


A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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OFFICE HOURS

7 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday-Friday

STREET ADDRESS

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 Orleans, IN 47452

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P.O. Box 208, Orleans, IN 47452

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

- Daniel Houchin, 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, *Electric Operations Manager*
- Charlie Rollins, *Fiber Operations Manager*



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Staying connected



When we say that we live in a “connected” world, most of us think about technology, like our smartphones and other devices and gadgets. But when you’re a member of an electric co-op,

there’s so much more to being part of our connected co-op community.

As a member of Orange County REMC you can help to power the good in our local community through initiatives like Operation Round Up, which positively impacts school groups, nonprofits and other local organizations. Want to see how this program has helped our community recently? Check out the list of most recent grants on page 7.

We greatly value our connection to you, the members we serve. And we’d like to help you maximize the value you can get from Orange County REMC through a variety of programs, products and services that we offer our members. For example, we can help you save money on your energy bill through our free online energy audits and rebates on energy efficient HVAC and water heating equipment. When you download our SmartHub app, you can monitor and manage your home energy use, pay your bill online, report an outage and access a menu of additional options for potential savings and more.

When you follow Orange County REMC on social media, you can stay up to date on power restoration efforts, tree trimming planning, co-op director elections, giveaways and more. You’ll also see photos of our line crews in action and our employees helping with community service projects— and who doesn’t enjoy seeing good things happening in our community?

We also want to make sure we have your most current contact information on hand. Orange County REMC relies on data for nearly every aspect of our operations, which means it’s important that we have your most current contact information on file. Updated contact information can ensure that we can provide the highest level of service that you expect and deserve, and even speed up the power restoration process during an outage. That’s because when you use the SmartHub app or call 855-865-2229 to report an outage, our automated system recognizes your phone number and matches it with your account location. Accurate information helps our outage-management system predict the location and the possible cause of an outage, making it quicker and easier for Orange County REMC crews to correct the problem.

We hope you will connect with us whenever and wherever you can— whether that means attending our annual meeting, providing feedback on a recent visit, a call with our employees, participating in Operation Round Up or simply downloading our SmartHub app. Orange County REMC exists to serve our members, and when we’re better connected to you and our local community, we’re better prepared to answer the call.

To update your contact information or to learn more about co-op products and services that can help you save, visit myremc.coop, call 888-337-5900, or stop by our office and use the drive-thru window at 7133 N. State Road 337, in Orleans.

MATTHEW C. DEATON
 General Manager/CEO

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Rate Schedule

How to compute your monthly electric bill:

Use this information to figure your bill for electric use in January, February and March.

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

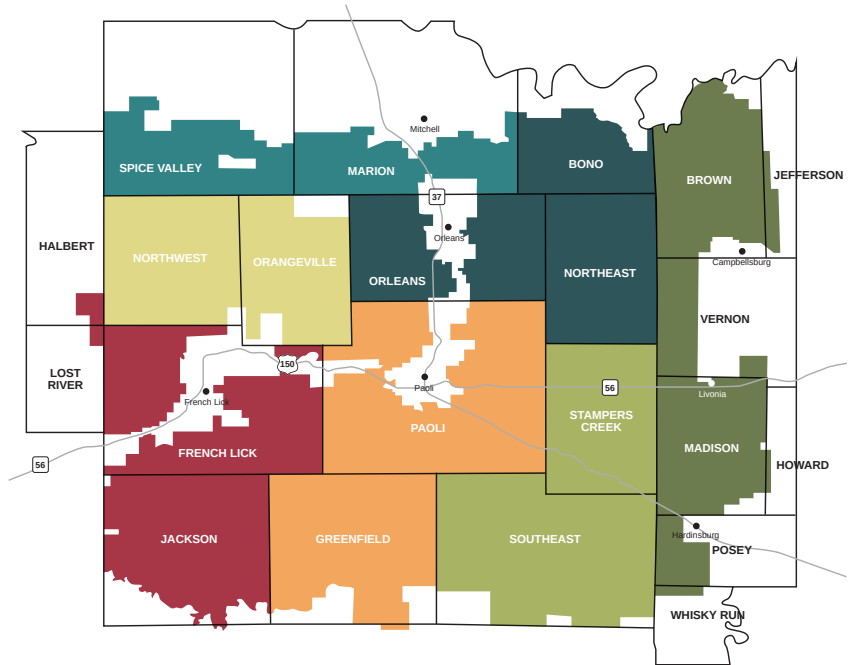
Security Lighting: 100 W HPS	\$9.82
Security Lighting: 40 W LED.....	\$9.82

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



2021 Timeline for REMC director election

All REMC members who register and attend the Annual Meeting can vote for directors to serve the districts that are up for election in that calendar year. The information below details when deadlines occur in the election process. Incumbent directors whose terms expire in 2021:

Danny Easterday, District 3

Brian Hawkins, District 6

- Letters of intent due by Feb. 4.
- Incumbent list will be posted by Feb. 19.
- Incumbent names published in the March issue of Indiana Connection magazine.
- Petitions of nominations due by April 20.
- Nominations by the board (absent incumbents seeking re-elections or petitioners) by April 20.
- Full slate of candidates posted and mailed by May 14. All candidate biographies published in the May or June issue of Indiana Connection
- Election at annual meeting on June 4.



