



James Anderson
General Manager

LCO JREC UPDATE

JREC has been working hard to reach an agreement with the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians (LCO) regarding the ongoing easement situation. On February 20 the board of directors unanimously approved

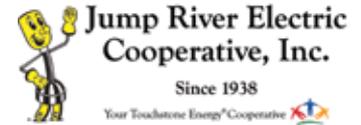
the following letter that has been delivered to the LCO Tribal Council.

JREC wants you, our member-owners in all districts, to be informed as we move forward with our negotiations with the LCO. JREC entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the LCO and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) which was executed in the late fall of 2017. The MOU seeks a final decision to

be reached on or before April 30, 2018. This letter addresses the options JREC has brought before the Tribal Council to reach a possible resolution.

JREC will continue to update our member-owners through articles in the *Wisconsin Cooperative Energy News* magazine, JREC website, and on Facebook.

Respectfully, Jim



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February 20, 2018
Tribal Governing Board
Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
13394 W Trepania Road
Hayward, WI 54843

RE: Jump River Electric Cooperative
Easements for the Provision of Electric

Dear Chairman Taylor and Council Members:

We, the members of the Board of Directors of the Jump River Electric Cooperative (“JREC” or “Cooperative”) write in an effort to amicably move the ongoing easement situation toward resolution. At the outset, we would like to emphasize our belief that a resolution is feasible that is in the best interest of both the LCO Tribe and JREC. As discussed below, we have evaluated the issues at hand and propose two different offers for your consideration.

It is now your decision as to whether or how you would like to move this forward. Please note that to achieve any compromise resolution immediate action by both JREC and the LCO is required. As you know, the Memorandum of Understanding we executed last fall with the BIA, seeks a final decision by JREC on or before April 30, 2018. Please also bear in mind that JREC cannot provide new services or update facilities on LCO land until an agreement is in place.

Overview:

We understand that the Council seeks to ensure safe and reliable electric service at reasonable rates for the LCO members, while acknowledging and protecting individual and tribal property interests.

JREC has similar objectives. JREC is a not-for-profit electric cooperative formed and existing for the purpose of “providing safe, reliable, economical electric energy and other valuable services to enhance the quality of life in rural

America.” (JREC Mission Statement). JREC is a democratic organization controlled by its members, who have equal voting rights (one member, one vote).

Many of JREC’s members are also members of the LCO Tribe. The JREC electric lines that cross LCO land were installed and exist solely to provide electric service to the inhabitants of that land. The JREC lines do not cross LCO land as a convenience for the Cooperative or to reach distant locations as the lines of other utilities may do.

As a not-for-profit cooperative, JREC has a limited budget. JREC’s electric rates are set to cover the budget. Anything we can do to limit costs helps to keep rates low for our members. JREC does not have shareholders earning a profit off of its members. It simply strives to pay its bills and to keep operating for the benefit of its members and the communities we serve. In order to do so, though, the Cooperative must raise its rates when costs increase and generally must do so quickly.

As a condition of membership, JREC requires its members to grant electric line easements at no cost to the Cooperative. If an easement is required across unserved land in order to reach a new service location, it is the obligation of the member who seeks the service to obtain the needed easement. Following this approach since JREC’s inception, we are not aware of a single situation where JREC has paid for an easement. It is also not JREC’s practice to survey its easements or require its members to survey easements as that is a relatively high cost and surveys are unnecessary under Wisconsin law.

This Board is aware that there are different laws applicable to rights-of-way across LCO Trust land. However, we emphasize the history of the Cooperative’s easements and the process followed across the majority of our service territory as it raises challenging questions when considering how to resolve the easement situation on the LCO land. Is it fair to pay one landowner for an easement and not others? And, how can we justify requesting the entire membership to collectively pay through their rates for that easement? As a Board we represent the membership as a whole and cannot make a decision that



is for the benefit of some members to the detriment of other members. Thus, we seek resolution that is in the best interest of the Cooperative overall.

We believe compromise and cooperation can lead to a strong and constructive partnership between the LCO Tribe and JREC for the benefit of all. We propose the following two options for your consideration: 1) an easement/electric service plan designed to emphasize partnership between JREC and the LCO Tribe and our common interests including energy efficiency and renewable energy, and 2) a pathway for LCO ownership and control of utility service on LCO land.

