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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.

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# Affordable electricity powers our quality of life



Most of us use electricity, either directly or indirectly, at almost all times. Because electricity is so abundant and available with the simple flip of a switch, it's easy to take it for granted.

According to the Energy Information Agency (EIA), the typical U.S. household now uses more air conditioning, appliances and consumer electronics than ever before. The average home also contains 10 or more internet-connected devices. Considering everything that is powered by electricity, it's no wonder we occasionally might wince at our monthly bill. But keep in mind, it's no longer just the "light bill."

Electricity powers our quality of life. From the infrastructure of your home (appliances, water heater and HVAC system) to charging your smartphones, computers, TV and Wi-Fi router, your energy bill covers so much more than lighting.

Today, there is more demand for electricity than ever before. At home, in schools and business, and in commercial

sectors such as transportation, the need for electricity is increasing.

Typically when demand goes up, so too does the price, as is the case with most goods or services, like cable or even your favorite specialty coffee. However, that's not true with electricity. Let's take a look at how the value of electricity compares to other common expenses.

Over the last five years, the cost of rent increased 3.4%; medical care increased 2.8%; and education increased 2.2%. But the cost of electricity only increased 1%. Considering all the ways we depend on electricity, it still remains a great value.

So, the next time you're enjoying your favorite podcast, TV series or movie, consider the value of electricity and how it enhances your quality of life.

We care about you, the members we serve, and understand that electricity is more than a commodity — it's a necessity. That's why Orange County REMC will continue working hard to power your life, reliably and affordably.

## 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 July, August and September.

#### 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 hill	\$176.34

#### Rate Schedule for Time-of-Use Service

Time-of-Use Consumer Charge \$30.90
Energy Charge On-Peak \$0.1671
(On-Peak: 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., Monday-Friday, EST)
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	e\$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 Tracket	r
1,200 kWh @ \$0.0032734	\$3.93
Total	\$147.15
Indiana sales tax	\$10.30

### Rate Schedule for Security Lighting

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

Total bill ......\$157.45

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 Fiber**

# **RESIDENTIAL Internet Service Plans and Pricing**

## Turbo

\$54.95

100/100 MBPS

Great for shopping, surfing, social media and emails. For users who are unsure of the speed of internet they require, this is a good starting place to gauge the Mbps you'll need.

## <u>Ultimate</u>

\$99.95

1/1 GBPS

Ultra-fast speed across all connected devices simultaneously. Great for large video file uploads to services like YouTube.

# **BUSINESS\*** Internet Service Plans and Pricing

## Small

\$99.95

50/50 MBPS

Great for small businesses, emailing, social media marketing, internet searches.

### Medium

\$149.95

100/100 MBPS

Excellent for small and medium sized businesses. Quickly download videos and large documents.

## Large

\$229.95

500/500 MBPS

Ideal for medium to large businesses with multiple connected devices.

## **Industrial**

\$349.95

1/1 GRPS

Ultra-fast speed across all connected devices simultaneously. Ideal for sharing large files or documents quickly. Also ideal for video streaming and video conferencing.

\*Business packages are prioritized to receive 24/7 response and are heavily reliant on connection to operate.



## Remote bill pay options

Our website offers details about several ways to pay your bill without coming into the office. The Pay-by-Phone service allows members to pay their bill by check or credit card over the phone by calling 833-890-7734.

## SmartHub

Our SmartHub app makes it easy to view and pay your bill from your computer or your mobile device.

Members can choose to make one-time payment via credit or debit card, sign up for recurring credit/ debit card payments, or automatic bank draft. You can also look at your history of electric use and get detailed information about your account. Orange County REMC members can also use SmartHub to contact a member service representative, or report an outage.

## Rehates

If you need new HVAC or water heating equipment, Orange County REMC offers rebates to help you install the most energy-efficient models. The deadline for the 2021 program is Dec. 1.

Members can also take advantage of the 2021 HVAC Tune-Up Rebate.

Thinking about buying an electric lawn mower, or rechargable trimmer or leaf blower? REMC has rebates for electric lawn equipment for a limited time. Get more info and a rebate request forms for all these programs on our website.

## Do we owe you money?

Orange County REMC has a list of names of members who have unclaimed capital credits. Check our website to see if you are on our list. Please be sure your correct mailing address and contact information is on file with our office so you will receive your check when capital credits are retired. A list of FAQs about capital credits and how to claim your refund can be found in the member service section of our website.

## Fiber-Optic Internet

All the information on construction progress and rates for high speed internet service through Orange County Fiber can now be found on the REMC website.

# Welcome to our newest employee



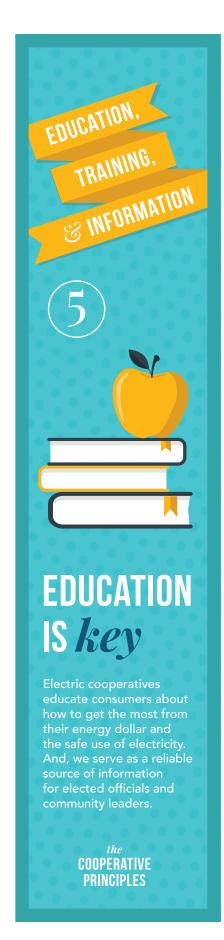
Denny Cambron, fiber technician

Orange County Fiber, the telecommunications subsidiary of Orange County REMC is proud to announce the addition of Denny Cambron to our team.

Cambron attended West Washington High School. He and his wife, Carri, live in Hardinsburg with their three children, Jaxson, Laney and Cullen.



Orange County REMC office will be closed Sept. 6 in observance of Labor Day.





### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Please help us restore Patoka Lake's shoreline to its natural state of beauty and cleanliness for wildlife safety and water quality.

- · Bring your family, friends, organizations or co-workers.
- Dress to pick up trash in the weeds along the highways and shorelines.
- · Gloves, trash bags, and bug spray will be available

### 8 A.M. - REGISTRATION

(No central location. Please register at the boat ramps listed below.)

Visit one of the following boat ramps:

Lick Fork • South Lick Fork • Newton Stewart • South • Osborn • Painter Creek Coordinators will point you to a general area to clean up.

### 11 A.M. - LUNCH AND DOOR PRIZES

Patoka Lake Beach Shelter House

Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on while eating lunch.

Signs will be posted

For more information, please contact the Patoka Lake Nature Center at 812-685-2447.

