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Across the manager's desk

Costs are up, up, up!

You don't have to look far to see that the cost of everything is up dramatically, such as gas, diesel, coal, food, etc.

Our costs at CCEC are also up. Most dramatically for us is the wholesale cost of power that we buy to distribute to you. The cost of power that we deliver to you is over 72 percent of our total cost. As you are aware, all of our power is purchased either from or through Southern Illinois Power Cooperative (SIPC) on Lake of Egypt just south of Marion. The cost of coal has nearly doubled since the first of this year – we all see the costs of gas and diesel. Natural gas used to fire the combustion turbines has stayed at extremely high levels. When SIPC has to go to the power market to purchase additional or replacement power those costs have also increase substantially.

With that said, we are accessing our costs and our rates to determine where the rates need to be going into the future. If costs remain where they are, or close to it, there will be no choice but to increase our revenue. This can be accomplished by one of two means: 1.) increase the power cost adjustment or 2.) a general rate increase. Rate increases by any

name are never pleasant, but sometimes a necessity. We will keep you informed of the results of our evaluations and of any changes in your rates.

Remember – the last general rate increase at CCEC was in 1987, over 21 years ago.



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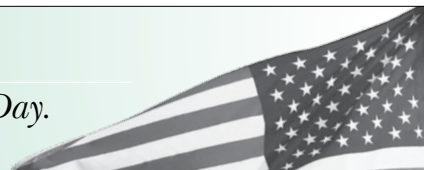
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Labor Day Closing

*The cooperative will be closed on Monday, Sep 1, 2008 for Labor Day.
Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 2.*



HELP US FIND THESE MISSING PERSONS

Members who received electric service from Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc. in the year 1988 received a Capital Credit check early this spring. The Cooperative is attempting to locate the following former members of the co-op (or possibly their heirs) who received electric service during that time, in order to

issue a Capital Credit check. If you know any of these former members, or their relatives, please contact us, or have them contact us, at P.O. Box 40, Breese, IL 62230, or call 618-526-7282. If the member(s) is deceased, a check can be issued to heirs.

