



**Harrison  
REMC**

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

**1165 OLD FOREST ROAD  
P.O. BOX 517  
CORYDON, IN 47112**

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## PHONE NUMBERS & HOURS

**Local** ..... 812-738-4115  
**Local** ..... 812-951-2323  
**Fax** ..... 812-738-2378  
**Submit Meter Readings** ..... 812-951-2023  
**E-mail contact:**..... [www.harrisonremc.com](http://www.harrisonremc.com)  
 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

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## 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.

## 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

## Do your part to keep costs low

All of us need to do our part to keep the cost of electricity as low as possible. It will be through working together that we can save energy and money.

Electricity costs are rising and are likely to go even higher in the near future. The cost to deliver power through the regional grid is also increasing. This is due in large part to the need to comply with environmental regulations. Most of us want clean, reliable energy, but there are costs associated with it.

### Renewables won't close the gap

During the past five years, our power supplier, Hoosier Energy, has invested more than \$600 million in environmental facilities and new generation resources to meet increasing power requirements. Plans call for an additional \$900 million through 2015, primarily to comply with environmental regulations.

As our nation's economy continues to rebound from the recession, new businesses and homes are constantly being added to the grid. Demand for electricity rises every day. Many electric plants are already working at or near full capacity. New plants are extremely expensive to build, so it's important that we curb our energy use to delay building new power plants for as long as possible.

All these factors create a new reality: electricity costs are rising.

In order to provide reliable electricity at the lowest possible cost, Harrison REMC is working to balance traditional ways of generating power with renewable energy. Currently, close to 3 percent of the REMC's power comes from renewable resources.



**David C. Lett**  
CEO  
Harrison REMC

Renewables provide an important supply of supplemental energy, but they can be quite costly and less reliable than traditional fuel sources. If you would like to purchase your power from renewable resources, Harrison REMC offers the EnviroWatts program.

In addition to being environmentally responsible, the REMC is working to keep your costs as low as possible. Now, we need your help.

### Resources at your fingertips

We all need a game plan for how we use electricity in order to keep the price as low as possible. That's why we have asked you to join us in our new initiative to **Team Up to Power Down**. Through this effort we want to show you how to become an MVP. The first step to reducing power costs is keeping an eye on electricity consumption.

By powering down, you reduce your energy bill, and lower the overall demand for electricity.

Harrison REMC has a number of programs as well as online resources to help you save energy and money. Through partnership with Touchstone Energy, the website, [TogetherWeSave.com](http://TogetherWeSave.com) provides information about ways to save and the benefits of energy saving measures. The Facebook page, [Facebook.com/TeamUpToPowerDown](http://Facebook.com/TeamUpToPowerDown) provides videos, links, daily energy-saving tips and more information. We urge you to get involved with **Team Up To Power Down** by "liking" the Facebook page and discussing energy and money-saving options with your family.

Go to our website for more details, [www.harrisonremc.com](http://www.harrisonremc.com), and look for future articles and keep reading the *Electric Consumer* for other energy savings ideas and programs.

**TEAM UP  
TO POWER DOWN.**  
Together We Save.



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.

## Federal income tax credits for efficient home improvements to expire

On Dec. 31, 2011, the federal income tax credits available to those who invest in efficient heating, ventilating and air conditioning equipment, certain metal or asphalt roofs, heat pump water heaters, more insulation and Energy Star windows and doors will expire. Presently, no discussion is filtering down from Washington to indicate any extension of the existing program or implementation of a new program of tax credits for homeowners who will make these purchases after Dec. 31, 2011.

# Energy management program reduces rate increases

The summer and winter demands for electric power become a problem when all Harrison REMC customers and the other electric co-ops who get their power from Hoosier Energy ask for more electric power than Hoosier Energy can generate.

When this happens, the options available to Hoosier Energy for getting this additional electric power are very expensive. One might think Hoosier Energy would invest in another power plant for the summer and winter, but the hundreds of millions of dollars to invest in another power plant is an expensive idea that only would add to the spring and fall excess power plant capacity. This plant would not generate any additional income in the spring and fall, and would cause their costs to increase and ultimately our electric rates to go up.

A much better idea and one that Harrison REMC consumers can participate in is the energy management program.

The energy management program is an innovative program that puts technology to work to save energy. Cycling the water heaters and 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). 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.



## 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.*

## Harrison REMC public notices

Notice is hereby given that on Sept. 4, 2011; Harrison Rural Electric Membership Corporation will file before the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) a request for approval of an optional residential time of use rate schedule using the 30 day administrative filing process.

This optional rate schedule will be part of a pilot program by Harrison REMC and will incorporate different rates for electricity based on the time of day the electric is being used which will reflect the REMC's wholesale power costs at that particular time. Only members who contact Harrison REMC requesting this optional rate and who also meet certain requirements will be affected by this filing. This optional pilot rate will be limited to the first 500 members who qualify and those who elect to be billed under this rate will be required to stay on the rate for 12 consecutive months.

