

POWERLINES

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The due dates
for payment of
electric bills are
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JOSHUA JOHNSON
CEO

When you flip a switch, electricity is there—instant, reliable and ready to power your day. But behind that simple moment is a carefully coordinated system made up of many “grid power players,” all working together to keep the lights on.

At WWVREMC, we think it's important for our members to understand how this system works and who's involved in delivering the electricity you depend on every day.

It all starts with generation owners and operators. These are the facilities that actually produce electricity. Power plants convert energy from a variety of sources—such as natural gas, coal, nuclear energy and renewables like wind or solar—into electricity. These facilities may be owned by electric utilities, government entities or private companies. In most regions, a diverse mix of generation sources helps ensure reliability while also supporting affordability and sustainability goals.

Once electricity is generated, it needs to travel—often across long distances—to reach local communities. That's where transmission owners and operators come in. Using high-voltage transmission lines strung along massive towers, they move bulk electricity from power plants to local areas. You've likely seen these lines along highways or across open land. Because electricity can't easily be stored in large quantities, this system must constantly move power from where it's produced to where it's needed, all in real time.

WWVREMC is a member of Hoosier Energy, our local generation and transmission partner. Hoosier Energy is a private, not-for-profit wholesale power provider that generates and transmits electricity to WWVREMC and other electric cooperatives in our region.

Coordinating the flow of large amounts of power is a complex job, especially across multiple states or regions. In many parts of the country, organized wholesale markets, managed by Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs) or Independent System Operators (ISOs), handle this responsibility. These entities don't typically own power plants or transmission lines. Instead, they act as traffic controllers for the grid—balancing supply and demand every second of the day and directing which power plants should generate electricity at any given moment. WWVREMC works with Hoosier Energy to help ensure reliable service and cost-effective energy for our members.

Then there's the part of the grid most people are familiar with—your local electric utility. That's where WWVREMC comes in. The hidden account number is 746805. We take electricity from the high-voltage transmission system and deliver it directly to your home, farm or business through lower-voltage distribution lines. We also maintain utility poles, power lines, electric substations and other essential equipment in our community.

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When storms roll through or outages occur, our crews are the ones working to restore power safely and as quickly as possible. At WWVREMC, we're proud to serve 10,141 members across six counties, and we're committed to providing reliable, affordable electricity you can count on.

Finally, there's you—the end user. Homes, businesses and industries all play a critical role in the grid. Your energy use directly influences how much electricity needs to be generated and delivered at any given time. During periods of high demand—like hot summer afternoons or cold winter mornings—the grid must work harder to meet increased usage. Simple steps, like adjusting your thermostat or running appliances during off-peak hours, can make a meaningful difference.

Beyond these key power players, there are additional organizations working behind the scenes to ensure our grid remains reliable and secure.

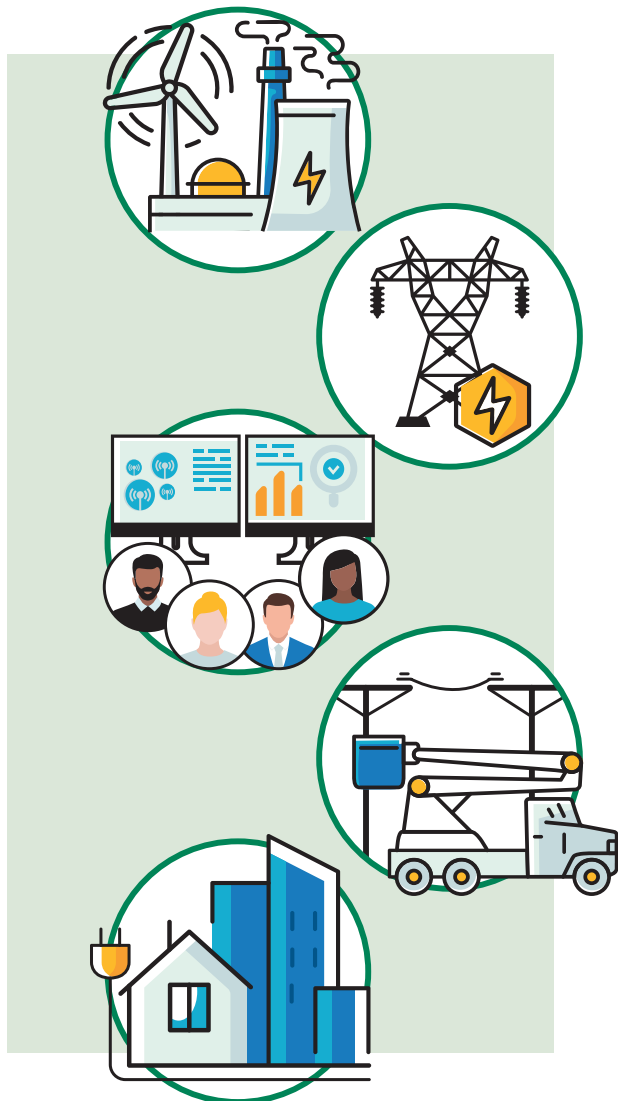
The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) develops and enforces reliability standards through a collaborative stakeholder process that includes utilities, regulators and industry experts. NERC also monitors the grid, trains personnel and assesses risks to help maintain a strong and resilient electric system across North America.