Name	Last Known Address	Name	Last Known Address
1st National Bank/Chett Eller	Centralia, IL	Klingler, Patrick	Centralia, IL
Abernathy, Lee	Granite City, IL	Knolhoff, Helen	Centralia, IL
Adams, Darrell	Phoenix, AZ	Knott, Rolla A. & Penny S.	Mascoutah, IL
Adcock, Bernard & Mary	Gibson City, IL	Koch, John	Carlyle, IL
Aldridge, Louis E. & Lucille B.	Keyesport, IL	Korte, Ray & Pat	Highland, IL
Alexander, B.A.	Trenton, IL	Kratzner, Greg	Centralia, IL
Alexander, Donald L.	St. Louis, MO	Kraus, Dale	Dyersburg, TN
Allen, Eddie R. & Dawn R.	Ramsey, IL	Kreke, Linda J.	Bartelso, IL
Atchison, Eldon L. & Madine	Palmyra, IL	KRG Club/Kevin J. Dulle	Breese, IL
Baiotto, Dan & Karen	Carlyle, IL	Kuhn, Debra G.	Worden, IL
Baker, Ralph & Joy	Trenton, IL	Lager, George A. & Marjorie V.	Louisville, KY
Barbour, Edward L.	Belleville, IL	Lambert, Greg & Evelyn	Centralia, IL
Barcum, Richard & Laurie	Centralia, IL	Lane, L. Kevin	Hendersonville, TN
Barkau, Pamela J.	Nashville, IL	Langford, Walter & Frances	Keyesport, IL
Barnett, William B. Jr & Yolanda	Chapman, NE	Lanter, Jodie	Carlyle, IL
Beadle, Debra	Mascoutah, IL	Laughlin, William	Collinsville, IL
Beane, Roy & Thelma	Centralia, IL	Lewis, Scott N.	Okawville, IL
Bearley, Linda P.	Carlyle, IL	Lidisky, Thomas & Milba	Lake St. Louis, MO
Beckemeyer, Katherine	Sandoval, IL	Lilly, Virginia E.	Havana, IL
Benesh, William	Swansea, IL	Linck, Jill	O'Fallon, IL
Bergschneider, R. Verne & Roberta	Alexander, IL	Lipe, Roger A. & Glenda	Woodlawn, IL
Berg, Steven L. & Mary Lou	Belleville, IL	Littell, Kevin & Donna	Bartelso, IL
Bernier, Jean	St. Louis, MO	Livesay, Delbert W.	Irvington, IL
Berry, Dale	Carlyle, IL	Lochmann, Darwin & Jean	Troy, IL
Berry, Harold	Carlyle, IL	Loepker, Gary	Germantown, IL
Belti, Richard & Sandra	Sandoval, IL	Logue, H.L. Oil & Gas	Salem, IL
Billiot, Gary	Buckner, IL	Long, Alan D. & Marjorie E.	Decatur, IL
Bingham, Glenn B.	Griffithville, AR	Lopez, John	Belleville, IL
Birkla, Joseph K. Jr & Betty Lou	Mount Carmel, IL	Loquasto, Tim & JoAnn	Fillmore, IL
Bitter, Craig	Carlyle, IL	Lucas, Sahne & Leslie	Carlyle, IL
Blakey, Darrell & Judy	Highland, IL	Lukefahr, Raymond H.	Centralia, IL
Blankenship, Clifton	Collinsville, IL	Lunceford, Dennis	Beckemeyer, IL
Bloxom, Robert M.	APO, San Francisco, CA	Lutz, Gary & Jan E.	Greenville, IL
Boatright, Nyle & Pearl	Greenville, IL	Lyons, Vicki	New Baden, IL
Bocook, William R. Jr.	Lebanon, IL	Lyon, Shirley	Carlyle, IL
Boelling, Kenneth E. & Darlene	Collinsville, IL	Maas, Lewis A. & Constance	Jacksonville, IL
Borchelt, Randy	Carlyle, IL	Maciejowski, Pamela	Sandoval, IL
Borgman, Dwight H. & Austin, Barbara	Shattuc, IL	Mallrich, Oscar	Oakland, AR
Borowy, Michael	Collinsville, IL	Markley, John & Maggie	Keyesport, IL
Braddy, David L. & Betty J.	Lebanon, IL	Marshall, Herbert F.	Mascoutah, IL
Bradley, William E. & Irene	Farmington, MO	Martin, Robert H. & Gloria S.	Carlyle, IL
Brandt, David L. & Kathy G.	Carlyle, IL	Martin, Terry R. & Marcia	New Baden, IL
Braun, Victor H.	Belleville, IL	McDonald, Harold A.	Belleville, IL
Broadway, Darla	Centralia, IL	McDonald, Robert S.	Germantown, IL
Brockman, Charles R. & Alberta	Carlyle, IL	McKany, William & Diana	Florissant, MO
Broeckling, Walter D.	Mount Vernon, IL	McMillian, William R.	Scott AFB, IL
Brooks, Richard O. & Helen Betty	Carlyle, IL	McQuade, Brian & Kay	Carlyle, IL
Brown, Jan E.	Springfield, IL	Melahn, Charles R. & Lois	O'Fallon, IL
Brown, Kevin K. & Kathryn	Trenton, IL	Melton, Steven R.	Centralia, IL
Buckles, Teddy E. & Daisy	Nashville, IL	Melvin, Darryl	Centralia, IL
Buck, Jeff	Marshfield, MO	Meryman, Charles R. & Helen	Centralia, IL
Buehler, Albert C.	Carlyle, IL	Meskil, Darwin & Donna	Highland, IL
Bumann, Robert	Patoka, IL	Mid-Continent Builders	Matteson, IL
Bumgarner, Madeline	Pocatello, ID	Miles, Damien E. & Marie	Fairview Heights, IL
Burdine, James	Carlyle, IL	Miller, Denise	Carlyle, IL