Option 1: Easement/Electric Service Plan

This option was largely discussed with the Council on January 19th. The following proposal includes some additional details:

1. JREC disputes the appraised value of the alleged trespass damages attributed to the existence of JREC's lines since its easements expired. The values provided by Lake State Realty Services, Inc. from its October 12, 2013 appraisal equate to outright purchase of the land in question as the values are "akin to the entire underlying fee". That valuation also ignores both the limited time period for alleged damages and the fact that JREC's lines have a *de minimis* impact, if any, on use of most of the land in question. Nevertheless, as a term of settlement, JREC is willing to pay the trespass damages based on the 2013 appraisal with an updated value through the date of agreement if such payment is part of a long-term solution. Such payments shall be made following BIA requirements to property owners including allottees and the Tribe in accordance with ownership interests provided by the BIA. This will allow the pending trespass matter to be concluded without completion of JREC's appeal process.
2. JREC will pay to survey its easements where needed and to pay costs associated with the easement application process. If agreement is reached along the lines of this proposal, we believe these costs will be incurred for the benefit of the Cooperative as a whole and will not seek to recover these costs through a localized rate increase.
3. The LCO Tribe will agree to grant reasonable 50-year easements to JREC consistent with the terms of applicable Federal Law for all existing lines crossing the LCO Tribe's property, including property where the Tribe owns a majority interest, without payment by JREC to the LCO Tribe.
4. The LCO Tribe will agree that the provision of electric service by JREC to LCO members (who are also JREC members) and the easements contemplated by this agreement are for the benefit of the LCO Tribe as a whole and agrees that the LCO Tribe will not seek

to require JREC to pay allottees for new easements provided such easements are consistent with the terms of applicable Federal Law. Such agreement shall not constitute or purport to be a waiver of any individual allottee rights or agreement made by the Tribe on behalf of the allottees.

5. The LCO Tribe will agree that it will not pursue or promote additional trespass claims for any time period prior to the date of agreement and while JREC's easement application is pending.
6. JREC will create a program to help mentor students of the LCO tribal school who are interested in becoming linepersons or other related utility careers. As part of this role, JREC will create a scholarship for a LCO member who is interested in becoming a lineperson.
7. JREC will work with the LCO Tribe to create an education and outreach program designed to educate JREC/LCO members and the Council on energy conservation matters. JREC will also offer site visits to investigate high energy bill concerns.
8. JREC and the LCO Tribe will cooperate to seek and obtain all necessary approvals from the BIA.
9. JREC will establish an appropriate Aid-of Construction of electrical backbone policy for all new projects built on the JREC power lines.

In addition to the foregoing, JREC would also be happy to work with the LCO Tribe on the following:

10. JREC is willing to supply power to the Casino and all other tribal business and residences if the LCO council opts for JREC service instead of Xcel Energy or other electric utility on the reservation. JREC will lock in an appropriate rate for new LCO commercial load for up to five years.
11. JREC will work with the LCO to provide energy efficient options for the benefit of the LCO's JREC members.

Option 2: LCO Ownership and Control

We understand that you may be interested in forming a Tribal distribution utility. We are open to working with you in that regard and recognize the potential benefits a Tribal utility could bring for the LCO Tribe and JREC. We also understand that there are many issues to consider and preparations that would be needed before such a transition could occur. Therefore, we propose that JREC obtain new easements and continue to operate its lines and serve its members for the time being, but with the Tribe having the option to purchase and take over JREC's facilities in the future at a date to be determined by the Tribe.

