regulations. Out of these three could hit electric bills out of the park.

**Clean air transport rule:** This rule kicks in next year and aims to cap power plant emissions



**David C. Lett**  
CEO

of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides from state to state between 31 eastern states and the District of Columbia, this includes Indiana. By 2014, EPA claims the rule, when combined with other state and federal measures (such as Maximum Achievable Control Technology, or MACT, rules for mercury emissions), will reduce sulfur dioxide emissions from power plants by 71 percent and nitrogen oxides emissions by 52 percent from 2005 levels, but it will cost utilities \$2.8 billion every year to comply.

**Cooling water intake requirements:** Power plants use water from lakes or rivers to cool generating equipment. While screens and various components prevent fish and other wildlife from entering water intake pipes, EPA thinks this equipment could be improved. We’re expecting a rule proposal in February, and the impact could be severe. The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), the nation’s bulk power grid watchdog, claims if this rule is strictly enforced, one-third of U.S. electricity capacity may need to be retired.

**Coal ash:** To ensure the safe disposal of fly ash and other residues (bottom ash, scrubber sludge, and slag) produced by coal-fired power plants (known as coal combustion residuals, or CCRs), EPA is considering whether or not to designate the materials – for the first time – as hazardous waste. Complying with this rule could cost billions and would also halt recycling efforts. Right now we use one-third of all fly ash as a Portland cement substitute – and for every ton of concrete replaced by fly ash, a ton of greenhouse gas emissions is avoided. On four prior occasions – most recently under the Clinton Administration in 2000 – EPA determined CCRs do *not* warrant regulation as a hazardous waste. Not only did EPA find CCRs rarely, if ever, exhibit a hazardous waste characteristic, the agency also concluded states can safely manage CCRs under federal nonhazardous waste rules.

Harrison REMC is committed to keeping you informed about government regulations that will increase the cost of electricity. We’re joining co-ops nationally to ask Congress for a much-needed time-out – a two-year moratorium on EPA regulation of carbon dioxide greenhouse gases. A delay would give lawmakers the opportunity to fashion climate change legislation that protects you, our consumers, and keeps electric bills affordable.



Harrison REMC welcomed Santa and Mrs. Claus on Dec. 2 and they had the opportunity to visit with 138 children to find out what is on their wish list this year.

### REMC collecting items to distribute

Harrison REMC will have a basket in our lobby to collect nonperishable items for Grace Hall in Corydon. The location offers a hot meal every Tuesday and distributes food on the fourth Tuesday of every month. We will be exchanging up to six items for six CFLs.

We are collecting canned fruits and vegetables, boxed meals, child friendly foods, crackers, peanut butter, jelly, cereals and any other type of nonperishable food item.

Call 811 or 800-382-5544  
before you dig.  
Allow time for the utilities  
to mark their lines.  
Respect the markings  
and excavate with care.

## 2011 annual report photo contest

Harrison REMC is seeking entries for the annual report cover photo contest. The winning photo will be featured as the cover of the 2011 annual report, which is distributed at the 2011 annual meeting on April 5. The following are the guidelines for the submission of photos for the contest.

1. Submissions must be recent color photographs that have been taken in our service territory. A brief description of where the photo was taken, your name, address, telephone and account number must be submitted with the photo. Photos that include people must have written consent for publication.
2. The photographer must reside in a Harrison REMC household.
3. No more than three entries per photographer.
4. The winning photo, as voted on by REMC employees, will become the property of Harrison REMC to use for publicity purposes such as, but not limited to, the annual report cover, website, *Electric Consumer*, etc.
5. Pictures will only be accepted digitally, this

includes CDs, jump drive, memory card or via e-mail to the following e-mail address: cracicot@harrisonremc.com. No photos will be accepted.

6. We would prefer it to be a tif or jpeg file sized to 100 percent at a minimum 300 dpi.
7. The winning photograph will be used for the annual report front cover, and they will receive a check for \$50. Second and third place winners will receive a \$25 check each. First, second and third place photographs will be printed in *Electric Consumer*.
8. All entries must be submitted by Feb. 18 to our business office at 1165 Old Forest Road, Corydon, IN 47112 by this date. The winner will be announced in the May *Electric Consumer*.
9. This is not an exhaustive list of rules. REMC reserves the right to reject all entries. Please contact our office at 812-738-4115 or 812-951-2323 with any questions.
10. REMC employees, board members and their families are not eligible to participate.

