

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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TO REPORT SERVICE

INTERRUPTIONS, PLEASE CALL

855-865-2229, (OPTION 1) DAY OR NIGHT.

Have the phone number associated with your account ready when reporting outages. Please limit after hours calls to emergencies and outage situations.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Eugene Roberts, District 1
- Randy Roberts, District 2
- Danny Easterday, District 3
- Rodney Hager, District 4
- Ben Lindsey, District 5
- Brian Hawkins, District 6
- George Key, District 7

REMC SENIOR STAFF

- Matthew C. Deaton, *General Manager/CEO*
- Marcy Bennett, *Office Manager*
- Misty Tincher, *Accountant*
- Mark Belcher, *Member Services Manager*
- Billy Chastain, *Operations Manager*



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By the community, for the community

October is National Co-op Month



When you think of October, pumpkins, Halloween and beautiful fall foliage naturally come to mind. But October is notable for another reason –

it's National Co-op Month! This is the time of year when cooperatives across the country, including Orange County REMC, celebrate who we are and more importantly, the members we serve.

Cooperatives are different than other types of businesses. When the market declines to offer a product or service, or does so at a very high price, co-ops intervene to fill the need.

Similar to how Orange County REMC was built by members who came together to bring electricity to our community, cooperatives are conveners for the common good. Your electric co-op exists to provide safe, reliable and affordable energy to you, the members of the co-op. Equally important is our mission to enrich the lives of the members we serve. This is precisely the reason we have worked so hard to make high-speed internet access a reality as we continue to build our subsidiary, Orange County Fiber.

As a co-op, we are well-suited to meet the needs of the community because we are locally governed. Orange County REMC's leadership team and employees live right here in the community. Our board of directors, who helps set long-term priorities for the co-op, lives locally on co-op lines. These board members have been elected to the position by neighbors like you.

We know our members (that's you!) have a valuable perspective. That's why we are continually seeking your input. Whether through community events, our social media channels or the annual meeting, we want to hear from you.

Another feature that sets our co-op apart from a traditional utility is one of our core principles, "Concern for Community." We partner with local organizations through Operation Round Up to help local civic groups and school programs to have access to funds to improve our community. We participate in the Indiana Youth Tour, during which we take our community's brightest young people to Washington, D.C., for a week-long immersion to experience democracy in action, and sponsor younger students who want to experience Touchstone Energy Camp for a unique hands-on educational event.

Ultimately, the larger community benefits from these programs because of you and your neighbors. You empower the co-op through your membership and through your participation in and support of these programs.

We hope you will think of Orange County REMC as more than your energy provider, but instead as a local business that supports this community and powers economic development and prosperity for the people.

We will continue to learn from our members about their priorities so that we can better serve you – because your electric co-op was built by the community, for the community.

MATTHEW C. DEATON
 General Manager/CEO

co-op news

Rate Schedule

How to compute your monthly electric bill:

Use this information to figure your bill for electric use in October, November and December.

Rate Schedule for Standard Service

Standard Service Consumer Charge.....	\$26
Standard Service Energy Charge	\$0.1124
Wholesale Power Cost Tracker ..	\$0.0032734
Total bill x Indiana sales tax	7%

Example for 1,200 kWh

Standard Service Consumer Charge.....	\$26
1,200 kWh @ \$0.1124	\$134.88
Wholesale Power Cost Tracker	
1,200 kWh @ \$0.0032734.....	\$3.93
Total.....	\$164.81
Indiana sales tax	\$11.54
Total bill	\$176.34

Rate Schedule for Time-of-Use Service

Time-of-Use Consumer Charge.....	\$30.90
Energy Charge On-Peak	\$0.1671
<small>(On-Peak: 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., Monday–Friday, EST)</small>	
Energy Charge Off-Peak.....	\$0.0691
Wholesale Power Cost Tracker .	\$0.0032734
Total bill x Indiana sales tax, 7%	

Example for 300 kWh (On-Peak) and 900 kWh (Off-Peak)

Time-of-Use Consumer Charge.....	\$30.90
Energy Charge On-Peak	
300 kWh @ \$0.1671	\$50.13
Energy Charge Off-Peak	
900 kWh @ \$0.0691	\$62.19
Wholesale Power Cost Tracker	
1,200 kWh @ \$0.0032734.....	\$3.93
Total.....	\$147.15
Indiana sales tax	\$10.30
Total bill	\$157.45

Rate Schedule for Security Lighting

Security Lighting: 100 W HPS	\$9.82
Security Lighting: 40 W LED.....	\$9.82

Visa, MasterCard and Discover cards accepted

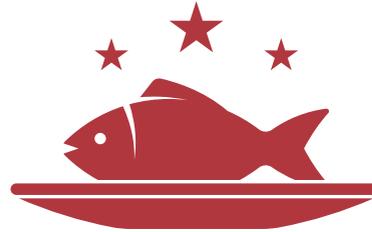
Pay by phone at 833-890-7734.