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Burge, Paul D	Velma, OK	Miller, Lamonte D. & Malinda	Centralia, IL
Burkett, Darrell & Wuest, Barb	Sandoval, IL	Miller, Robert L. & Billie J.	Belleville, IL
Burnett, Judy	Carlyle, IL	Missey, Judy	Lebanon, IL
Burtis, Anthony	Trenton, IL	Mitchell, Robert & Vickie	Tamms, IL
By Owner & Me/	Belleville, IL	Molchan, Gregory	Fairview Heights, IL
Pamela Shadwick Broker		Monken, Lester	Highland, IL
Campbell, Kenneth	Trenton, IL	Montgomery, Maudie	Carlyle, IL
Carter, Mike	Carlyle, IL	Morris, Robert & Jane B.	Highland, IL
Carter, Raymond L. & Pamela	Staunton, IL	Mueller, Barbara A.	New Baden, IL
Cascone, Christopher	Carlyle, IL	Mueth, Brian	New Baden, IL
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Churchill, Gerald R. & Ruby L.	Belleville, IL	Murdock, James & Pat	Belleville, IL
Ciaglo, Stephen T. & Shiela	Germantown, IL	Myers, Gerald & Edith A.	Carlyle, IL
Clark, Sandra S.	O'Fallon, IL	Myers, Sherri	Mascoutah, IL
Clinton Co. Real Est/Charlene Cain	Carlyle, IL	Nashville Hotel Inc.	Trenton, IL
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Cook, Cindy	Pryor, OK	Netemeyer, Frank	Germantown, IL
Cook, Floyd	Xenia, IL	Nettles, John R.	Carlyle, IL
Cowens, Earl	Carlyle, IL	Newmann, Cindy E.	Highland, IL
Cowens, Earl & Linda B.	Carlyle, IL	Newton, Vickie	Vernon, IL
Cox, Stephanie	Breese, IL	Niermann, Oscar W.	Centralia, IL
Crenshaw, Terry L. & Ellen Sue	Centralia, IL	Noitmeyer, Paul	Hoffman, IL
Crouch, Larry & Patricia	Huey, IL	Oakley Bros/Loy & Dewey	Belleville, IL
Cuellar, Oscar & Sally	Breese, IL	Ochs, Margaret Land Trust 2	Belleville, IL
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Damron, Joseph	Capels, WV	Oglesby, Leland R.	Woodriver, IL
Danner, Richard T. & Patricia A.	Belleville, IL	Ohlendorf, Carl E. & Adele A.	Mascoutah, IL
Dauphin, John R. & Adeline I.	Fairview Heights, IL	Overton, Darrell/Kwedras, Virginia	Vandalia, IL
Davis, Corrie	Beckemeyer, IL	Page, Jack W.	Breese, IL
Davis, John & Marjorie	Belleville, IL	Paoli, Mark C.	New Memphis, IL
Davis, Kenneth & Pat	Scott AFB, IL	Parson, Earl J.	O'Fallon, IL
De Maris, Rick J. & Anna B.	Granite City, IL	Peach, Robert D. Jr.	Granite City, IL
Deedmond, Edith, C.	Sandoval, IL	Peek, Terry	Corpus Christi, TX
Defend, Ray	Carlyle, IL	Peters, William P. & Mary B.	Belleville, IL
DeLuca, Dennis E. & Susan K.	Collinsville, IL	Phillips, John	Breese, IL
Dempsey, William J. & Patricia L.	New Baden, IL	Phoenix, J.W.	Centralia, IL
Denbow, Michael & Donna Jo	New Athens, IL	Pier, John R. Sr.	Troy, IL
Dietz, Kurt W.	Lebanon, IL	Pier, John Sr & Jo Ann	Florissant, MO
Dodson, Virgil	Aviston, IL	Pitt, Paul B. Jr. & Janet	Carlyle, IL
Dotson, Trudy J.	Coulterville, IL	Piese, Raymond	Crystal City, MO
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Early, Gary & Diana J.	Bartelso, IL	Prehoda, Carol/Knutt, Ronda	Keyesport, IL
Ed Roy Inc/Philip Cohn	East St. Louis, IL	Pryor, Gary	Carlyle, IL
Ellison, Sherry L.	New Baden, IL	Pulver, Edward K.	Carlyle, IL
England, Robert & Janet	Belleville, IL	Pype, Achiel G. & Debbie R.	Dayton, OH
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Era Heritage Real Est/David Stoll	Swansea, IL	R Dron Electric	Granite City, IL
Erwin, Richard A.	Kenosha, WI	Radake, Mike	Bartelso, IL
Eskew, Jerald L. & Laura	Mount Vernon, IL	Raney, Henry	Scott AFB, IL
Estes, Jim	Centralia, IL	Rarick, Phillip	Troy, IL
Eversgerd, Jos & Helen	Germantown, IL	Ratermann, Mark G.	Breese, IL
Eversgerd, Mrs. Clara	Ballwin, MO	Reese, David & Christy	Mascoutah, IL
Everson, Roger A. & Linda C.	St. Louis, MO	Reid, Cynthia	Richview, IL
Fadler, Lonnie & Linda	Perryville, MO	Reid, William Sr.	Kinmundy, IL
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Faulkner, Glen & Gayle	Centralia, IL	Reynolds, Bruce D.	Sandoval, IL
