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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

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April Due Dates

The due dates for payment of electric bills are **April 19** and **26**.



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MARY JO THOMAS
CEO

The first quarter of 2023 has been full of activity at the cooperative. As I write this, we are putting the final plans in place for the 2023 annual meeting. I hope you took advantage of being a part of the democratic process at WWVREMC and voted for your board of directors and nominating committee

members. Election results will be shared at the annual meeting on April 3.

I'm happy to report that our energy efficiency incentives program will continue in 2023. Incentives and rebates are available for:

- Certain electric outdoor equipment purchases for residential members.
- HVAC equipment including new installs and tune-ups to existing systems for residential members.
- Heat pump water heaters for residential members.
- Commercial & Industrial Energy Efficiency Program incentivizes large and small businesses for purchases and installations of certain equipment, including energy-efficient motors and VFDs, as well as custom applications.

I encourage you to visit our website for details, a list of qualifying equipment, and how to apply for your rebate.

Two new employees were hired this quarter also. Please see their information on page 2. Their addition to WWVREMC will fill gaps left by recent personnel changes including retirements and promotions.

Our new retail rate tariffs also take effect this month. We provide service to eight different rate classes. Each class of members has different load characteristics and needs for service, so each bear different costs which are allocated appropriately to each rate class. Due to these differences, each class will see a rate change that can vary from the overall average increase. The retail portion of the rate structure is what the cooperative collects to provide service to our members. Members will see an average increase of 2.5% for retail rates. Seasonal rates are still active for all rate classes reflecting that costs are different in winter, spring, summer and fall seasons.

In addition to the retail rate changes, the wholesale power adjustment (WPA) has increased over the past several months and is expected to continue to increase this year. The WPA is a pass through charge from our power supplier, Hoosier Energy. Members will see an average increase of 3.7% in the WPA. The retail rate changes together with the WPA increases total an overall 6.2% average increase.

Sixty-nine percent, or .69 cents of every \$1.00 goes to pay Hoosier Energy for wholesale power costs. That leaves .31 cents to finance all other operating expenses.

The Monthly Service Fee – (formally called Facility Charge) helps finance the necessities required to provide electricity to each service location; whether any electricity is used or not. The Monthly Service Fee helps pay for:

- Wire, poles, meters, and other equipment needed to build and maintain the electric distribution system,
- Labor to build, maintain, and repair over 1,870 lines of distribution line.

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- Other day-to-day business costs such as billing, member services and administrative, and
- Costs incurred for property taxes, insurance, interest, etc.

Even if we do not sell a single kilowatt-hour (kWh), we still have the expense of maintaining the electric facilities and operating the cooperative.

The adjustments to the Energy Charge is more reflective of the costs to cover our member's usage patterns in the different seasons of the year.

The Demand Charge is a pricing structure for electricity based on the maximum

amount of system power a consumer uses. The adjustments to the demand charges are reflecting the power suppliers lower demand costs and our increased local distribution costs of providing capacity and equipment for each rate class load.

The increase in the Security Light Charge reflects the actual cost of providing and maintaining the security light service.

We have achieved much since the beginning of the year, meeting several initiatives in the first quarter. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns regarding the new rates, programs and services. We are happy to answer your questions.



Administrative Professionals Day

APRIL
26

EMPLOYEE NEWS

The directors, staff and employees of WWVREMC want to welcome Bekah and Molly.



BEKAH HUBBARD joined WWVREMC in January as a member support representative. Bekah grew up in Liberty, Indiana, where she graduated from high school in 2016. She is a CNA and has an associate degree in medical assisting services from Ivy Tech.

Bekah's hobbies include drawing and sketching. In her free time, she also enjoys going to thrift stores, yard sales and spending time with family.



MOLLY FARKAS joined WWVREMC in February as a member support representative. Molly grew up in Monroe, Ohio, and is a graduate of Monroe High School and Butler Technology and Career Development School. She has an associate degree in liberal arts, an associate degree in health science and a certificate in medical billing and coding, all from Sinclair Community College.

A few of Molly's hobbies include baking, crafting and gardening.