Specifically, we propose the same terms described in paragraph one through nine, above. And, that JREC grant to the LCO tribe an option to purchase JREC's facilities within the LCO reservation boundaries with the following terms:

1. The Option would last for the 50-year term of the easements and could be exercised by the LCO Tribe any time after December 31, 2020.
2. The LCO Tribe would exercise the option by sending notice to JREC. The notice would trigger a maximum 4-year transition period with Closing to occur on or before the end of the transition period ("Closing").
3. The facilities to be transferred at Closing would include all JREC utility plant assets within the perimeter of the LCO reservation including assets located on Trust land and non-Trust land.
4. At Closing JREC would also assign to the LCO Tribe or release, at the LCO Tribe's option, all easement interests within the reservation boundary.
5. At Closing the LCO Tribe would make a cash payment to JREC equal to the transferred utility assets' net depreciated book values, valued as of a date within 30 days of Closing.
6. At Closing the LCO Tribe and JREC would enter into a reasonable agreement for the purchase of power from JREC with the following terms:
 - o Would require purchase of power for all service locations transferred from JREC at Closing.
 - o The agreement would have an initial term of at least 20 years.
 - o The rate would be based on and include:
 - JREC's wholesale power cost from Dairyland Power Cooperative
 - Any costs associated with the operation, maintenance and capital recovery of substations and distribution facilities owned and operated by JREC and used to provide service to the LCO Tribe.
 - Standard wheeling charges.
 - o Other standard terms
7. If requested by the Tribe, JREC would agree to a reasonable maintenance and operations contract to take effect at Closing.
8. If requested by the Tribe, JREC would be willing to assist with system training and customer transition during the transition period.

Other Possible Outcomes:

If we are unable to reach a mutually beneficial resolution, JREC will continue its appeal of trespass damages and will have to choose between two undesirable options: 1) move for-

ward with easements without cooperation from the LCO Tribe or 2) cease electric service to areas that require an easement on LCO land.

We emphasize that we would prefer to not even consider these options as they would likely have detrimental impacts on a subset of our members. However, in order to fulfil our duties to our membership overall, we must take into account cost impacts to our membership as a whole. We also must consider whether any outcome is equitable to our membership overall.

We believe the first two options outlined above, provide an equitable resolution that would be for the benefit of all JREC members and the LCO Tribe. Without such an agreement, there could be significant added costs for obtaining the required easements. Such costs could include payments for easements, surveying costs and associated legal costs. We do not believe such an outcome would be for the benefit of the JREC membership overall and could not ethically seek to have the entire membership pay for such added costs.

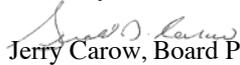
Depending on the amount of added costs and whether such costs could be determined up front, we would likely seek to create a new rate class for the members served by the lines in question in order to pay for those added costs. Thus, the members benefitted by the lines crossing LCO land would have to pay for the costs of keeping those lines in place. Many of these members would be LCO Tribe members and businesses.

At a point, the added costs would require too much of a rate increase to justify continued service to the area in question. This would occur when the added costs and associated risks outweigh the benefit of continued service to the area in question even if the costs could be recovered over time through localized rate increases. At that point, the Cooperative would have to discontinue service to the areas served by lines crossing LCO land so as not to put the entire cooperative service area at risk. Such an outcome would obviously have detrimental impacts on JREC, the LCO Tribe and the individuals and businesses in the area.

Next Steps:

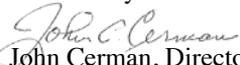
We believe it would be in our collective best interest to focus on one of the two proposals outlined above. We invite input with respect to the details and implementation and look forward to working closely with you (and with input from the BIA) to craft a written agreement. Due to the short timeline, we request your response as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

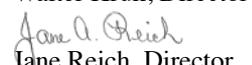

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Purchase for Energy Efficiency – GET A REBATE

JREC offers its members rebates who purchase qualified energy efficient equipment and lighting through the Energy Sense Program. Complete details regarding available rebates and their forms are available at <http://www.jrec.net/Energy%20Sense.html>. You can also contact our office at 715-532-5524 to obtain more information on the Energy Sense program.

Rebate forms must be completed according to the guidelines listed on the form and sent to JREC, P.O. Box 99, Ladysmith, WI 54848. Be sure to attach all appropriate documentation, such as the Energy Star label (if applicable) and paid receipt.

U.S. Government Federal law prohibits removal of this label before consumer purchase.

ENERGYGUIDE

Refrigerator-Freezer
• Automatic Defrost
• Side-Mounted Freezer
• Through-the-Door Ice

XXYZ Corporation Model/AGCL Capacity: 23 Cubic Feet

Estimated Yearly Operating Cost
\$67

Cost Range of Similar Models
\$57 ————— \$74

Estimated Yearly Electricity Use
630 kWh

Your cost will depend on your utility rates and use.