Favier, David L. & Carole	Swansea, IL	Richard Club/Roland or Raymond	Belleville, IL
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Fick, Thomas L. & Carolyn	O'Fallon, IL	Rivera, Julius & Cynthia D.	Mascoutah, IL
Fiebig, Brian	Belleville, IL	Robertson, Judith E.	Centralia, IL
Fisher, Betty	Carlyle, IL	Roetemeyer, Stephen & Sandra	Sumner, WA
Flach, William E. Jr. & Marilyn O. Flagg, Robert	Red Bud, IL Shattuc, IL	Roetemeyer, Sandra	Centralia, IL
Foppe, Jeffrey K.	Aviston, IL	Rollinson, Rodney D. & Donna	Patoka, IL
Forehand, Florence	Vernon, IL	Rolves, Roger & Genda	Carlyle, IL
Foster, James D.	Peoria, IL	Rose, Stephen B.	Carlyle, IL
Freeman, Monte K. & Ruth A.	Greenville, IL	Russell, Philip J. & Donna	Martin, TN
Frey, Maynard & Florence	Highland, IL	Rust Co. Inc.	Belleville, IL
Funderburk, Robert	Carlyle, IL	Rutherford, Kerry G. & Devra J.	Andrews AFB, Wash, DC
Gagich, John N.	Carlyle, IL	Sackett, Earl F. & Shirley	East Saint Louis, IL
Gamble, Otis & Myrtle	Germantown, IL	Scheffel, Frank D. & Linda E.	Franklin, MA
Garcia, Michael	Beckemeyer, IL	Schlichter, Mrs. Betty	Mascoutah, IL
Garner, Jerry E. & Sherry L. Baird	Dix, IL	Schlueter, Alma	Centralia, IL
Gauger, Linda	Salem, IL	Schmale Realty	Belleville, IL
George, Richard & Vivian	Sandoval, IL	Schmitt, Alvin H. & Janelle	Brownstown, IL
Germania Savings & Loan/Paul Pope	Alton, IL	Schneider, Lillian M.	Belleville, IL
Germann, Lawrence & Marilyn	Belleville, IL	Schnipper, Robert & Marsha	Belleville, IL
Godell, Elsie	Belleville, IL	Schoen, Carroll W. & Mary L.	Mahomet, IL
Goldmann, Eileen H.	Carlyle, IL	Schramke, Michael L. & Deborah	Albers, IL
Gove, Betty	Mascoutah, IL	Schwartz, Darin & Larry Alli Jr.	Centralia, IL
Grappenhau, Gerald & Marjorie	Byram, MS	Scott, Alvin	Centralia, IL
Green, Barbara	Kinmundy, IL	Scott, Ledroy & Ora	East St. Louis, IL
Green, Max	Surfside Beach, SC	Seagraves, Lucian V. & Melva D.	Saint Ann, MO
Griffin, Joanne W.	Belleville, IL	Seeger, Dean & Eileen	Saint Jacob, IL
Griffin, Minnie C.	Belleville, IL	Seeger, Lorraine Estate	Saint Jacob, IL
Grimmer/Trankle	Waterloo, IL	Seiffert, Joseph & Florence	Carlyle, IL
Gronzki, Mary Ann	Belleville, IL	Seymore, Kenneth C.	Troy, IL
Gummere, Jerry D.	Bloomington, IL	Sharp, Gwendolyn	Centralia, IL
Haake, Henrietta (Knies Heirs)	St. Louis, MO	Shepard, Ralph	St. Louis, MO
Haan, William H.	Patoka, IL	Shepherd, Hollie M.	O'Fallon, IL
Hacker, Geo. W. & Wilma	Belleville, IL	Sherry Douglas	Englewood, FI
Haeg, Victor Jr.	Washington Park, IL	Shidler, Dee Anna L.	Sumner, IL
Hagist, R.J.	Minocqua, WI	Shumaker, Faywil & Cindy	Ridge Farm, IL
Halusan, Mrs. Rudolph F.	Belleville, IL	Skerrett, Antonio	Mascoutah, IL
Hansen, Maurice	San Clemente, CA	Slater, Randy	Olney, IL
Hardin, D. Ray & Sharon L.	Trenton, IL	Smart, Lorenzo	St. Louis, MO
Harsy, Julius S.	DuQuoin, IL	Smith, Charles & Norma	Springfield, IL
Hart, Thomas J. & Cindy K.	Terre Haute, IN	Smith, Doris I.	O'Fallon, IL
Hasty, Luann M.	Hamel, IL	Smith, George W. & Freda A.	Scott AFB, IL
Haukap, William E. & Kay E.	O'Fallon, IL	Smith, Lillie M.	Fairview Heights, IL
Haumesser, Hortense	Carlyle, IL	Smith, Ronnie D. & Sharold	Hoffman, IL
Haycraft, Robert L. & Evelyn	Irving, IL	Snelson, Arthur R. & Georgia A.	Granite City, IL
Hayes, Lisa	Carlyle, IL	Solis, Jeff	Aviston, IL
Heern, Terry & Lisa	Centralia, IL	Sourbeck, Jeananne M.	Mascoutah, IL
Heidemann Real Estate	Belleville, IL	Southern Concrete Floor	Centralia, IL
Hemker, Andrew	Highland, IL	Speer, Jasper H. & Dolores	Belleville, IL
Hemker, Brian	Irvington, IL	Spihlmann, Robert W.	Belleville, IL
Hemker, Eric	Trenton, IL	Spurgeon, Michael L. & Patricia Z.	Scott AFB, IL
Hemker, Jeffrey A. & Susan M.	Collinsville, IL	Staniszewski, Leo E.	St. Louis, MO
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Henrichs, David T. & Bernadette M.	Highland, IL	Stidham, Robert J. & Barbara O.	Carlinville, IL