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## Join Indiana youth in Washington, D.C.

High school juniors have a chance to join other Indiana youth on a trip of a lifetime. Applications are now available for the 2011 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. Indiana's electric cooperatives have hosted the Youth Tour since 1960, providing hundreds of young Hoosiers the opportunity to visit our nation's capital and learn about the federal government and the cooperative utility industry. The trip begins on June 9 in Indianapolis and ends on June 16.

According to David Lett, CEO of Harrison REMC, the Indiana delegation will include approximately 75 students from throughout the state, each selected by his/her local cooperative. In 2010, over 1,500 students from around the country were in Washington for the conference.

"Harrison REMC is pleased to be able to provide this opportunity for local students," Lett said. "It's a great trip and a wonderful chance to see the sights, make new friends and learn how everyone, even young people, can make a difference in the political process."

The Indiana delegation will meet in Indianapolis on Thursday, June 9, to get acquainted and learn about the Indiana legislative process. The

students will depart early on Friday and spend their first evening in Gettysburg, Pa. On Saturday, they will tour the Gettysburg National Battlefield in the morning and arrive in Washington, D.C., that evening. Sunday through Wednesday is a full schedule of sight-seeing, speakers, visits to the national memorials, a collection of museums, and a night cruise on the Potomac River.

Students will participate in a Monday morning "Youth Tour Rally," where they will share their thoughts and opinions on a variety of timely issues. This will prepare them for a busy Tuesday on Capitol Hill, when students visit with representatives of Indiana's congressional delegation. The week will end on a high note with the "All-States Dinner Dance" at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City.

For more information about the 2011 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., or to receive an application, contact Cathy Racicot at 812-738-4115 or 812-951-2323 or visit [www.harrisonremc.com](http://www.harrisonremc.com) to print off the application. All applications must be received at the REMC office by Feb. 11.

## REMC accepting applications for IUS scholarships

Applications are now available for scholarships to Indiana University Southeast. Harrison REMC has provided these scholarships to encourage our local youth to continue their education.

The eligibility requirements for the REMC-IUS scholarships are: The applicant's parent or guardian must be currently receiving electrical service from the Harrison REMC. The applicant must be a high school senior who has been accepted at IUS for the 2011 fall semester as a full time student (12 credit hours) and have an SAT score on file at IUS. Indiana University Southeast will make the selection from each participating

school. Seniors must also provide a one page essay as to why they are the best candidate for this scholarship along with the application. Immediate family members of an employee or director of the Harrison REMC are ineligible for the scholarship.

The deadline for the application to be returned to IUS is April 15. Applications for the scholarships have been sent to school guidance counselors. Interested students should check with their schools. Applications are also available at the REMC office and online at [www.harrisonremc.com](http://www.harrisonremc.com).

## Electricity use monitors available for our members

Harrison REMC is now offering our members the opportunity to find out what appliances are actually worth keeping plugged in. The Kill A Watt electricity use monitors are available for our members to check their appliances to see how energy efficient they really are.

Simply connect the appliances to the Kill A Watt and the display will count consumption by killowatt-hour. This enables members to check to see if it is time to upgrade appliances. The REMC will loan these out for five days to our members at no cost.

(If it is not returned after five days there will be a \$24.99 charge added to your bill). You may also purchase a unit at [www.chooserenewables.com](http://www.chooserenewables.com).

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Koetter and Smith, a wood-industry by-product company located on Harrison REMC lines, received the 2010 Agribusiness of the Year award. The award is sponsored by the Agribusiness Industry Network.

## Koetter and Smith win Agribusiness of the Year Award

Harrison REMC is proud to announce that one of our customers has won an award for taking a waste product and turning it into a valuable resource. Tackling what was once a problem of what to do with the piles of sawdust waste from sawmills, Koetter and Smith has grown to the present day operation that sells to thousands of customers.

Koetter and Smith, a regional recycler, producer and transporter of wood industry by-products located in Borden, has been named winner of the 2010 Agribusiness of the Year award.

The award, sponsored by the Agribusiness Industry Network, was presented to Koetter and Smith, during the annual Farm-City Luncheon at the Kentucky Exposition Center.

Now in its 18th year, the Agribusiness of the Year award honors a Louisville-area agribusiness which excels in financial growth and stability, employee relations and contributions to the overall agricultural economy.

