




**Jump River Electric
Cooperative, Inc.**

Since 1938

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 



**By Kurt Harris,
General Manager**

NOTES FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

New Electric Vehicle (EV)

Charger Rate In September, the board approved a new rate for members who have a Level 2 EV charger on our EV Charger load management program.

We believe this EV program will help reduce the demand impact on the cooperative's system and wholesale power provider. The rate is as follows:

Single Phase Level 2 Electric Vehicle (EV) Charger

EV Fixed Cost of Delivery \$4.50

Energy Charges:

Overnight (9 p.m. – 5 a.m.) \$0.0550

All Other Hours \$0.2500

Members who purchase a ZEF level 2 EV charger from the cooperative will automatically qualify for this rate. This charger will be metered and interrupted by built-in components utilizing a cellular or Wi-Fi connection.

All other Level 2 EV charger loads will be interrupted by a receiver provided and installed by the cooperative. The member will be required to make provisions in their electric wiring for this receiver. These EV chargers must be mounted on an exterior wall to allow the meter and receiver to be installed on the outside of the structure, permitting access to cooperative personnel.

Please contact us if you are thinking about purchasing or already own an electric vehicle, so we can walk you through this program.

We also offer rebates through our Energy Sense program for both type of chargers. You can learn more about our rebate program at jrec.com/energy-sense-rebates.

What is a PCA? PCA stands for Power Cost Adjustment. This can be either a per kilowatt-hour (kWh) charge or credit on your electric bill. Unlike the Fixed Cost of Delivery charge or the kWh energy rate, this adjustment varies month to month based on JREC's cost of purchased power from Dairyland Power Cooperative (DPC), our wholesale power provider.

When the cost to purchase power in our regional energy market is significantly more or less than anticipated, DPC passes the difference on to JREC. A PCA has been listed, as needed, on the bill statements for many years.

Many are asking if a PCA will be on future bills. The short answer is yes. As the wholesale cost of power fluctuates with supply chain, high demand, and inflation challenges, you will likely continue to see more frequent PCAs on your electric bills.

We encourage members to sign-up for SmartHub, our online account portal. SmartHub has several features that allow you to monitor and manage your usage. You can also install SmartHub onto your mobile device.

Good News JREC is a not-for-profit organization. It is our goal to collect only what we need to cover the costs of providing you with safe and reliable electricity. Any profit at the end of the year is allocated to your capital credit account, based on what you paid in. In the October issue of this magazine, we announced that the board had approved returning a portion of the capital credits earned from 1992 to 2021 to our members. You can find this capital credit retirement (payout) on your November energy bill.

Upcoming Holidays William Faulkner is quoted as saying, "Gratitude is a quality similar to electricity. It must be produced and discharged and used up in order to exist at all."

On behalf of the board of director and employees of JREC, I'd like to express the gratitude we have for the many men and women who have served and those who continue to serve in the military. We are proud to honor you this Veterans Day.

As we also approach Thanksgiving, we thank you, our members—you *are* the cooperative, and it is our privilege to serve you. This cooperative was built by people helping people, and we will continue to work hard for you as we provide safe, reliable electricity to your home or business. Happy Thanksgiving!



**You'll find a short video
on jrec.com that will help
explain what a PCA is and
why it exists.**

**INTERRUPTIBLE
HEAT TEST
SET FOR
NOVEMBER 16**

On Wednesday, November 16, residential electric heating on our dual fuel program will be interrupted for a test of the load management system. The test will begin at 5 p.m., with all electric heating to be restored by 10 p.m. If everything is working properly, a yellow light will be visible in the window of the load management receiver. If your electric heat remains on during the test, or if you experience any other problems, please contact our office at 715-532-5524.

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#SaveEnergy

As you are preparing your Thanksgiving meal, think of ways you can utilize countertop appliances like microwaves and slow cookers to help save energy, ultimately saving you money.



#CookSafe

The kitchen can be one of the busiest rooms in the house with cooking and baking of holiday treats. Here are some tips to remember when working in the kitchen:

- Keep cooking areas clean and clear of grease.
- Check appliance cords for damage prior to use.
- Never plug more than one high-wattage appliance into a single outlet.
- Make sure outlets near sinks are equipped with GFCIs.
- Always have a working fire extinguisher on hand and know how to operate it.



#WeAreThankfulJREC

You may have a Thanksgiving tradition of going around the table, taking turns saying something you are thankful for before enjoying your meal together. Why wait for November 24 to do this?

It's so important that we all spend some time each day reflecting on things that we are thankful for, which brings us back to the question of why wait until Thanksgiving to do just this. We are inviting members to share what they are most thankful for on our Facebook page during the month of November.

We'd also love to have you add pictures of your feast or past feast, your family, or share your favorite Thanksgiving tradition. Be sure to use #WeAreThankfulJREC on your post.

If you would like to be a part of the #WeAreThankfulJREC challenge, go to facebook.com/Jumpriverelectriccoop, find our We Are Thankful post, then share what you are most thankful for this holiday season. Participating members will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win one of three JREC swag bag and camping chair combos.