- Cost range based only on models of similar capacity with automatic defrost, side-mounted freezer, and through-the-door ice.
- Estimated operating cost based on a 2007 national average electricity cost of 13.65 cents per kWh.
- For more information, visit www.fcp.gov/appliances.

ENERGY STAR

Lists key features of the appliance you're looking at and the similar models that make up the cost range below.

The maker, model, and size tell you exactly what product this label describes.

What you might pay to run the appliance for a year, based on its electricity use and the national average cost of energy. The cost appears on labels for all models and brands, so you can **compare** energy use just like you would price or other features.

The cost range helps you compare the use of different models by showing you the range of operating costs for models with similar features.

An estimate of how much electricity the appliance uses in a year based on typical use. Multiply this by your local electricity rate on your utility bill to better judge what your actual operating cost might be.

If you see the ENERGY STAR logo, it means the product is better for the environment because it uses less energy than standard models.

Get more renewable energy for as little as \$1 per month CHOOSE EVERGREEN

Evergreen comes from solar, wind, and waste-to-energy renewable resources. Your participation in Evergreen enables your cooperative to secure additional renewable energy resources above and beyond government requirements.

For as little as an additional \$1 per month, you can help support the generation of renewable energy and a cleaner environment. Evergreen costs \$1 per 100 kilowatt-hour (kWh) block. Cover a portion or all of your home's energy usage. For example, for an additional \$8 per month participation in Evergreen, assuming an average home using 800 kWh per month, you can cover all of your home's usage with green power.

For more information about Evergreen, contact Jump River Electric Cooperative at 715-532-5524.

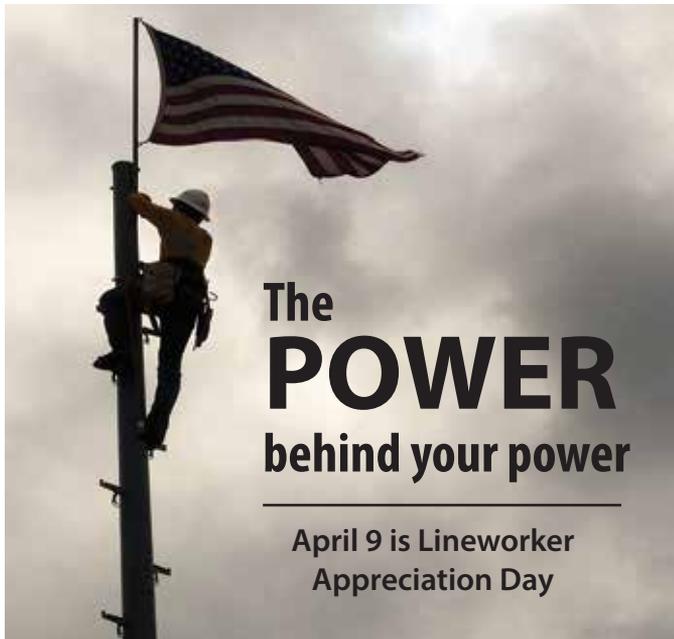


Be an ENERGY STAR and Demonstrate Your Commitment

ENERGY STAR® makes it easy for you and your family to save energy and money while you do your part to help protect the planet. Check out the energy-saving actions you can take below. Pick one or more and share them with the world through social media. Tag them with #ENERGYSTAR to demonstrate your commitment!

- ★ Light your moments with ENERGY STAR certified LED bulbs. Make sure whenever your family is replacing a light bulb that they use ENERGY STAR certified LED bulbs since only with ENERGY STAR can you be assured to get the best quality of light that lasts the longest and saves the most energy – while being good for the earth. That's why it's the best for all your moments – big and small.
- ★ Make sure your laptop has the power-management settings on so that you're saving the most energy at work or at play. And make sure you turn off your computer when you're done.
- ★ Walk, ride a bike, or skateboard instead of using a car.
- ★ Keep doors and windows closed when the air-conditioning or heat is on. Hot and cold air escape quickly!
- ★ When your family is shopping for a new TV, light bulb, appliance, or other product that uses energy, recommend that they look for products that are labeled with the ENERGY STAR logo. This means that they are certified as energy efficient by the EPA.
- ★ Get your family to take the ENERGY STAR Pledge and set up a free My ENERGY STAR account to learn all the ways to save energy and money at home while you help protect the planet at the same time. Visit energystar.gov/pledge.