SUMMARY OF NEW RATES

EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2023

Small Power Time-of-Use and Large Power Time-of-Use rates are available

RESIDENTIAL

Monthly Service Fee	\$41.87
Energy Charge Summer	\$0.11677
Energy Charge Winter	\$0.10547
Energy Charge Shoulder	\$0.08206

RESIDENTIAL TIME-OF-USE (TOU)

Monthly Service Fee	\$41.87
Energy Charge Summer On-Peak	\$0.32186
Energy Charge Winter On-Peak	\$0.28015
Energy Charge Off-Peak	\$0.08206

GENERAL SERVICE

Monthly Service Fee 1-ph	\$43.00
Monthly Service Fee 3-ph	\$53.00
Energy Charge Summer	\$0.12276
Energy Charge Winter	\$0.11188
Energy Charge Shoulder	\$0.08837

GENERAL SERVICE TIME-OF-USE (TOU)

Monthly Service Fee 1-ph	\$43.00
Monthly Service Fee 3-ph	\$53.00
Energy Charge Summer On-Peak	\$0.28516
Energy Charge Winter On-Peak	\$0.21400
Energy Charge Off-Peak	\$0.08837

GENERAL SERVICE LARGE TRANSFORMER

Monthly Service Fee 1-ph	\$55.00
Monthly Service Fee 3-ph	\$65.00
Energy Charge Summer	\$0.12226
Energy Charge Winter	\$0.11112
Energy Charge Shoulder	\$0.08795
per KVA Charge (Over 25 KVA)	\$0.50

SMALL POWER

Monthly Service Fee 1-ph	\$65.00
Monthly Service Fee 3-ph	\$75.00
Energy Charge	\$0.03800
Demand Summer	\$27.98
Demand Winter	\$26.53
Demand Shoulder	\$17.42

LARGE POWER

Monthly Service Fee 1-ph	\$118.00
Monthly Service Fee 3-ph	\$128.00
Energy Charge	\$0.03700
Demand Summer	\$26.28
Demand Winter	\$25.01
Demand Shoulder	\$16.02
Excess kVARh	\$0.01009

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Monthly Service Fee	\$250.00
Energy Charge On-Peak	\$0.04788
Energy Charge Off-Peak	\$0.03288
Excess kVARh	\$0.01009
Demand Charge	\$15.41

IRRIGATION TIME-OF-USE (TOU)

Monthly Service Fee 1-ph	\$55.00
Monthly Service Fee 3-ph	\$65.00
Energy Charge Summer On-Peak	\$0.19224
Energy Charge Winter On-Peak	\$0.18114
Energy Charge Off-Peak	\$0.13129
per KVA Charge (Over 25 KVA)	\$0.75

SECURITY LIGHT

Up to 175-Watt Bulb	\$11.77
Greater than 175-Watt Bulb	\$17.33

OPERATION ROUND UP 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

ROUND UP GRANTS IN 2022

Last year, the WWVREMC Community Trust, Inc. granted \$28,882 in assistance to local organizations. A total of \$622,022 has been awarded since the beginning of the program. The income to the program averages \$1,983 per month, with 37% of WWVREMC members contributing to the Trust every month. In addition to monthly contributions from the members who "round-up" their bills, the Trust receives one-time donations from individuals throughout the year and during our fall membership campaign. These pledges, along with capital credits donated back to the Trust totaled \$3900.23. We appreciate the generosity of each donation made to the program.

WHO RECEIVES ROUND UP ASSISTANCE?

The mission statement of WWVREMC Community Trust, Inc. is to make a difference in our community by the accumulation and disbursements of funds for charitable purposes within the WWVREMC service territory.

GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE!

Sign up today by calling 765-458-5171. It's easy to support the program by just "rounding up" your bill to the next full dollar amount. The average donation is about 50 cents per month or about \$6 per year, and it is tax-deductible for most people. Together with other members who support this program, your pennies can really make a big difference in the lives of people in the WWVREMC service territory.

ROUND UP TRUST BOARD

The Round Up Trust board includes Craig Hale, President; Sara Jane Moyer, Secretary; and Gary Stokes, Trustee. Since all administrative costs are incurred by WWVREMC, all donated dollars are distributed to worthy groups and organizations.

OPERATION ROUND UP GRANTS AWARDED IN 2022:

Achieva Resources Corporation, Inc.
\$750 | Towards the purchase of program assessment tools

Bear Creek District - Boy Scouts Crossroads Council

\$500 | Assistance in registration, uniform, and summer camp costs for scouts

Birth To Five

\$300 | To help fund team building activities

Birth To Five

\$700 | Book distributions at playgroups and group events

Birth To Five

\$500 | Rental space at Safety Village for activities

Boys & Girls Club of Wayne Co., Inc.

\$1,000 | Towards the purchase of art supplies

Brighter Path, Inc.

\$500 | Equine care expenses

Cambridge City Volunteer Fire Dept.

