




Clinton County Connection

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Environmental cost information

You will notice two new sentences in the center section on the right side of your September electric bill. It reads: "Included in this bill is \$xx.xx of federal and state mandated environmental compliance costs imposed on our wholesale power provider Southern Illinois Power Cooperative. This amount is for informational purposes only and is **NOT** an additional charge to your account." Once again, this is **NOT** an additional charge, it's informational only. These charges have been included in your **ENERGY** charges for many, many years.

Why add this language to your monthly electric bill? Simply because it is our job to inform the membership. This statement informs the member how much of their monthly electric bill was spent by SIPC (Southern Illinois Power Cooperative) to meet today's environmental rules & regulations.

If you have attended any of our recent annual meetings you have heard Treasurer Becker discuss the expense Clinton County Electric endures for SIPC to remain environmentally compliant. At SIPC, environmental compliance costs are tracked on a monthly basis and the accumulated costs are

then divided by energy sales to cooperatives in order to calculate a twelve month rolling average. As of June 30, 2014, the accumulated twelve month total compliance costs amounted to over \$34,000,000. Clinton County Electric's allocated share of those expenses is almost \$2,100,000. On a cost/kWh basis that translates to almost 1.5 cents per kWh. The amount displayed in that paragraph will change; it may go up or it may go down. Either way, displaying this information **DOES NOT** affect your monthly electric bill.

Clinton County Electric will calculate this "factor" applied to your energy consumption each month going forward; the factor may go up or the factor may go down. Circumstances that will cause the factor to increase are: (1) increasing regulations imposed by either Illinois or US Environmental Protection Agencies, or (2) experiencing less efficiencies at either SIPC controlled power plants and/or Prairie State Generating Station. Items that would cause the factor to decrease would be: (1) better efficiencies at either SIPC controlled power plants and/or Prairie State Generating Station, or (2) a decrease

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Account No.					Service Address				
12345678					1 MAIN STREET				
Meter	Pres Read	Prev Read	Mult	kWh Used	Rate Schedule / Bill Type	Service From	To	Days	
X-100	45602	44602	1	940	01 / REGULAR	07/02/2014	07/28/2014	26	
ST-1	6855	6852	20	60	24 / REGULAR	07/02/2014	07/28/2014	26	
Activity Since Last Bill				\$ Amount	Current Bill information				\$ Amount
Previous Balance				198.94	FACILITY CHARGE	Rate 01			40.00
Payments				198.94 CR	FACILITY CHARGE	Rate 24			3.00
Adjustments				0.00	ENERGY Rate 01	940 KWH@0.09478			89.09
Balance Forward				0.00	ENERGY Rate 24	60 KWH@0.07600			4.56
					POWER COST ADJUSTMENT	1,046 KWH@0.00400			4.18
					SECURITY LIGHT			6.33	
					UTILITIES TAX			3.35	
<p>It's easy to pay your bill through our website 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Visit www.cceci.com, click on "Pay Bill Now" to pay with debit/credit card or checking information.</p>									
<p>Included in this bill is \$15.46 of federal and state mandated environmental compliance costs imposed on our wholesale power provider Southern Illinois Power Cooperative. This amount is for informational purposes only and is NOT an additional charge to your account.</p>									
Billing Date					07/28/2014	Amount Due		165.97	
Due Date					08/25/2014	Late Charge		0.00	
Credit Draft - Do Not Pay									

Changing of the Poles

These spectacular pictures were taken by Clinton County Electric Cooperative Foreman Doug Vonder Haar as he and his crew changed out a couple of poles adjacent to the Mascoutah Substation. This project enhances the reliability of CCECI's electric distribution system.



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of regulations imposed by either Illinois or US Environmental Protection Agencies. However, at this time that situation seems very unlikely to ever happen.

I hate to be redundant, but as I stated before, this **WILL NOT** cause an increase or decrease to your monthly electric bill.

Clinton County Electric Cooperative promotes environmental stewardship, because after all we live here too. Clinton County Electric is a not for profit electric

cooperative, we support an “all-of-the-above” energy strategy, one that incorporates Natural Gas, Nuclear, Renewable Energy and YES COAL to generate electricity. On June 2, 2014 President Obama announced Proposed Rules for Existing Power Plants that will undoubtedly increase the price we pay for electricity in the future. Please take the time and go to www.Action.Coop and become engaged in our efforts to keep electricity Safe, Reliable and

Reasonably Priced.

Please remember, all initiatives we embark upon always have our members' best interest in mind. Providing our members with safe, reliable, reasonably priced electricity, while providing excellent service, will continue to be our goal. As always, if you have any comments or questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at Johnson@cceci.com.

Enhancing reliability

Clinton County Electric Cooperative is committed to enhancing reliability to its members. One way we are doing this is by replacing existing copper wire with stronger aluminum wire.

Clinton County Electric Linemen Craig Benhoff, Jacob Haselhorst, and Mike Faust prepare to string new aluminum wire. ▶



The overhead crew uses a tamper to tamp dirt around a new pole. ▶



◀ After the pole is set and the holes drilled, Linemen Craig Benhoff and Mike Faust prepare to install the cut-outs.



Office Closings

In observance of Labor Day, the office will be closed on Monday, September 1st

In observance of Veteran's Day the office will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th

In observance of Thanksgiving the office will be closed on Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th.

Everyone Loves a Parade

Clinton County Electric Cooperative Journeyman Lineman Mike Faust and his family represented the cooperative at the Clinton County Fair Parade. The Faust family tossed candy to many parade watchers, including Apprentice Lineman Jacob Haselhorst and his little girl. A good time was had by all!