Herbst, Tim	Breese, IL	Stillwell, Michael J. & Donna J.	Troy, IL
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Hermes, Monica E.	St. Louis, MO	Stock, Michal J. Jr & Jean M.	Trenton, IL
Hermismeyer, Michael T. & Diane H.	Sevierville, TN	Stoffel, Donald	Carlyle, IL
Hewitt, Gary L. & Marjorie E.	Albers, IL	Stoll, Robert	Carlyle, IL
HHH Concrete Paving Co.	East Saint Louis, IL	Strohm, Diane	Memphis, TN
Hilmes, Cletus	New Baden, IL	Stumpe, Michael A.	Alton, IL
Hinchcliff, Olen & Daisy	Carlyle, IL	Sturgill, Richard & Karen	Keyesport, IL
Hoefle, Dennis G. & Shirley J.	Highland, IL	Tarilton, Barbara	Patoka, IL
Hoercher, Christine M.	Jacksonville, IL	Tate, Randy & Caroline	Centralia, IL
Hofbrauer, Larry & Gilda	O'Fallon, IL	Taylor, Robert	Edwardsville, IL
Hoff, Michael A.	Trenton, IL	Teague, William & Pamela	Canby, OR
Hogue, Clifford D. Sr & Mabel G.	Chambersburg, PA	Thomason, Douglas H. & Sandra	Granite City, IL
Holder, Bennie & Virginia A.	Scott AFB, IL	Thompson, Clifford & Evelyn A.	Centralia, IL
Holder, John & Monica	Troy, IL	Thompson, Robert & Cynthia M.	Ballwin, MO
Holmes, James C.	Centralia, IL	Thouvenot, R.G. Dr. & Jean	O'Fallon, IL
Hubble, Fred & Janice	Carlyle, IL	Tiberend, Howard E.	Bloomington, IN
Hubert, David A.	Lebanon, IL	Tillery, Jeffry A. & Kimberla G.	Edwardsville, IL
Huber, Ken & Barbara	Keyesport, IL	Timmons, Michael G.	Centralia, IL
Huch, Eric L. & Linda J.	Columbia, IL	Timmons, Rodney L. & Nancy J.	Centralia, IL
Huelsmann, Julie	Germantown, IL	Tompkins, Gary W. & Mary	Belleville, IL
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Huffman, Janie	Shattuc, IL	Truttman, Ardel & Ruth	Belleville, IL
Huffman, Linda S.	Shattuc, IL	Turks, Betty Lee	St. Louis, MO
Hunter, Sandra J.	Carlyle, IL	Urias, Christine & Johnson, Debra	Norcross, GA
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Illinois State Trust Co/Geo. Obernagel	Belleville, IL	Verdon, Joseph R. & Marjorie	Decatur, IL
Ivy, Caroline	Staunton, IL	Vickery, Jerald L. Sr.	Belleville, IL
Jackson, Ruth	Belleville, IL	Voellinger, Wayne A. & Mary B.	Belleville, IL
Jacobus, Kenneth R.	Centralia, IL	Von Bokel, Frances	Breese, IL
Jacob, Norman	Belleville, IL	Wadkins, James & Wessel, Dona	Ankeny, IA
Jarrett, Thomas D. Jr & Judith M.	Mascoutah, IL	Wagner, Kenneth L. & Ruth	O'Fallon, IL
Jennie P. Estate	Murphysboro, IL	Walker, Donald E. & Barbara	Fredericktown, MO
Johnson, Diane L.	New Baden, IL	Walker, William M. & Norma K.	Keyesport, IL
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Johnson, Thomas J. & Barbara	Bartelso, IL	Weber, Leaner G.	Pocahontas, IL
Johnson, Wendy	Breese, IL	Webster, Donald	Salem, IL
Johnston, Ronald & Donna M.	Shattuc, IL	Welsch, Timothy A. & Lisa	Centralia, IL
Jones Excavating	Steeleville, IL	Wessel, Stewart	Hoffman, IL
Jones, Willie M. & Martha W.	Carlyle, IL	Wheritt, L.T.	Keyesport, IL
Joyner, Sam	Salem, IL	Whitacre, Tom	Keyesport, IL
Juenger, Larry	Centralia, IL	White Oil Field Cons.	Carmi, IL
Jukowski, Roy H. & Jo Ann	Belleville, IL	White, Earl E.	Theodore, AL
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Kamwerth, Urban & Dorothy	Carlyle, IL	Willard, Charles L. & Julie A.	Okawville, IL
Kapp, George	Highland, IL	Williamson, John H.	Saint Joseph, IL
Kehrer, Jeffrey	Mascoutah, IL	Wilmoth, Rev. Bill & Marilyn Joyce	Sandoval, IL
Keith, John C.	Carlyle, IL	Wiltshire, Robert T. & Bonnie L.	Swansea, IL
Keller, Richard J.	Glen Carbon, IL	Wissehr, Lorraine	Belleville, IL
Kelly, Harold J.	New Baden, IL	Wood, Patricia	Ashley, IL
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King, Jerry & Carole	Sandoval, IL	Yates, Phillip	Vernon, IL
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Kleinschmidt, Zelda	St. Louis, MO		
Klein, Kenneth & Bernice M.	Highland, IL		

