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LOCAL BUSINESSES RECEIVE POWER MOVES REBATES



Nathan Peters of Scott Pet Products recently accepted a \$19,882.40 Power Moves rebate for energy efficient equipment in the company's 30,000 sq. ft. conditioned warehouse and 9,200 sq.ft. office space. While this local company is a competitor in the global marketplace, many of the products are manufactured in Indiana, including Parke and Vermillion Co. Parke County REMC's Chadd Jenkins makes the rebate presentation. Visit the website www.scottpet.com to learn more about Scott Pet Products.



Bill and Tanya Mentgen, owner/operators of 3 Fat Labs Wedding and Event Center in Greencastle, recently received an energy efficiency Power Moves rebate for \$6,232.80. The 14,000 sq.ft. event facility has energy efficient LED lighting throughout, and features mini-split HVAC. Visit www.3fatlabs.net for information about this local business and the services they offer.

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These rebates are part of the Power Moves Rebates offered through Parke County REMC, by our power supplier Wabash Valley Power. Rebates are available to residential members as well as business and commercial members. Visit www.pcremc.com/content/rebate-programs to get more info about the residential rebates. Get details about the commercial rebates at www.powermoves.com.

POWER MOVES

Explanation of Facilities Charge Increase

In 2016 Parke County REMC increased the facilities charge to \$31.50 per month, after evaluating the results of the rate study. After reviewing the findings of the study, the management and board decided to evaluate the rate yearly to determine if an increase would be necessary. Parke County REMC managed costs both internally and through our power supplier for zero increase in 2017 and 2018, but due to the increase in cost of other products and services, our cost of service study in 2017 showed a needed increase for all single phase rates relating to our members. In January 2019, we will see an increase of \$.50 cents per month, per meter.

One of the most important principals behind the whole concept of a cooperative business, is a sense of dependability, openness, and fairness – everyone paying their fair share, everyone having the real facts and everyone being confident that we have the resources to protect your investment and service your needs for the future. Like any business, we must ensure our prices align with our costs, which keeps our rates fair, based on facts, and set at a level that will allow us to provide reliable service to our members.

In 2019 our operations department will be rebuilding 9.5 miles of three-phase power lines and 1.5 miles of single-phase power lines in Parke, Putnam and Montgomery Counties. Our goal is to also trim 275 miles of line to help improve our power quality and outage recovery times. We will also be installing our new metering system to better serve our members and increase reliability.

At this time the increase will affect the Facility charge on the rate classes listed at right. A full rate schedule is available on our website at www.pcremc.com or by requesting a copy from our office. All rates will be effective January 1, 2019.

MONTHLY RATE: Residential (Rate 1)

Facilities Charge

Single Phase.....\$32.00 per month

Energy Charge

All kWh.....\$0.1057 per kWh

MONTHLY RATE: Prepay (Rate 13)

Facilities Charge*

Single Phase.....\$32.00 per month

Single Phase: Remote Disconnect\$35.00 per month

Energy Charge

All kWh.....\$0.1057 per kWh

**Facility Charge for new members signing up for Prepay will be determined by credit history and for current members by payment history in the past year.*

MONTHLY RATE: Time of Use (Rate 15)

Facilities Charge

Single Phase.....\$32.00 per month

Energy Charge

Off-Peak kWh.....\$0.0796 per kWh

On-Peak kWh.....\$0.2757 per kWh

• Off-Peak hours are 12:00am-3:59 p.m. and
8:01 p.m. -11:59 p.m.

Monday thru Friday and weekends

• On-Peak hours are 4:00pm-8:00pm Monday thru Friday

MONTHLY RATE: (Rate 11)

Facilities Charge

Single Phase\$37.00 per month

Energy Charge

All kWh.....\$0.1131 per kWh

Energy Credit

All kWh \$(0.05465) per kWh

MONTHLY RATE: Renewable (Rate 17)

Facilities Charge

Single Phase.....\$32.00 per month

Energy Charge

0-1000 kWh.....\$0.1157 per kWh

Over 1000 kWh.....\$0.1057 per kWh



Merry Christmas

The Parke County REMC office will be
CLOSED Dec. 24-25 and Jan. 1
as employees enjoy the holidays with
their families.

Students: Apply now for these great opportunities!



