

Light Notes

SEPTEMBER 2023

Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative

Lancaster, Darlington and Gays Mills, Wisconsin

Fraulein and her Fawns courtesy of Craig Grau, Livingston

Thank you

Our 2023 photo contest has ended. Be watching for the list of winners on our social pages



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HAPPY
LABOR DAY



Our offices will be closed on Monday, September 4, 2023



SAFETY NOTE

See something – Say something. Our members are our best defense in preventing outages. If you see a broken pole, or lines that hang too low, or a line that sways too close to buildings, trees, or other obstacles, please stay back and contact the line department. When you let us know what you see, you prevent a problem that can save our members money and the inconvenience of power outages.



Want Renewable Energy at your home? But it just isn't feasible due to cost, maintenance, property restrictions or other reasons. We have a limited amount of local, renewable energy available to our members, without the cost of buying or maintaining your own system.

For as little as \$1.00 per kWh block, you can have locally produced, green renewable energy – sourced at the Mt. Hope Solar field, or the Quilt Block Wind Farm in Darlington.

For most members, this could equal as little as \$10 a month to receive 100% renewable energy. Want to know more or sign up, visit us at www.sre.coop/evergreen

THE PEOPLE BEHIND YOUR POWER



Matt Ritchie
Lineman - Lafayette
Years of Service - 22 years
Family - wife – Pam, daughters Lilly and Kerigan
Hobbies - Hunting, fishing, and golfing

RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE NOTES



Zielie's Tree Service will continue trimming the west circuit on the Mt Hope Substation in Grant County.

Badgerland Utility Solutions will be finishing up underground inspections on the Argyle Substation in Lafayette County. They will also be painting underground cabinets and transformers at various locations throughout Grant and Lafayette Counties during the month of September.

It is important for SREC to maintain its rights-of-way for the following reasons:

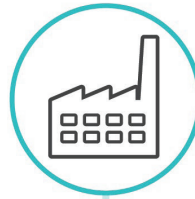
- Accessibility for field crews, vehicles and equipment
- Fire prevention
- Reliable electric service
- Quality service with the reduction of outages and blinks
- Safety for workers and the public
- Meeting state and federal code requirements

On a daily basis, SREC employees and contractors may be working throughout the area, and at times on your property, to operate and maintain the electric system and our rights-of-ways. If you have questions, please contact us at 800-236-2141.



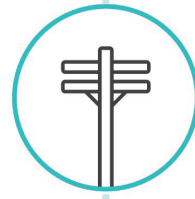
4 KEY FACTORS That Impact Energy Bills

You pay for the electricity you consume each month, but there are additional factors that impact your energy bills.



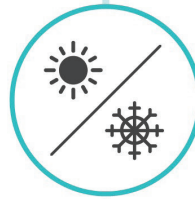
1 Fuel Costs

Before electricity can be delivered to your home, it must first be generated at a power plant or from a renewable source. The cost of fuels used to generate electricity fluctuates, which is why you see a power or fuel charge on your monthly bill. This monthly charge covers cost fluctuations without having to continually restructure electricity rates.



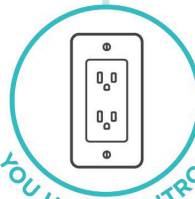
2 Service Costs

Your bill includes a monthly service charge, which recovers part of the co-op's ongoing investments in poles, wire, meters, system maintenance and additional costs necessary to provide electric service.



3 Weather

When temperatures soar or dip, your cooling or heating equipment must run longer and at maximum capacity, which can greatly increase your energy use. Extreme temperatures can also affect electricity market prices. When the need for electricity increases due to extreme heat or cold, the price of power typically rises.



4 Energy Consumption

This is the amount of electricity you use each month to power your home's cooling/heating system, appliances, lighting, electronics and more. The amount of electricity you consume is measured in kilowatt-hours, or kWh. You have control over how much energy you use, which can ultimately help manage your monthly costs.

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Light Notes is a monthly newsletter for members of SREC. Please contact us with questions or comments at 206 County Road K, Lancaster, WI 53813, via email at srec@srec.net, via phone at (608) 723-2121 or (800) 236-2141.



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