Clinton County Electric Cooperative

Sample letter to Federal legislators

U.S. House

(depends on co-op member's address as to which one they would write)

The Hon. John Shimkus
Member of Congress
240 Regency Centre
Collinsville, IL 62234

The Hon. Jerry Costello
Member of Congress
144 Lincoln Place Court, Suite 4
Belleville, IL 62221

U.S. Senate

The Hon. Dick Durbin
U.S. Senate
525 South Eighth St.
Springfield, IL 62703

The Hon. Barack Obama
U.S. Senate
607 East Adams St.
Springfield, IL 62703

Dear Senator (or Representative) (last name):

As a member/owner of Clinton County Electric Cooperative, headquartered in Breese, Illinois, I am writing regarding federal climate change legislation. My understanding is that there are at least nine such bills currently pending before the U.S. Congress. Almost all of the electricity I receive from our co-op is generated from a coal-fired plant which utilizes clean coal technology, and I favor cost-effective proposals to lessen greenhouse gas emissions. On the other hand, I strongly oppose -- and urge your opposition -- to any bill that would unnecessarily increase costs significantly, and which would include unrealistic timelines to reduce greenhouse gas emissions since the technology to achieve these carbon reductions is not yet available.

It makes sense that climate change legislation should focus on developing and using new technologies, and give appropriate incentives to co-ops and other utilities. In addition, I think legislation should cover the entire economy and not simply electric generation, and also address emissions from other nations. And, it is critical that any proposal also consider the economic costs of the plan and not cause significant negative impacts -- I have heard that some of the pending climate change legislation proposals would have exorbitant price tags. Cost is of particular concern to me as a member-owner of a not-for-profit rural electric cooperative, as any increased costs to our co-op flow directly to my neighbors and me in the form of higher electric rates.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this important issue. I urge you to only support legislation that addresses the above concerns and which will protect our electric co-op from having to dramatically raise rates.

Sincerely,



Our Energy, Our Future

A Dialogue With America

Productive dialogue begins by asking tough questions and requiring straight answers. Start by asking your elected officials these questions to get the dialogue headed in the right direction.

- ? Experts say that our nation's growing electricity needs will soon go well beyond what renewables, conservation and efficiency can provide; What is your plan to make sure we have the electricity we'll need in the future?
- ? What are you doing to fully fund the research required to make emissions free electric plants an affordable reality?
- ? Balancing electricity needs and environmental goals will be difficult. How much is all this going to increase my electric bill and what will you do to make it affordable?

Start The Dialogue



NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE (_____) _____

EMAIL _____

I AM A MEMBER OF _____ CO-OP

SIGNATURE _____



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RECIPES

Recipes taken from the August 2008 edition of the Illinois Country Living

Hot Tamale Pie

1 lb. ground beef
1/2 C. chopped green pepper
1 can Mexican tomatoes
1/2 can evaporated milk or 6-oz. of milk
1 C. grated Cheddar cheese, divided
1/2 C. chopped onion
1/2 tsp. chili powder
1/4 can water
1 box cornbread mix

Brown meat; drain. Add green pepper and onion to the meat in the skillet and continue cooking. Add tomatoes, chili powder and water. Cook until bubbly. Pour into a baking dish. Topping: Combine cornbread mix, milk and 1/2 C. cheese. Spread evenly on top of meat mixture. Sprinkle remaining cheese on top. Bake at 400° for 20 minutes.