Learn more at www.energystar.gov/earthday.



The POWER behind your power

April 9 is Lineworker
Appreciation Day

As April arrives, it brings with it the showers that produce spring flowers. It also heralds the beginning of a potentially stormy season that can inherently include power outages. While Jump River Electric Cooperative (JREC) strives to provide reliable electricity to our members, there are times when Mother Nature has other plans. Most of us can ride out a storm from the comfort and convenience of our homes. However, there is a group of professionals that spring into action when the weather takes a turn for the worst—your co-op lineworkers.

One of the most dangerous jobs

Braving stormy weather and other challenging conditions, our lineworkers often must climb 35 or more feet in the air, carrying heavy equipment to restore power. Listed as one of the 10 most dangerous jobs in the United States, lineworkers must perform detailed tasks next to high-voltage power lines. To help keep them safe, lineworkers wear protective clothing and equipment at all times when on the job. This includes special fire-resistant clothing that will self-extinguish, limiting potential injuries from burns and sparks. Insulated and rubber

gloves are worn in tandem to protect them from electrical shock. While the gear performs a critical function, it also adds additional weight and bulk, making the job more complex.

In addition to the highly visible tasks lineworkers perform, their job today goes far beyond climbing to the top of a pole to repair a wire. They are also information experts who can pinpoint an outage from miles away with the help of outage management software. In our community, JREC lineworkers are responsible for keeping 1,763 miles of lines across six counties working, in order to bring power to your home and our local community 24/7, regardless of the weather, holidays, or personal considerations.

Something to ponder in regard to lineworkers

“It is a job that takes a special person to perform,” said General Manager Jim Anderson. “They are always willing to put ‘keeping the lights on’ before anything else. They have missed birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, and their children’s school events. They miss meals, sleep, and are out in all types of weather day or night, most often night. When most people are worried about finding the flashlight and how long is this outage going to last, they sometimes forget that they are still safely inside their home. Lineworkers are out in the weather doing their best to safely return power to our neighbors, our members, and our own families. In fact, during severe storms, crews often work around the clock to restore power. We travel to help our neighboring cooperatives get their power back on if asked, because it’s the right thing to do and our job. Most of the time you never know what they do every day because the lights don’t go off.”

Being a lineworker is not a glamorous profession. At its essence, it is inherently dangerous, requiring them to work near high-voltage lines in the worst of conditions, at any times of the day or night. There is a day set aside in April to “thank a lineworker.” Lineworker Appreciation Day is April 9.

Anderson added, “Please take a minute and think of how our lives would be if we didn’t have these ‘first responders’ willing to keep the lights on. So during April, if you see a lineworker, please pause to say thank you to the power behind your power. Let them know you appreciate the hard work they do to keep the lights on, regardless of the conditions. Thank a line worker for making this world a brighter place.”

DO YOU DEPEND ON LIFE-SUPPORT EQUIPMENT?

While JREC strives to maintain the best possible service with a minimum of outage time, occasional outages, either planned or uncontrolled, do occur.

We need to know the names and locations of members who depend on life-support equipment. We will make every effort to give priority to restore service to members on life-support systems. If you or a family member depends on life-support equipment, please call us at 715-532-5524 or fill out the form at right and mail it to us as quickly as possible.

Yes, I depend on life-support equipment...

Name _____

Phone No. _____

Location / Account No. _____

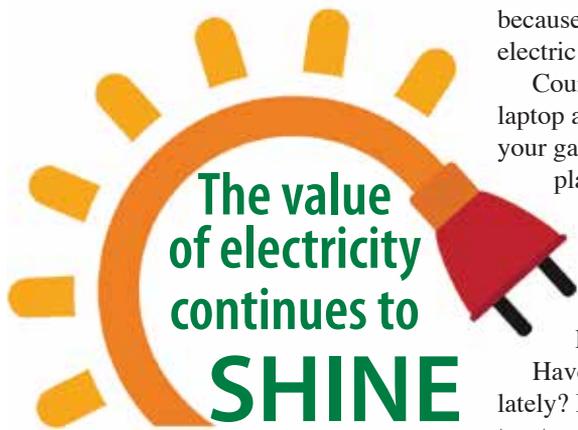
Type of Equipment _____

Do you have an emergency standby generator to operate this equipment?