Founded in 1980, Koetter and Smith is a privately owned biomass producer which recycles mostly waste wood into such renewable products as mulches, compost and animal bedding. The firm also produces and markets bulk boiler fuels and fuel pellets for residential use.

Transportation comprises another big part of the enterprise, with a commercial fleet of 20 trucks and 187 trailers which haul raw material and finished products into and out of the southern Indiana plant, and also transport other manufacturers' products that are sold by Koetter and Smith.



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## REMC RATE SCHEDULE

### Residential and Farm Service Rate

#### EXAMPLE FOR 1,800 KWHS

Basic service charge.....	\$20.00
First 750 kwhs @ .08295/kwh.....	62.21
Over 750 kwhs @ .06723/kwh.....	70.59
Power cost tracker .012767 per kwh.....	22.99
SUB-TOTAL.....	\$175.79
Indiana sales tax (7%).....	12.31
<b>TOTAL BILL.....</b>	<b>\$188.10</b>

## CUSTOMER SERVICES

• **On-line bill payment** — REMC members can now access their accounts and pay monthly bills via the Internet. Log onto the REMC Web site, [www.harrisonremc.com](http://www.harrisonremc.com), and click "Access My Account."

• **E-check** — This free service allows members to make a manual payment via electronic check. Visit the Web site [www.harrisonremc.com](http://www.harrisonremc.com) any time and click "Pay by E-check."

• **Internet service** — REMC offers Dial-Up Internet service for as little as \$12.95 per month. Call 800-470-7362 to sign up.

• **Long distance phone service** — REMC offers long distance service for only 7.8 cents per minute with no monthly fees. This low rate applies to all calls made to the lower 48 states, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Discount rates to international locations are also available. Call 800-470-7362 for more information.

• **Automatic payment plan** — Save time and postage by having your electric bill automatically drafted from your designated bank account without additional charges.

• **Budget billing** — REMC can help take the ups and downs out of your billing amount each month by averaging one month's bill based on the previous 12 months of electric use.

## E-BILLING

Save time, money and paper with Harrison REMC's paperless billing. Once enrolled, you will automatically receive an e-mail each month telling you the balance due and due date. You can click on the link to view a copy of your bill and pay on-line with a credit card or electronic check. The eBill will replace your paper bill and will be sent to you at the same time of the month that you normally receive your paper bill. The new eBill will save you time and money if you choose to pay online and will save Harrison REMC money on postage and printing.

# E-Bill

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or visit [www.mysecurity.com](http://www.mysecurity.com)

## Sign up for the free energy management program

This innovative program allows Harrison REMC to install a switch on your electric water, air conditioner, or heat pump. When energy use is at its peak, a signal can be sent to cycle down the water heater and heating/cooling units for short periods of time.

You'll still have plenty of hot water and the inside temperature 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. Call 812 738 4115 or 812 951 2323 to sign up.

## What's in it for you?

### Harrison REMC energy management credits

Water heater only (June-August)	\$1.50 month
Water heater only (December-February)	\$2.50 month
Air conditioner only (June-August)	\$4 month
Water heater and air conditioner (June-August)	\$7 month
Water heater and air conditioner (December-February)	\$3 month
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.*

## 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 you build your new home or remodel your existing home.

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

\*Please note there are a couple of new seminar topics

## 2011 Home Seminar schedule

### Harrison REMC

#### How to lower your hot water costs

• Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. • Nov. 22 at 7 p.m.

#### High performance homes, parts 1 and 2

• Feb. 2 and 3 at 7 p.m. • April 6 and 7 at 7 p.m.  
• June 1 and 2 at 7 p.m. • Aug. 3 and 4 at 7 p.m. • Oct. 5 and 6 at 7 p.m.

#### Heat pump operation for maximum comfort at the lowest cost

• Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. • Nov. 10 at 7 p.m.

### Clark County REMC

#### Touchstone Energy Home Seminar

• Jan. 6 at 7 p.m. • March 3 at 7 p.m.  
• May 5 at 7 p.m. • July 7 at 7 p.m.  
• Sept. 1 at 7 p.m. • Nov. 3 at 7 p.m.

#### Heat pump operation for maximum comfort at the lowest cost

Feb. 24 at 7 p.m.

#### How to perform your own energy audit

Oct. 27 at 7 p.m.