Peach Cobbler

8-9 peaches
1/2 C. sugar
1-1/2 tsp. cornstarch
1/8 tsp. salt
3/4 C. sugar
3 T. butter
1/2 C. milk
1 C. flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1/4 tsp. salt
Ice cream or whipped topping, opt.

Grease a 9-inch square pan. Peel peaches. Slice in a bowl. Combine 1/2 C. sugar, cornstarch and 1/8 tsp. salt and sprinkle over peaches. Gently stir to coat. Pour into a pan. Combine 3/4 C. sugar, butter, milk, flour, baking powder and 1/4 tsp. salt and pour over peaches. Bake 35-40 minutes at 400°. Serve warm. Top with ice cream or whipped topping.



Frozen Strawberry Salad (above)

1 (8-oz.) pkg. cream cheese
2/3 C. sugar
1 (20-oz.) can crushed pineapple, drained
1 (10-oz.) pkg. sliced strawberries
1 (12-oz.) ctn. whipped topping

Mix cream cheese, sugar, pineapple and sliced strawberries. Fold in whipped topping. Freeze in a 9x13-inch pan. Remove from freezer about 10 minutes before serving. Cut into serving pieces.

Everyday Household Tips

- Try Scotch tape to remove a splinter before you reach for the tweezers.
- Stuff a marshmallow in the bottom of an ice cream cone to prevent drips.
- Rub ChapStick on paper cuts to stop the pain immediately and help heal the cut.
- Rub a slice of potato on your hands and fingers to remove stains.
- Use a lint roller on dusty lampshades.
- Use fabric softener sheets to repel mosquitoes. Just rub on your skin for protection.
- When boiling potatoes add a small amount of butter and they won't boil over.

Everyday Health Tips

Some prevention strategies could save more than 100,000 American lives a year:

- Get an annual flu shot.
- Keep current with breast cancer screenings.
- Stay up-to-date with colorectal cancer screenings.
- Stop smoking.
- Ask your doctor about aspirin therapy – If 90 percent of women older than 65 and men older than 40 took a daily aspirin to help prevent a heart attack or stroke, 45,000 American lives would be saved each year.
- Drink pomegranate juice to increase blood flow to the heart.
- Drink orange juice to help prevent kidney stones.
- Drink cranberry juice to help prevent urinary tract infections.

Vacation Electric Bills

Many of us hit the road in the summer for a fun and relaxing family getaway. However, unless you take special precautions before you leave, your electric bill won't reflect that you were gone. And, unfortunately, unless you unplug all your appliances and shut everything down – even your refrigerator – appliances still use about the same amount of electricity even when you are away.

Air conditioning systems, refrigerators and water heaters consume the most electricity in homes. Many people leave their air-conditioning system on when they leave for a summer trip. Even if the thermostat is set to a higher setting, air conditioners will continue to cycle – particularly on extremely hot days – to keep the home cool. And, remember, even if you turn your air conditioner off and turn it on when you return, the air conditioner will have to work overtime to cool the home and its contents.

If you have an electric water heater, you might save some money due to the reduction in hot water use, but water heaters consume energy keeping the water in the tank hot. If you bring dirty clothes

home from vacation, you will most likely do several extra loads of laundry upon your return. The energy costs to heat water and run your washer and dryer will be about the same when compared to a month when you are home.

It's a good idea to look around your home and turn off or unplug things like TV sets, DVD players, fans, computers, computer speakers, printers and unnecessary lighting when you leave for a trip.



Other Safety Tips (from safeelectricity.org)

1. Screw light bulbs in securely. Loose bulbs may overheat and cause a fire.
2. Never use a power tool if the grounding pin has been removed.
3. Overloaded outlets and extension cords can overheat, increasing the risk for fire. Limit the number of appliances plugged into each outlet.
4. Keep electric tools and equipment at least 10 feet away from a pool or other wet surfaces.
5. Never step into a flooded area, especially basements, if water is in contact with electrical outlets, appliances or cords.



Summer Safety

- Farming? Remember wide equipment swings wide on turns. Look over the area for overhead lines and guy wires. Don't forget to consider underground electric facilities.
- Digging? If digging is involved, the law requires you to contact JULIE. Call 811 or 1-800-892-0123 to locate underground facilities.
- Installing a swimming pool? Do not install a pool under overhead power lines or over underground lines. Have a qualified electrician inspect or install the wiring for your pool. Use long handled pool cleaning devices with extreme caution and never near power lines. Never plug electrical appliances in near the water. If contact is made with the water, you could be electrocuted.