YES _____ NO _____

If you're on oxygen, how many hours of back-up do you have? _____

Mail this form to Jump River Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 99, Ladysmith, WI 54848



By Derrill Holly

How many of us remember dropping into the Jump River Electric Cooperative office with our parents and grandparents to pay the light bill? Whether you do that in person, by mail or online today, paying your monthly bill does a lot more than just keep the lights on.

Electricity keeps us connected to our modern world. Consider all the necessities and conveniences we enjoy in part

because of the power lines running to the electric meter outside your home.

Count up your televisions, desktop, laptop and tablet computers, printers, your gaming consoles, music and video players, and personal assistant devices. Whether they get used every day or just occasionally, the electricity that keeps them working comes from Jump River Electric.

Have you looked around your kitchen lately? Between the coffee maker and toaster and the microwave and electric skillet, a lot of us have added several other modern small appliances.

If you've got a craft nook or workshop, the power tools and machines you use to cut and shape your projects are either plugged in or recharged from the outlets connecting your household wiring to the cooperative.

You use electricity to run all these devices, and we still keep the lights on, use the stove, heating and air conditioning, and get hot water from tap. The

good news is, even as we rely more on electricity, it's still a bargain, especially compared to other things we pay for regularly.

Since 2011, medical care, residential rental rates, and education have increased at rates of 3 percent or more per year. Butter, meat, and egg costs have been up by more than one to 2 percent annually, and even bread costs have risen better than a half point on average.

Electricity costs rise about 1 percent a year, but co-ops across the country have reported a decline in average residential use per household since 2010. That means we're doing more things with less energy.

Kilowatt hour use per household dropped by 8 percent between 2010 and 2016, slightly less than the 9 percent decline reported by all electric utilities, nationwide.

When it comes to value, electricity is a clear winner, and we're always looking for ways to work with you to make it even better. That's why Jump River ►

LANDSCAPING AROUND ELECTRICITY

As you plan your tree and landscape plantings, consider that trees and shrubs need space to grow both above and below ground. Reduce fire hazards, power outages, and the need for frequent pruning with proper selection and planting of trees near utilities. Please refer to the guides at right and below when you decide to plant trees this season. Also, remember to call Diggers Hotline (dial 811) at least 72 hours before you begin any digging.

UNDERGROUND PLANTING GUIDE

Because roots interfere with cables and wires, and vegetation impedes access, the required minimum planting distance from all underground power lines is 12 feet.

All vegetation at **12-ft MINIMUM**

DIGGERS HOTLINE

Call before you dig:
800-242-8511
or 811

Also, keep areas around electric meters and green transformer boxes clear of vegetation and obstructions that could limit access for repairs.

Please keep shrubs, plants, and structures 10 feet from the front and 4 feet from the other sides of the transformer boxes.

Plant the Right Tree in the Right Place

For more tips on smart tree planting in your community, contact your local electric cooperative or visit www.ArborDay.org.

Trees beautify our neighborhoods, and when planted in the right spot, can even help lower energy bills. But the wrong tree in the wrong place can be a hazard... especially to power lines.

LARGE TREES	MEDIUM TREES	SMALL TREES
<p>Height/spread of more than 40 feet, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maple • Birch • Oak • Spruce • Pine • Sweetgum • Linden 	<p>Height/spread of 25 to 40 feet, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washington hawthorn • Goldenrain tree • Eastern redbud • American arborvitae • Dogwoods 	<p>Avoid planting within 20 feet of power lines. When planting within 20 feet is unavoidable, use only shrubs and small trees.</p> <p>Height/spread of no more than 25 feet such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Star magnolia • Crabapple • Lilac

70ft. 60ft. 50ft. 40ft. 30ft. 20ft. 10ft. 0

Be safe! Always call 811 before you dig to locate any buried utility lines.