This filing is expected to be approved by the IURC by Oct. 5, 2011. If approved, qualified members will be able to sign up for the

rate immediately thereafter.

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.

Notice is hereby given that on Sept. 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.

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 \$0.000629 per kWh (\$0.63 per 1,000 kWh).

This filing is expected to be approved by the IURC by Oct. 12, 2011. If approved, the change would take effect for bills to be rendered beginning with the November 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.

# How to reduce the cost of heating and cooling a home

**Q:** *I don't have the time to check out all this confusing residential energy efficiency stuff and would like to have one thing I can do to give me relief from my home's high heating and cooling bills. Is there just "one thing" I can do?*

**Answer from Bob Geswein:**

Yes, there is and I am so glad you asked. Sell your home. It's that simple.

But if that is not what you had in mind or you don't want to leave your present home, stay with me.

Homes operate as a system. The answer to relief from high residential heating and cooling bills involves more than one area of your home.

You must effectively address all the areas of your home that are responsible for consuming electrical energy for heating and cooling comfort. The big areas are: foundations, air sealing, windows and doors, insulation, and correctly sized heating and cooling equipment.

Consider these five areas to be a basketball team, for which you are the coach and have a burning desire to win the championship game. Don't you have to have five great ball players to win it all? Not one or two or anything less than all five. So it is with your home. To have a high performance home with low heating and cooling costs, you must have all five of these areas effective in their performance. One area won't get the job done. And there is not one area more important than the other. It is a fact that all five

must be working at the top of their game for you to have low energy costs.

Consider attending Harrison REMC's High Performance Home Seminar to learn what making these areas of your home more effective will mean for you. The next seminar will be Wednesday, Oct. 5, for Part 1 and Thursday, Oct. 6, for Part 2. Both programs are held at Harrison REMC's office, start at 7 p.m. and do not have any charge for attending. The worst thing that could happen to you is to learn one thing that would allow you to get relief from your home's heating and cooling costs, meaning, sell your home. But Harrison REMC wants you to learn about all five areas to reduce your home's costs so you will have a champion.



### Harrison REMC offers CFL recycling

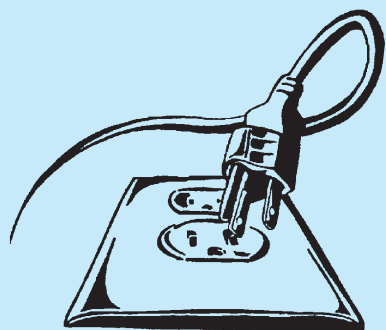
Please put old bulbs in a plastic bag and bring them to our office. We will see that they get disposed of properly.

**Please no long tube fluorescent bulbs**

## Quick Tip for saving energy

A typical American home has 40 products continuously drawing power. Which ones could you disconnect to help save money and energy?

— ENERGY STAR



## 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

**Touchstone Energy  
Home Seminar**

• Sept 1, 7 p.m.

• Nov. 3, 7 p.m.

**How to Perform  
Your Own Energy Audit**

• Oct 27, 7 p.m.

## 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
<b>TOTAL BILL.....</b>	<b>\$119.64</b>

## CUSTOMER SERVICES

• **Online 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 website [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 online 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.

## SECURITY

SCI Security from Harrison REMC  
Protection for home or business  
Call Shelley at 800-222-7362, ext. 3,  
or visit [www.mysecurity.com](http://www.mysecurity.com)

## Plan ahead for December bus trip

We're going shopping. So, make out your lists and find your walking shoes and take a ride with us. We always have fun. Find a buddy to wander around with. This trip just can't be beat!

### Circle Centre Christmas Trip

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



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There is a change in pay requirements due to the cancellation of the Corvette Museum Trip. We found our vendors need a little more notice if trips need to be cancelled so we are now requiring payment three weeks in advance of trip date unless otherwise listed. There are no refunds. A minimum of 30 people are required to take each trip. Our buses are 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.

A cartoon character with a smiling face, wearing sunglasses, is holding a string that is attached to a hot dog on a grill. The character is positioned at the top of a thought bubble that contains the event information. The background is a light gray with some decorative swirls.

**Harrison REMC 4th Annual  
Member Appreciation Day**

Come and  
Enjoy the  
Afternoon  
with us!!

Let us  
Celebrate  
You!!

September 22, 2011  
3:30 to 6:30 pm

Harrison REMC office at 1165 Old  
Forest Road, Corydon

Hot Dogs, Popcorn, Soda and Water  
3 inflatables for the kids!!

Bingo for adults!  
Giveaways! Booths!