\$1,000 | Replace old tools

Centerville Green Club

\$300 | Towards the purchase of 100 silver maple trees

Christian Charities of Richmond & Wayne County

\$500 | Funds to help Rock Solid Ministries with the cost of frozen turkey dinner distributions

College Corner Union School PTO

\$700 | School carnival game rental

Connersville Parks & Recreation

\$750 | Towards expenses for the J. Long Memorial Second St. Park renovation

Crossroad Christian Recovery Center for Women

\$650 | Towards the purchase of a washing machine and carbon monoxide detectors

Earlham College for Chanticleer

String Quartet

\$400 | Children's Program for 2nd/3rd graders

Everton Volunteer Fire Dept.

\$800 | Funding to upgrade communications equipment

Family Earth Day Celebration

\$500 | To help fund Wayne County Earth Day activities

Food Bank DBA The Gateway Hunger Relief Center

\$500 | Funding for growing demand for food pantry

Franklin County 4-H

\$500 | 8' Vinyl tables for 4-H displays

Franklin County Middle School Applied Skills Class

\$750 | Towards the purchase of supplies for breakfast shop at Franklin County Middle School

Franklin County Middle School Journalism

\$1,000 | Purchase recording and editing technology equipment

Franklin County Recreational

Baseball League

\$500 | Towards the purchase of a refrigerator and hot dog roller for the concession stand

Golden Tiger Band

\$300 | Winter percussion equipment

Hope Center

\$500 | Towards HVAC and plumbing upgrades

Imagination Library of Franklin County

\$1,000 | Funding for preschool books and postage for children

Imagination Library of Union County

\$500 | Imagination Library program costs

Junior Achievement of OKA Partners/ Eastern Indiana District

\$500 | UCHS career readiness and financial literacy programs

Liberty Elementary School

\$400 | New creative play centers in each classroom

Liberty Fire Dept.

\$800 | Helmet replacements

Metamora Volunteer Fire Dept.

\$800 | Phase 2 of water rescue equipment project

Northeastern High School After Prom

\$500 | To fund "After prom" activities

Rebel Bots Robotics Club

\$532 | Towards the purchase of a second robot

Sisters in Christ

\$1,000 | To help provide meals and support to families in need

St. Michael School

\$750 | Posts and fabric for shade on playground

The Salvation Army Fayette County

\$700 | Emergency Assistance Program funding

The Town of West College Corner

\$500 | Playground equipment at ballpark

Union County 4-H Association

\$1,500 | To assist in sponsoring three-day camp experiences for grades 3-12

Union County Parks and Recreation

\$1,000 | Composting toilets for park

Union County Youth Cheerleading (Grades 3-6)

\$500 | Towards the purchase of cheer uniforms

Wayne County Cardinal Greenway

\$750 | Construct covered shelter at Tingle Road trailhead

Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District

\$1,000 | Busing, lunch, drapery rental, and security for conservation days

Wernle Youth & Family Treatment Center

\$750 | Carpet replacement in two buildings

Western Wayne Athletic Boosters

\$500 | Provide letter jackets for athletes

Western Wayne FFA

\$1,000 | Towards expenses for the Soils team to travel to the National Land and Range competition



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US Mail
Whitewater Valley REMC, P.O. Box 350
Liberty, IN 47353

SmartHub
Log-on at wwwremc.com.

Pay-by-Phone
Call 844-827-4759. Set up your PIN. Follow prompts.

Liberty Office
In person or in the drop box.

Automatic Withdrawal
Simply request a form and submit it to our office.

FCN or Franklin County National Bank
In person or in the drop box. Bring payment stub.

VanillaDirect
Visit vanilladirect.com for payment locations and details.

 **For more information about payment options, please call us:**
765-458-5171 or 1-800-529-5557

Helpful Information

Liberty Office Hours
7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
CLOSED SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS.

To Report an Outage or Emergency
Call 1-800-776-0493, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Login to your SmartHub account and report your outage.

Be ready to provide the following information:

- The name and account number under which your electric service is listed.
- Map location number.
- Your phone number - needed to call back or confirm power restoration.
- The type of problem you are experiencing - flickering lights, complete power outage, etc.

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410
2. fax: (202) 690-7442; or
3. email: program.intake@usda.gov

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APRIL 10, 2023

Bill Credit Winners

This is the final drawing for five \$20 bill credits from all voting members of the 2022 election. We will begin a new monthly drawing from all members who vote in the 2023 election next month.

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Cailyn Abernathy, Liberty
Blade Hines, Richmond
Pamela Jackson, Boston
Bertie Smith, Milton
Gordon Wise, Union City



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