Source: The Arbor Day Foundation and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association

Electric urges energy efficiency, encourages you to look for ENERGY STAR® appliances, and promotes technology, designed to give members more control over their electricity use.

Energy performance dashboards, smart thermostats and power strips, and appliance settings that shift most water heating, laundry, and dishwashing outside of peak rate periods help reduce the co-op's overall power demand. They also give you opportunities to control or even trim your monthly utility bills.

That's good for families, couples, and individuals trying to live within their budgets. And it's going to become even more important as digital devices and internet-connected technologies become even more important in our lives.

The average home now has 10 Wi-Fi connected devices. That number is expected to explode to 50 by 2020. Technology and the gateways that keep it working use electricity, so you'll depend upon Jump River Electric for more than the power that keeps the lights on.

That's why we're always working to provide service that's reliable, keep it affordable, and make it even more valuable to our member—you, your family, and your neighbors.

Derrill Holly writes on cooperative issues for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the Arlington, Va.-based service arm of the nation's 900-plus consumer-owned, not-for-profit electric cooperatives.



Portable Generator Hazards

Caution Urged When Using Back-Up Generators

Back-up generators are useful when temporary or remote electric power is needed, but they can be hazardous. Make sure you know how to operate the generator safely. Unsafe operation can threaten you, your family, neighbors, and even the linemen working to restore power. Unsafe installation or operation may also result in a lawsuit and your insurance may not cover your liability. The primary hazards to avoid when using generators are carbon monoxide poisoning, electric shock or electrocution, and fire. JREC would like you to know that there are simple steps you can take to prevent the loss of life and property resulting from improper use of back-up generators.

TO AVOID ELECTRICAL HAZARDS:

- Dry hands before touching the generator, and operate the generator on a dry surface under an open, canopy-like structure.
- Temporary-use generators should not be connected to the circuit breaker or fuse box and should not be plugged into a household outlet. Portable generators should only be used with extension cords to power lights and small appliances.
- When starting a generator, disconnect all appliances that might be connected to it. That will not only protect them but also prevent a fuse from being blown on the generator.
- Connect appliances to your portable generator after it has been started. Use only three-prong plugs that allow connections to be grounded.
- Be sure to use a heavy-duty extension cord rated for the wattage of the load being connected. Make sure the entire extension cord is free of cuts or tears and the plug has all three prongs, especially a grounding pin.
- NEVER plug the generator into a wall outlet. This practice, known as back-feeding, can cause an electrocution risk to utility workers and others served by the same utility transformer.
- Permanently installed generators should be wired into your home by a qualified electrician, using a transfer switch that prevents potentially deadly back-feed.

TO AVOID CARBON MONOXIDE HAZARDS:

- NEVER use generators in homes, garages, basements, crawl spaces, or other enclosed or partially enclosed areas, even with ventilation. Generators should only be operated outside away from doors, windows, and vents to prevent toxic and potentially deadly exhaust from entering a home. Keep them away from children and pets.
- Follow manufacturer's instructions.
- Install battery-operated or plug-in (with battery backup) carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in your home, following manufacturer's instructions.
- Test CO alarms often and replace batteries when needed.

TO AVOID FIRE HAZARDS:

- Before refueling the generator, turn it off and allow the engine to cool in order to prevent a fire should the gas tank overflow.
- When the generator is no longer needed, allow it to cool down before storing it.
- Always store fuel outside of living areas in properly labeled, non-glass containers.
- Store fuel away from any fuel-burning appliance.

Sources: U.S. Fire Department, Safe Electricity



Youth Leadership Congress

UW–River Falls | July 25–27, 2018



The annual **WECA Youth Leadership Congress** is a dynamic three-day event for youth leaders across Wisconsin to develop their **leadership skills** while learning about the purpose, operation, and scope **of cooperative businesses**.



If you're a sophomore or junior, check with your high school guidance counselors for information about this summer's Youth Leadership Congress on the campus of UW–River Falls July 25–27.

You won't want to miss this opportunity!

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, April 21

1102 W 9th St N in Ladysmith
(Behind Jump River Electric)

8 am to NOON

If you can plug it in, bring it in!

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