Thanksgiving's Not So Well-Known Facts

1. Sarah Josepha Hale, best known for creating the nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb," is known as the mother of Thanksgiving. She lobbied Congress for years to make Thanksgiving an official holiday, writing letters to five presidents, including Lincoln.
2. President Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a national holiday in 1863 to be celebrated the last Thursday in November.
3. President Roosevelt changed the date of Thanksgiving to one week earlier in 1939 in hopes of lengthening the holiday shopping season and alleviating the depression. Due to public outrage and some states refusing to change, FDR gave in and signed a bill in 1941 changing the date back to the fourth Thursday in November.



Save on Your Thanksgiving Dinner



WIN A TURKEY

The Lucky 13 Turkey Drawing is back! This means 13 members will win a turkey, just in time for Thanksgiving. We'd love to help you save on your Thanksgiving meal expense. Complete the below ticket and return it to our Ladysmith office for your chance to win.

Each day during the weekdays of November 7–23, a name will be drawn. Hopefully, we'll be talking to you soon!

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____
STATE _____ ZIP _____
TELEPHONE # _____
EMAIL _____
ACCT. # _____

Return to JREC, P.O. Box 99, Ladysmith, WI 54848

Two entries per family, one winner per household.

Turkeys need to be picked up by December 9.



STAY SAFE OUT ON THE

HUNT



Take precautions to stay safe on your next hunting expedition.



Know the signs of a heart attack or other life-threatening condition.



Have a way to get in touch with the outside world.

Always implement firearm safety techniques.



Do not lean a tree stand against a utility pole.

Do not fire at power lines, insulators or conductor cans.



Carry a first aid kit.



Check the weather in advance and be prepared.

Check tree stands regularly for stability.

Survey the area for potential electrical hazards.



Be visible: Wear blaze orange.

Learn more at:



SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER WITH CHRISTMAS WISH

The Christmas Wish program is all about spreading holiday cheer, while helping those in need. JREC, along with Touchstone Energy, other north central Wisconsin co-ops, WIGM 1490 AM, and WKEB 99.3 FM are sponsoring this program, now in its 26th year.



If you know someone who could use a boost this holiday season, make a wish on their behalf by contacting WIGM/WKEB Radio at PO Box 59, Medford, WI 54451; (715) 748-2752 by fax; or www.K99WIGM.com. Please include the name, address, and phone number of the individual you are making a wish for, and the wish you would like granted. The promotions and wishes that are granted are for recipients residing within the service territory of one of the sponsoring cooperatives and within the broadcast area of WKEB/WIGM radio. Requests are being taken until December 19, 2022.

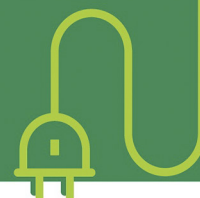
If you'd like to become part of this 26-year tradition, contact the radio station at 715-748-2566. They will be more than happy to accept donations for the Christmas Wish Program.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Is your home heating system ready for the winter chill? One of the easiest ways to keep your system running efficiently is to regularly replace filters. If your central air system has a furnace filter, it should be replaced about every 90 days.

If your home is heated through warm-air registers, baseboard heaters or radiators, remember to clean them regularly to boost efficiency.

Source: energy.gov



THE VIEW THROUGH THE MEMBERS' LENSES

Once again, our members did not disappoint as many great photos were submitted for our latest contest, showing, once again, that we live in such a beautiful part of this country. These photos were chosen as the top three; the winning photographers received an energy credit of \$50 for first place, \$30 for second place, and \$20 for third place. Thank you to all who submitted photos.



First Place – Marcia Suchy of Couderay, “The Very Best View”



Second Place – Amy Flatten of Gilman, “Frosty Morning in the Barnyard”



Third Place – Angela Bollerud of Glen Flora, “Sunflower Memories”

ENERGY ASSISTANCE MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR YOU

If you find yourself in need of assistance in paying your winter heating and utility bills, certain government organizations can offer heating assistance or point you in the direction of where you can get help. You may be eligible for assistance from the various programs like the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Keep Wisconsin Warm/Cool Fund, or the Public Benefits Energy Assistance Program.

You can find more contact information and links to many of these programs at jrec.com/energy-assistance, or go to homeenergyplus.wi.gov. You can also call 1-866-HEATWIS or Keep Wisconsin Warm Fund – Bill Pay Assistance at 1-800-981-9276.

Income guidelines for the 2022-2023 Home Energy Plus Program are as follows:

WHEAP Income Guidelines for the 2022–2023 Heating Season

(10/01/2022 through 9/30/2023)

60 percent of state median income guidelines

Household Size	One Month Income	Annual Income
1	\$ 2,675.25	\$32,103
2	\$ 3,498.42	\$41,981
3	\$ 4,321.58	\$51,859
4	\$ 5,144.83	\$61,738
5	\$ 5,968.00	\$71,616
6	\$ 6,791.17	\$81,494
7	\$ 6,945.50	\$83,346
8	\$ 7,099.83	\$85,198

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Denise Zimmer, Editor



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November 24 & 25 for Thanksgiving.