Tankless or On-Demand Water Heaters Vs. Conventional Water Heaters

By Ahren Langhauser

Recently, members have been contacting the cooperative about our knowledge of tankless (aka on-demand) water heaters. Tankless water heaters are becoming more and more prevalent in today's society. They have their advantages and disadvantages, as do tank-storage water heaters, and we would like to help you make an informed decision before the purchase and installation of a new/replacement water heating device.

Tankless water heater manufacturers usually state four advantages over conventional tank style water heaters.

- Less space required for installation
- Unlimited (continuous) supply of hot water
- Instantaneous hot water if installed at the point-of-use
- Reduced water heating costs

It's true that tankless water heaters require less space than a tank style unit. Typically, a whole house tankless unit is mounted on a wall and is 2 foot square and extends 8 – 10 inches from the wall.

The claim of "unlimited supply of hot water" may not be entirely true. A tankless water heater's outgoing water temperature depends greatly on entering water temperature, and flow rate. If the user demands too much hot water, even the largest tankless unit may not be able to meet the demand. Tankless water heaters are designed to raise the temperature of water as it passes through the unit. The faster the water passes through, the less heat is able to be transferred into the water. Showers in use simultaneously, or the combination of a washing machine, dishwasher, and sink all being used at the same time may cause the temperature of the hot water generated by the tankless unit to drop. Also, the colder the water is as it enters the unit, the more heat must be transferred into the water to get it to the desired temperature. A reduced hot water temperature may be experienced in the winter as compared to the summer time.

It's true that hot water will be available almost "instantaneously" if the unit is installed near the point of use. If it's not installed within close proximity (a few feet), it will take a few seconds to get hot water to the faucet, which you will also experience with a conventional tank style water heating system.

The claim of "reduced water heating costs" is the part that we are most interested in, and you probably are as well. Tankless water heater manufacturers do

not claim to be able to heat water more efficiently, but claim that savings will come from the fact that you will no longer have standby losses from the water heater. Heat losses on a conventional water heater can be reduced by the use of insulation. Providing adequate insulation around, and underneath of your tank style water heater, can reduce your standby losses. Placing your tank style water heater on top of a piece of Styrofoam insulation board (this may not be recommended for gas units) will help to prevent the heat from being transferred out of the water in the tank, and into the floor of your home. Insulating your hot water piping, using timers, and low-flow showerheads can increase savings from your hot water system.

Some other items that should be considered with a tankless system are:

-Is your service size large enough to handle the added load that's required?

-Dimming lights and low voltage concerns may occur with the tankless units due to the high current draw when starting.

-If maintenance is required, are qualified service technicians available? What is the availability of parts, and the lead-time for them?

We, as an electric utility, also have some concerns about the installation of tankless units as well:

-Larger transformers and service wires will be needed to supply the high demand of a tankless unit when it starts, thus increasing the cost of electric service for us, and for you.

-Reducing our overall demand, especially in peak times, reduces our cost of electricity, thus reducing yours as well.

Tankless water heaters have advantages. They are compact and are easy to drain; consequently, they could be ideal for applications where space is a premium or in small vacation homes. In addition, they could serve quite effectively in point of use applications. However, their use as the central source of hot water in a residence should be carefully considered. While tankless water heaters offer some modest energy cost savings over storage water heaters, those minimal gains are at the expense of higher initial costs, higher installation costs, higher maintenance costs and the potential need for lifestyle changes to accommodate the limited flow rate output of tankless water heaters.

Financial Information

Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2008

ASSETS (What We Own):	
Total Utility Plant	21,413,996
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	8,121,775
Net Utility Plant	13,292,221
Cash & Temporary Investments	0
Investments in Associated Organizations	1,195,735
Accounts Receivable	202,126
Materials & Supplies	510,737
Prepayments & Other Deferred Expenses	108,511
Total Assets	15,309,330
MEMBERS' EQUITY & LIABILITIES (What We Owe):	
Members' Capital Credits	6,872,947
Other Equities	240,939
Long-Term Debt	7,056,245
Consumer Deposits	118,713
Other Liabilities & Deferred Income	1,020,486
Total Members' Equity & Liabilities	15,309,330


Statement of Operations

For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2008

INCOME:	
Sale of Electricity & Other Services	5,820,256
Other Income	303,551
Total Income	6,123,807
EXPENSES:	
Cost of Electric Power	4,456,597
Operations & Maintenance Expenses	564,279
General & Administrative Expenses	507,214
System Depreciation	322,490
Interest Expense	243,790
Total Expenses	6,094,370
NET MARGINS	29,437

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