**Youth Tour to
Washington, D.C.**
(For High School Juniors)
June 13-20, 2019

APPLY NOW!



**INDIANA
ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE**

PAGE DAY



Touchstone Energy Camp
June 5-8, 2019 (For 6th Grade Students)

**SPEND A DAY IN THE
INDIANA SENATE**

WITH STUDENTS
FROM REMCS
AROUND THE STATE

- ★ See the Senate in action.
- ★ Tour the Statehouse.
- ★ Pass your own legislation during a mock bill activity.

APPLY BY JAN. 11

AT INDIANAEC.ORG/?P=287

REQUIREMENTS: You must be available **Jan. 23** and have reliable transportation to and from the Indiana Statehouse that day. The program is open to high school students. Please confirm with school administrators, but Page Day is considered an excused absence in most instances.



**\$1000
College Scholarships**

High school seniors whose parents or guardians are Parke County REMC members can apply for a \$1000 scholarship.

Contact Parke County REMC for an application.

Application Deadlines

Scholarships

Jan. 4, 2019

Page Day

Jan. 11, 2019

Youth Tour to Washington D. C.

Feb. 15, 2019

Touchstone Energy Camp

Feb. 15, 2019

Visit our website,
www.pcremc.com
for more
information and
applications.

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Energy Tip of the Month

Heading out of town for the holidays? Remember to unplug electronics that draw a phantom energy load. Some gadgets, like TVs, gaming consoles, chargers and DVD players use energy when plugged into an outlet—even when they're not in use.

Source: energy.gov

Do we have money for you?

We have over two hundred names on a list of members or former members who should be receiving a refund. We have been unable to deliver these funds due to insufficient addresses on file for these members. We are adding a link called "Undeliverable Checks" to our website, pcremc.com. Please check the link to see if you or someone you know is on the list.

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REMC Employees Celebrate Years of Service



Pictured above are Parke County REMC employees who celebrate service milestones this year. From left to right are Diane Dugger, Member Service Associate (10 years), Betty Winters, Manager of Finance and Administration (20 Years), D.J. Harkrider, Journeyman Lineman (20 Years), Mike Jeffries, Manager of Operations (20 Years), Carolyn Kilby, Manager of Marketing, Communications and Office Services (30 Years), and Richard Stout, Right-of-Way Specialist (40 years). The board of directors, and management appreciate the combined 140 years of service these employees have dedicated to our members.



We have an app for that!

Report a power outage
or pay your bill
from your mobile device.



The Parke County REMC Mobile App is designed to give you fast, secure account access so you can easily manage your account details, view your bill and your account balance, make payments and find payment locations, schedule alerts and reminders, receive push notifications, and now, report power outages. Nearly everything you can do from our web portal can now be handled at home, at work, or on the go.

Space Heater Safety Tips

Heating equipment is the second leading cause of home fires in the United States. More than 65,000 home fires are attributed to heating equipment each year. These fires result in hundreds of deaths, thousands of injuries and millions of dollars in property damage.

Portable electric space heaters can be a convenient source of supplemental heat for your home in cold weather. Unfortunately, they can pose significant fire and electric shock hazards if not used properly. Here are some tips for keeping your home safe and warm when it's cold outside:

Make sure your space heater has the label showing that it is listed by a recognized testing laboratory.

Before using any space heater, read the manufacturer's instructions and warning labels carefully.

Inspect heaters for cracked or broken plugs or loose connections before each use. If frayed, worn or damaged, do not use the heater.

Never leave a space heater unattended. Turn it off when you're leaving a room or going to sleep, and don't let pets or children play too close to a space heater.

Space heaters are only meant to provide supplemental heat and should never be used to warm bedding, cook food, dry clothing or thaw pipes.

Install smoke alarms on every floor of your home and outside all sleeping areas and test them once

a month.

Proper placement of space heaters is critical. Heaters must be kept at least three feet away from anything that can burn, including papers, clothing and rugs.

Plug space heaters directly into a wall outlet. Do not use an extension cord or power strip, which could overheat and result in a fire. Do not plug any other electrical devices into the same outlet as the heater.

Place space heaters on level, flat surfaces. Never place heaters on cabinets, tables, furniture, or carpet, which can overheat and start a fire.

Always unplug and safely store the heater when it is not in use.

-Source: ESFI.ORG