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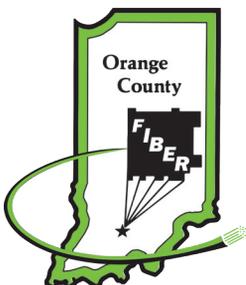
Have the phone number associated with your account ready when reporting outages. Please limit after hours calls to emergencies and outage situations.

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*



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Making sense of change

ORANGE COUNTY REMC & ORANGE COUNTY FIBER



The year 2018, no matter what happens in the future, will go down in history as a year of great change.

However, one thing that will remain unchanged is the

cooperative's obligation to provide safe, reliable, and affordable electricity to its members. In 2019, that mission now also includes providing reliable and affordable high-speed internet to members and non-members.

In 2018, once our subsidiary Orange County Fiber was established, Orange County REMC acquired NetsurfUSA and CallsUSA and became internet service and telephone provider immediately upon closing. The expertise that came along with that acquisition played a large role in the electric cooperative successfully being granted \$10.2 million dollars for the deployment of a fiber-to-the-home network for its members and expanding the existing wireless internet and telephone network. If 2018 was a year of change, then 2019, 2020, 2021 and the years to follow must be years of execution.

In 2019, we will complete the first phase of the fiber-to-the-home network and will begin working on the second phase. A map can be viewed at our website orangeountyfiber.coop.

The first phase will connect many members along the backbone route and members who live within the Roosevelt substation area, otherwise known as areas surrounding the town of Orleans. Phase II will deploy fiber to all members in the middle of our service territory, from Lawrence County to Crawford County. Phase II is expected to be approximately 60 percent complete by

the end of 2019. Phases III and IV will follow until each member has the ability to connect to our fiber network.

Also, in 2019, we plan to continue the strategic maintenance and improvement of our electric system. Right-of-way clearing activities will occur in areas near Spring Mill State Park, just south of Orleans, and Valeene. Right-of-way spraying will occur in areas around French Lick and Spring Mill. Numerous line replacement projects are planned throughout the service territory. A big undertaking will include a three-phase construction project down Oak Grove Road.

Orange County REMC leadership does not take the responsibilities to implement these plans lightly. Staff members have committed to complete execution of the plan and have been nothing less than impressive in order to get us to this point. The board of directors continues to support and navigate the cooperative through these times of change with sound leadership and direction.

Being a part of such change is exciting, and it's an honor to serve the membership. Back in December, I had the opportunity to hear Lou Holtz speak. His message centered around keeping everything you do simple by living by just four basic principles. One statement he made stood out to me: "Not everyone can be an All-American; not everyone can be first team. Everyone can be the very best they are capable of being." The team here at Orange County REMC and Orange County Fiber will be the absolute best we can be, and I know that makes the future of our members bright.

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

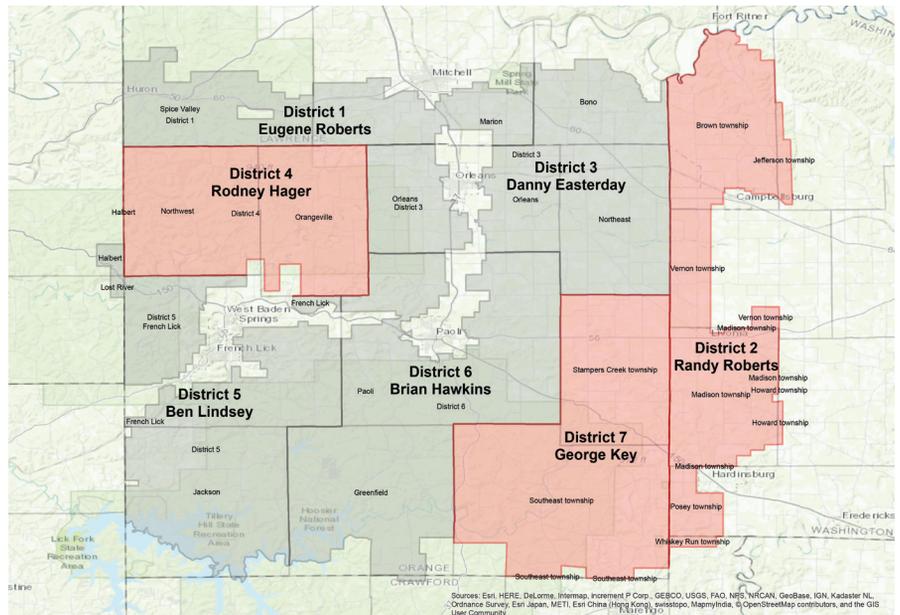
Security Lighting: 100 W HPS	\$9.82
Security Lighting: 40 W LED.....	\$9.82