ORANGE COUNTY REMC
SCHOLARSHIPS
2021

ORANGE COUNTY REMC
CONTINUOUSLY LOOKS FOR
WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR
COMMUNITY.

That's why each year we assist our young members in their pursuit of higher education by awarding scholarships to our graduating seniors.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

- › The parents or legal guardians of the applicant must be a cooperative member.
- › The parents or legal guardians of the applicant must be participating in Operation Round Up.
- › Applicant must be a 2021 graduating senior and have maintained a cumulative grade point average of a C or higher.
- › Applicant must provide a current high school transcript.
- › Applicant must submit application and transcript to cooperative no later than Feb. 19.
- › Recipient must be eligible to enroll as a full time student in the fall of 2021. Proof of enrollment must be presented to cooperative.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP:

Visit myremc.coop to download an application and learn more. **Submit your application by Feb. 19.**

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Small change changes lives

GRANTS AWARDED TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Operation Round up is a program that allows REMC members to automatically round-up their monthly bill to the next dollar. The extra few cents from each rounded up account is put into a fund that is overseen by a group of trustees who are also REMC members. Local groups, programs and organizations can apply for grants from this fund.



The most recent meeting of the Operation Round Up board of trustees was Nov. 9. During this meeting, the trustees decided that there were no changes to be made to the bylaws. After discussing the grant applications received from numerous groups and programs, the following grants were awarded:

Orange County Cancer Patient Services received a \$750 grant to help purchase gas cards for patients.

Orleans High School – After Prom Committee received a \$500 grant to help fund the 2021 After Prom program.

Orleans Municipal Fire Department received a \$611 grant to help purchase one new AED (automated external defibrillator.)

Springs Valley Elementary School received a \$1,000 grant to help fund the purchase and training of a therapy dog.

Paoli JAG received a \$750 grant to purchase items for the Clothing Closet which can be used by high school students. (JAG recently took over the Clothing Closet previously run by Hoosier Hills PACT.)

OBR Winter Guard received a \$750 grant to help pay student fees.

Mark Martin completes term as Operation Round Up Trustee

Orange County REMC recognizes Mark Martin and thanks him for his service to the co-op and community. Martin completed his term as District 7 Operation Round Up trustee at the last meeting, after serving since December 2014.

David Manship will be the new District 7 trustee, starting this month.



Mark Martin, District 7
Operation Round Up Trustee

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New faces at the REMC



Daniel Houchin
Director, District 1

Daniel Houchin is the new director representing District 1 of the Orange County REMC territory. Houchin filled the seat left vacant by the passing of longtime director Eugene Roberts.

Daniel is a 2007 graduate of West Washington High School. He and his wife, Katie, have been married for five years and have a two-year-old son, Rhett. He is an employee of the Town of Orleans and has lived in Lawrence County since 2012.



Hope Matthew
Member Service Representative

Hope Matthew was recently hired as a member service representative for Orange County REMC. She graduated from Orleans High School in 2013, and in 2017, she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in graphic design with a minor in communication from Indiana University Southeast. She currently resides with her husband, Tyler, and son, Luke, in Salem.

Save money and energy with the 2021 Rebate Program



AIR-TO-AIR HEAT PUMPS:

New construction or replacing gas or heat pump:

- \$750 — Dual/Variable Speed Compressor

Replacing electric resistance heat

- \$1,500 — Dual/Variable Speed Compressor
- \$800 — Single Speed Compressor



GEO THERMAL HEAT PUMP:

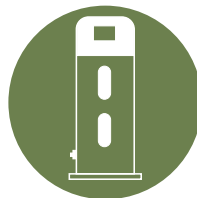
New construction or replacing electric resistance heat, gas, heat pump or geothermal

- \$1,500 — Desuperheater or “hot water assist” recommended on new installations with electric resistance water heater



MINI-SPLIT HEAT PUMP:

- \$300 — Single room installations***
- \$750 — Replacing Existing A/C, heat pump or new construction
- \$800 — Replacing electric resistance heat - single speed
- \$1,500 — Replacing electric resistance heat



WATER HEATERS:

- \$500 — Heat Pump (Hybrid) Water Heater

Get specific requirements and apply for rebates at [www. myremc.coop](http://www.myremc.coop)

2021 Youth Programs CANCELED

After careful deliberation, the Touchstone Energy Camp Committee and Youth Tour Committee decided that for the safety and well-being of our students, chaperones, and staff, these youth programs for 2021 have been canceled. We hope to bring these important programs back for our students in 2022.