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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

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- Matthew C. Deaton, *General Manager/CEO*
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- Mark Belcher, *Member Services Manager*
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- Charlie Rollins, *Fiber Operations Manager*



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REMC lineman Robert White conducts a Live Line Demonstration for a group of students.

Electric safety lessons for kids



We all know electricity plays a major role in our everyday lives. Unfortunately, our children often do not understand the dangers of electricity. At Orange County REMC, we encourage you to

share electrical safety tips and lessons with your little ones as often as possible. We also understand their attention spans run short, so here are a few creative ways to get them involved.

Depending on the age of your child, consider designating an “electronics deputy.” The deputy should be responsible for pointing out electronics in your home that are not in use and keeping appliances safe from liquids. Reward your deputy for pointing out overloaded outlets or other potentially dangerous situations.

Emphasize the importance of fire prevention with your children. Create a family fire drill plan as an extra precaution. Incentivize your children by rewarding those who followed the plan and made it safely out of the home. While it is fun and engaging to turn safety into a game, you should also ensure your children understand the risks they are facing if they do not practice electrical safety.

One of the most important safety tips you can give your kids is to avoid any downed power lines. In fact, it is best to avoid power lines, transformers and substations in general. A downed power line can still be energized, and it can also energize other objects, including fences and trees. Make sure your kids understand the potential dangers of coming in contact with a downed power line or low hanging wire. And, if they encounter a downed power line, ask them to tell you or another adult to call us immediately.

Here are a few other safety tips you can share with your kids:

- Never put metal objects in outlets or appliances.
- Do not overcrowd electrical outlets.
- Never mix water and electricity.

No matter how you choose to get your kids interested in staying safe around electricity, Orange County REMC is here to help. We routinely provide training through our Live Line Demonstrations for local schools or organizations. Just contact the office and we'd be happy to schedule one for your class or group.

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

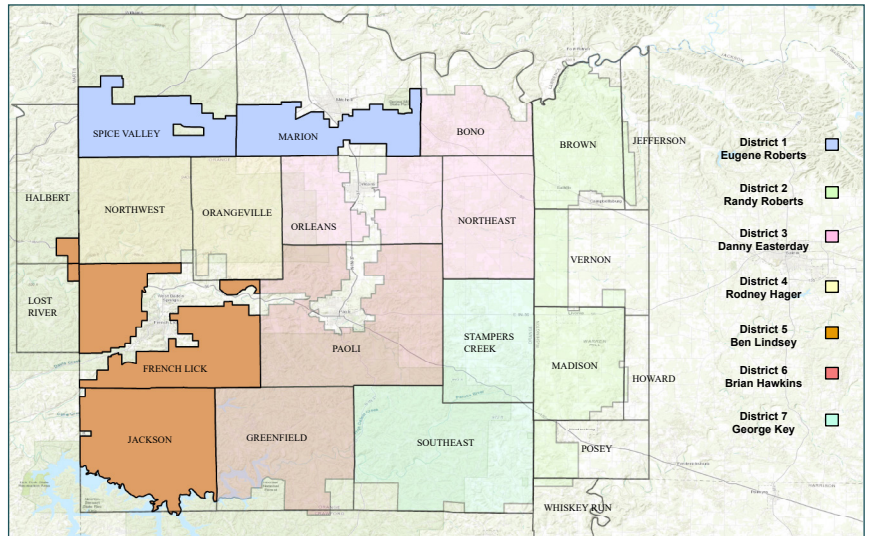
Security Lighting: 100 W HPS	\$9.82
Security Lighting: 40 W LED.....	\$9.82

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



2020 director election timeline

Eugene Roberts, District 1 and Ben Lindsey, District 5 are incumbents whose terms expire in 2020.

- Letters of intent due by Feb. 6
- Posting of incumbent list Feb. 21
- Names published in the March issue of Indiana Connection Magazine
- Petitions of nominations due by April 22
- Nominations by the board (absent incumbents seeking re-elections or petitioners) by April 22
- 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 5.

To all our members:

Thank You!

2019 brought about many changes. The best change was our fiber internet project. The most challenging change was our new billing system and bill format.

In light of all these changes, we want to say “thank you” for your patience as we’ve transitioned from one billing system to another and from one bill print to another. And as we navigated through those changes, made mistakes

and learned, thank you for your understanding. Thank you for being kind to us through this challenge that was not only ours, but yours as well.

We all know change is inevitable, but often can also be hard. We also know a good attitude during the change makes a difference. The attitudes of you, our members, continues to make us work harder, try more and be better. And that’s our “thank you” gift to you.



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 2020 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. 14.
- » Recipient must be eligible to enroll as a full time student in the fall of 2020. 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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DEADLINE IS FEB. 14



Students:

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

PAGE DAY

Spend a day in the Indiana Senate on Jan. 22 with students from electric cooperatives all over the state. **Deadline to apply is Jan. 10.**

YOUTH TOUR TO WASHINGTON D.C.

Students who will be high school seniors in the fall of 2020 can apply for this trip of a lifetime to our nation's capital. The Indiana delegation will meet in Indianapolis on June 18, travel to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; visit 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 25.

TOUCHSTONE ENERGY CAMP

Students who will be entering 7th grade in the fall of 2020 can apply for a chance to attend Touchstone Energy Camp at Camp Tecumseh, June 3-6. Students will experience zip lining, swimming, horseback riding, and archery, along with learning about electric safety and the role electric co-ops play in our communities.

SCHOLARSHIPS

There are six \$750 scholarships available each year; one scholarship for a graduating senior per school. (Paoli, Springs Valley, Orleans, Mitchell, Crawford and West Washington).

Deadline to apply for all student programs (except Page Day) is Feb. 14.

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

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2020 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

GEOHERMAL HEAT PUMP:

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

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

WATER HEATERS:

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

Get more info and apply for your rebate at myremc.coop



New employee update

Logan Laswell

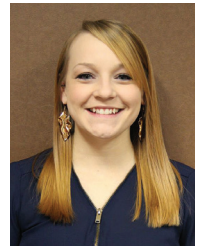
was recently hired as an apprentice lineman. He was formerly employed at the Orange County Sheriff's Department as a deputy sheriff for the past three years. He currently resides in the Paoli Township area and is a 2010 Paoli High School graduate



Logan Laswell

Montana Roberts

was recently hired as a member services representative for Orange County REMC. Roberts is the daughter of Tom and Kelli Lucas of Mitchell.



Montana Roberts

Roberts graduated high school from Mitchell High School in 2009. After high school she received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Southern Indiana and she has her CNA license. She formerly worked for American Senior Communities as the Director of marketing and admissions.

Roberts, her husband, Devin, their two foster children, and their two dogs recently moved to Orleans from Evansville, where they lived since 2009.

Nicholas Snider

was also recently hired as an apprentice lineman. He was previously employed as an electrician at NWSC Crane. Snider, his wife Lyndley, and daughters Kyah, Emrey, and Wren live in the Jackson Township area. He is a 2005 graduate of Springs Valley High School and a United States Air Force veteran.



Nicholas Snider