Visa, MasterCard and Discover cards accepted

Pay by phone at 855-865-2229, option 2.

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



2019 director election timeline

Randy Roberts (district 2), Rodney Hager (district 4), and George Key (district 7) are incumbents whose terms expire in 2019.

- Letters of intent due by Feb. 7, 2019.
- Posting of incumbent list by Feb. 22, 2019.
- Names published in the March issue of this magazine.
- Petitions of nominations due by April 23, 2019.
- Nominations by the board (absent incumbents seeking re-elections or petitioners) by April 23, 2019.
- Full slate of candidates posted and mailed by May 17, 2019. All candidate biographies published in the May or June issue of this magazine.
- Election at annual meeting on June 7, 2019.

REMC mourns loss of former operations manager

Ralph Dwane Draper, 71, of French Lick, Indiana, passed away on Nov. 13, 2018, at IU Health Paoli Hospital in Paoli. He was born on Dec. 8, 1946, in Herrin, Illinois, to Ralph M. and Esther L. Draper. Ralph was preceded in death by his parents.



RALPH DRAPER

He was a United States Army Veteran in the Vietnam War and a member of the French Lick American Legion Post 76, Orleans Masonic Lodge F &

AM #153 and Loyal Order of Moose. He retired as an operations manager at Orange County REMC, had worked for Cinergy and was a member of I.B.E.W. Local 1393.

Ralph is survived by two sons, Tim Austin (Jennifer) of Orleans and Chris Austin (Sharron) of Paoli; one daughter, Alison Harper of Oakland City; and five grandchildren.



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 cooperative members.
- » The parents or legal guardians of the applicant must be participating in Operation Round Up.
- » Applicant must be a 2019 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. 15.
- » Recipient must be eligible to enroll as a full time student in the fall of 2019. Proof of enrollment must be presented to cooperative.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP:

Visit myremc.coop to download an application and learn more.

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The power of human connections®

DEADLINE IS FEB. 15



Students:

Don't miss your chance to apply for these great programs!

PAGE DAY

Spend a day in the Indiana Senate on Jan. 23 with students from electric cooperatives all over the state.

How to Apply:

1. Visit IGA.IN.GOV/legislative/findlegislators to find your state legislator.
2. Visit IndianaEC.org/?p=287 fill out your application.

Deadline to apply is Jan. 11.

YOUTH TOUR TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

Students who will be high school seniors in the fall of 2019 can apply for this trip

of a lifetime to our nation's Capital. The Indiana delegation will meet in Indianapolis on June 13, travel to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, the Flight 93 9/11 Memorial, then head to Washington, D.C., for a week of sight seeing and tours. Students will return to Indianapolis on June 20.

TOUCHSTONE ENERGY CAMP

Students who will be entering 7th grade in the fall of 2019 can apply for a chance to attend Touchstone Energy Camp at Camp Tecumseh, June 5-8. Students will experience zip lining, swimming, horse-back riding, archery, along with learning about electric safety and the electric co-ops play in our communities.

Deadline to apply for all student programs (except Page Day) is Feb. 15.

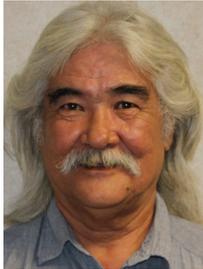
Look under "News and Events" at www.myremc.coop for more information and links to online applications.

SPOTLIGHT

ON ORANGE COUNTY FIBER EMPLOYEES

James East

was born into a military family and spent time growing up in Japan and Europe, but has lived in Indiana since 1970.



