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- Matthew C. Deaton, *General Manager/CEO*
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As I've noted before in my past columns, the energy industry is undergoing a dramatic transformation as consumer demand for more renewable energy sources

grows, and innovation and technology continue to advance exponentially. You're likely witnessing this energy evolution first — hand.

In driving across the region, you may have noticed fields of solar panels owned by this co-op and other utilities, along with an increase in solar panels on your neighbors' roofs. Maybe you've heard about the impending changes in the transportation sector with most major vehicle companies announcing plans to offer more electric vehicles at more affordable prices.

Consumer interest in renewable energy is strong and growing. In addition, national studies indicate that consumers have an expectation that companies operate in an ethical and responsible manner—including when it comes to the environment.

At Orange County REMC, we have always put the good of our community first. While our primary function is to provide reliable and affordable energy to our members, we are more than an electricity provider. Because we are a co-op, our mission is to enrich the lives of our members and to serve the long-term interests of our community. We feel we're doing both by investing in renewable energy sources.

Green energy is certainly not new. Solar, wind and hydro power have been around for decades. However, the recent

innovations and advances in renewable technology have led to sharp decreases in cost, making it more feasible and accessible. Our community solar project along Highway 37, between Mitchell and Orleans, is a good example of this.

However, while renewable energy use is increasing, we will still depend on traditional forms of energy to keep power flowing reliably to your home. After all, solar and wind energy are referred to as "intermittent" power since the sun does not always shine and the wind does not always blow. This fact coupled with the growing demand for renewables creates its own challenges. That's why there is real value in maintaining a balanced mixture of fuel types to ensure reliability, resiliency and meet the growing demand for electricity.

As the energy industry continues to evolve, Orange County REMC is striving to take advantage of technology advances and market opportunities as they become available. This means your REMC can leverage the flexibility of the grid to offer a wider range of renewable power selections as we continue to bring safe, reliable and affordable power to our community.

Albert Einstein once observed that "Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving." In order for Orange County REMC to meet the growing demand for renewable energy and ensure the reliability of our power supply, we must constantly make operational adjustments as we strive for balance and a brighter future for our members.

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 April, May and June.

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

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Scenes from the



REMC employee Ashley Knight and volunteer Karla Winger assist a member at the registration table. More than 300 members registered at the 2021 meeting. Total attendance was approximately 700 individuals when including family members.



Face painting is always popular at the children's program during the Annual Meeting.



Several activities such as Connect Four and Bounce Houses kept kids busy throughout the evening.



Orange County REMC's Hannah Carter and Matt Deaton conduct the door prize drawing at the conclusion of the meeting. Forty-one lucky members won prizes donated by local businesses.



REMC members were treated to a fish dinner prepared by the employees. The meal also included beans, cole slaw, cupcakes and several varieties of soft drinks.

Annual Meeting



Board President George Key, left, presents the grand prize of \$1,000 to Betty and Jerry Roberts of West Baden.



Staking Engineer Chris Wesner, left, presents a door prize to an REMC member whose name was drawn at the end of the meeting.



Matt Deaton, CEO of Orange County REMC, introduces the board of directors after the singing of the National Anthem to begin the business meeting.



The 2021 Annual Meeting was held at the co-op's new location on Highway 37, just north of Orleans. The meeting was well attended and members could catch a shuttle ride from the parking lot to the registration area.

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SAVE on summer fun!

Orange County REMC members can get exclusive discounts to Holiday World and Splashin' Safari with the Holiday World Fun Club. Just visit www.myremc.coop and look under the "REMC Store" menu for Discount Holiday World Tickets.

This page will provide the username, password, and link to the Fun Club website for members to purchase their discounted tickets.



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The logo for Orange County REMC, featuring a map of the county with the letters "REMC" inside.