Visit www.myremc.coop for these services:

- Pay online
- Pre-pay your bill
- Sign up for recurring monthly payment

ORANGE COUNTY REMC/FIBER

Member Appreciation



Fish Fry

FREE LUNCH!

Fried Fish • Cole Slaw • Baked Beans • Bread

FRIDAY OCT. 18, FROM 11 A.M. - 2 P.M.
at the REMC Office (7133 N. State Road 337, Orleans)

Door prizes and drawings!

Enter to win:

Electric Smoker

49-Inch 4K TV

We'll also have an Orange County Fiber booth set up to answer questions.

Deadlines for rebates and tax credits

Rebates: The deadline to apply for an Orange County REMC rebate for energy efficient HVAC and water heating equipment is Dec. 1. Visit our website www.myremc.coop for more info and an application.

Geothermal Tax Credit: The federal tax credit for purchasing a geothermal HVAC unit has been extended through 2019, but

then will be stepped down over the next few years as follows:

- 30% for systems placed in service by Dec. 31, 2019
- 26% for systems placed in service after Jan. 1 2020, and before Dec. 31, 2020.
- 22% for systems placed in service after Jan. 1, 2021 and before Dec. 31, 2022.

Get more information about geothermal tax credits at this website:

<https://www.waterfurnace.com/literature/collateral/br1507mw-tax-credit-residential.pdf>

APPLY NOW!



SPEND A DAY AT THE STATEHOUSE

WITH STUDENTS FROM REMCS AROUND THE STATE

- ★ See the Senate in action.
- ★ Tour the Statehouse.
- ★ Pass your own legislation during a mock bill activity.

APPLY BY JAN. 10

at GoIEC.org/2020pageday



REQUIREMENTS: You must be available **Jan. 22** and have reliable transportation to and from the Indiana Statehouse that day. The program is open to high school students. Please confirm with school administrators, but Page Day is considered an excused absence in most instances.

Employee UPDATE

Thurman retires



Ed Thurman

Lineworkers are often called upon to work in the most difficult of circumstances, and yet they often are loyal to the job, working for decades in the worst weather, and the longest hours.

After 25 years of serving Orange County REMC members, Journeyman Lineman Ed Thurman has retired. He started his career with the co-op as a meter technician. He later transitioned into a journeyman linemen. Throughout his time at Orange County REMC, Ed has made service to the members a priority. His co-workers wish him the best in his retirement.

Lindsey accepts new role



Lorena Lindsey

Orange County REMC's Lorena Lindsey recently changed jobs within the co-op. Formerly a member service representative, she will now be

working in the accountant I position, reporting to Misty Tincer.

We appreciate Lorena's willingness to step into a new role, and her commitment to provide excellent service to our members.



ETS Fall Check-Up *Special Savings*

DON'T WAIT FOR COLD WEATHER TO FIND OUT YOUR ETS UNITS ARE NOT WORKING PROPERLY

REMC will lower the normal \$50 service call to only
**\$25 for the first unit,
and \$5 for each additional unit.**

Call 812-865-2229 locally
or 888-337-5900 (toll free)
to schedule your ETS
check-up.

Schedule your ETS units for
service between Sept. 1 and
Oct. 31 to receive this special
discounted rate!

Save this fall with energy efficiency tips

Autumn is the time of year when your energy bill typically gets a break, before the extreme temperatures of winter set in. Here are a few ways you can maximize energy savings this time of year, and heading into winter.

1. Open the blinds or curtains on your south-facing windows for some free solar gain during the day. This may allow you to hold off turning on your home's HVAC system.
2. If your home needs new windows or doors, this is a great time of year to do it. You won't lose as much conditioned air, while the work is in progress.
3. Find and seal leaks around windows, recessed lights, plumbing and electrical penetrations, unfinished attic, closet and cupboard spaces.
4. Replace weather stripping around doors where needed.
5. Schedule your HVAC system for maintenance and replace furnace filters.
6. If you have a fireplace, be sure your fireplace damper closed unless a fire is burning. Also check the seal on the fireplace flue damper and make it as snug as possible.