He attended Corydon Central High School, Ivy Tech Sellersburg and Indiana University Bloomington. James previously worked at Helix Technologies.

Matt Figg

grew up in Dugger, and attended Dugger High School and Daviess High School where he competed in basketball and cross country. He enjoys hunting and fishing and has worked in several different industries prior to joining the team at Orange County Fiber.



Irish Mayrina

lives in French Lick. He graduated from Springs Valley High School and then attended Vincennes University in Jasper for computer programming technologies and business management. He and his wife, Melissa, were married in 2014 and have three boys and two girls.



Rebates:

Updates for 2019

AIR-TO-AIR HEAT PUMPS:

NEW CONSTRUCTION OR REPLACING GAS OR HEAT PUMP

Dual/Variable Speed Compressor — \$750

REPLACING ELECTRIC RESISTANCE HEAT

Dual/Variable Speed Compressor — \$1,500

REPLACING ELECTRIC RESISTANCE HEAT

Single Speed Compressor — \$800

GEOHERMAL HEAT PUMP:

NEW CONSTRUCTION OR REPLACING ELECTRIC RESISTANCE HEAT, GAS, HEAT PUMP OR GEOHERMAL

Desuperheater or "hot water assist" required on new installations with electric resistance water heater — \$1,500

WATER HEATERS:

HEAT PUMP WATER HEATER — \$500



Get more info at myremc.com.

High-efficiency heat pump system delivers bottom-line business savings

If you're a business owner looking for ways to cut expenses, your electric cooperative can help. We offer ways to help all our members reduce electric bills, including businesses. Cut heating/cooling costs year-round with rebate incentives on the purchase and installation of a high-efficiency HVAC system.

Consider the expense of heating and cooling your space. Save money with an energy-efficient heat pump that, unlike traditional counterparts, transfers heat rather than generating it. This makes a big difference on energy bills when heating (or cooling) a large area.

You'll quickly recoup the cost of your investment, too, thanks to the rebate incentives and reduced energy bills. Rebate incentives are available for nearly all sizes

and types of equipment for both single-phase and three-phase services.

You can also benefit from incentives for the purchase and installation of energy-efficient lighting, motors and compressed air systems, as well as free, independent coaching to help your business save even more through energy efficiency.

By teaming up with your business for energy savings, Orange County REMC also helps hold down power costs for everyone we serve. Using energy wisely puts money back into your and our members' pockets. That boosts economic development.

So, be more green by upgrading to an HVAC system that helps your bottom line. Talk with us today or even get pre-approved at TeamUpToSave.com/commercial.

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Dates to remember

Orange County REMC will be closed Jan. 1 for New Year's Day.

Other dates that will affect normal business hours include:

- April 19 Good Friday
- May 27 Memorial Day
- June 7 Annual Meeting
(Office closes at noon)
- July 4 Independence Day
- Sept. 2 Labor Day
- Nov. 28-29 Thanksgiving
- Dec. 24-25 Christmas Holiday

Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

LAUNDRY TIP: Dry towels and heavier cottons separately from lighter-weight clothing. You'll spend less time running the dryer for lighter-weight items, which saves energy.

Source: energy.gov



We want to keep you in the loop when it comes to important updates about your service with Orange County REMC.

Why? Outages can turn your day upside down. And we know you'd want us to let you know if we noticed unusually high use on your account that could increase your bill unnecessarily. What if your payment doesn't arrive on time? We even want to make sure you know when crews will be in your neighborhood trimming trees.

It's important to us that we have your most up-to-date contact information because when we reach out, we're sharing important information that could impact your day.

Visit www.myremc.coop to update your information or fill out the form below and send it to us.



YES, please keep me informed! By checking this box, I give Orange County REMC permission to contact me regarding important information about my electric service.

Name on Account:	Phone 1:
Account Number:	Phone 2:
Address:	Email Address:
City, State, Zip:	Signature:

Orange County REMC will never share your information with a third-party. Please return this form with your next bill payment, or drop it off at our office at 7133 N. State Rd. 337, Orleans.