Meanwhile, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) provides federal oversight. FERC regulates interstate transmission of electricity and oversees wholesale energy markets to ensure they operate fairly and efficiently. It also plays a role in hydroelectric licensing and energy infrastructure development, helping ensure safe and reliable energy delivery nationwide.

From generation to transmission to your local utility, it takes a coordinated effort to power your everyday life. At WWVREMC, we're proud to be your trusted energy partner—and to play our part in keeping the grid strong for the communities we serve.

Grid Power Players

Electricity is available with the flip of a switch, but it travels great distances and is coordinated among multiple entities before it reaches your home or business. Take a look at the grid power players that ensure you receive reliable electricity.



1. Generation Owners & Operators

Power plants can be owned and operated by electric utilities, government entities or other private companies. Power plants produce electricity by converting energy from various sources—like natural gas, coal, nuclear, or renewables—into electricity.

2. Transmission System Owners & Operators

The transmission grid moves large amounts of electricity over long distances using high-voltage transmission lines attached to large towers. Like power plants, these lines can be owned by a variety of public and private companies.

3. Organized Wholesale Markets

In many parts of the country, Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs) & Independent System Operators (ISOs) coordinate the flow of electricity across regions by balancing supply and demand in real time and managing the dispatch of electric generation and transmission across large areas with the participation of generation and transmission owners.

4. Electric Utilities (That's Us!)

Electric distribution utilities take electricity from the transmission system and deliver it to homes and businesses through lower-voltage distribution lines. They also maintain local power lines, poles and other essential equipment.

5. End Users (That's You!)

End users consist of the homes, businesses and industries that consume electricity. Their demand drives how much electricity is generated and how the grid is managed in real time.

Other Key Players

NERC: The regulatory authority that develops and enforces mandatory, reliability standards for the North American bulk electric grid. (Standards are developed through a stakeholder process.)

FERC: Independent federal agency that oversees interstate transmission and wholesale electricity sales, ensuring fair access to the grid.

Our Members, Our Story, Our Next Chapter

Annual Meeting RECAP

Thank you to everyone who attended our Annual Meeting. Centered on the theme, *Our Members, Our Story, Our Next Chapter*, the evening celebrated the people who make our cooperative strong and the future we are building together. We are always focused on our members and are honored to serve you each day. Your presence helped make the event a success, and we hope you enjoyed the evening. We also appreciate everyone who completed a survey that night—your feedback is valuable and will help us improve next year's event. Below is a recap of the evening.

Election Results

Survey and Ballot Systems, an election services company, conducted the voting for our 2026 election of directors and nominating committee members.

The results were delivered directly to our attorney, Erin Borissov, who read them live at the meeting. They were as follows:

North District Director – Lawrence (Larry) McCurdy

Central District Director – Garry Sayne

South District Director – Mark Singer

North District Nominating Committee – Molly Nocton

Central District Nominating Committee – Craig Hale

South District Nominating Committee – Ashley Harvey

Stay Connected

If you were unable to attend the annual meeting, the full recording is available on our Facebook page and YouTube channel for your convenience and continued engagement with the cooperative.



2026 Grand Prize Winners



MARK HELVIE
\$1,000 cash



RICHARD WHISTLER
\$500 cash



DARLENE MCQUEEN
\$250 cash

2026 Scholarship Winners

EACH WINNER RECEIVED
A \$750 SCHOLARSHIP

Kendall Spears	Rosalia Schwarb
Livia Maddock	Jaymi Hensley
Whitney King	Vanessa Vance
Joshua Welch	Carson Terrell
Rayann Eley	Gwynn Higbie
Brooklynne Adams	

ONE LAST CHANCE TO FIND YOUR HIDDEN ACCOUNT NUMBER!

This is the final month we're hiding an account number in the Powerlines—so be sure to take one last look through this issue to see if you're our lucky member!

NO MAY WINNER

Beginning next month, we're switching things up. Stay tuned—your next chance to win is coming soon!

PAYMENT OPTIONS

U.S. Mail

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

SmartHub

Log on at www.vremc.com.

Pay-by-Phone

Call 855-940-3859. Set up your PIN. Follow prompts.

Liberty Office

In person or in the drop box.

Automatic Withdrawal

Sign up on SmartHub, over the phone, or in the office.

Franklin County National Bank (FCN)

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



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7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

CLOSED SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND HOLIDAYS

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Call 1-800-776-0493, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Log in 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.



BILL CREDIT WINNERS

This month marks the final drawing for five \$20 bill credits awarded to members who voted in the 2025 Annual Meeting. We'll kick off a new round of drawings for 2026 participants starting in August.

JULY

Merlen W. Rude, Liberty

Mike Famous, West Harrison

Dan Snyder, Greens Fork

Harry G. Potter, Richmond

James Greene, Richmond

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KITE AROUND
POWER LINES



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A New Way to Win Bill Credit

As we move to digital delivery next month, we're excited to introduce a fun new way to engage with the Powerlines newsletter! Beginning in August, the hidden account number will be retired—so be sure to check this issue, as it's your last chance to possibly find your hidden account number. Going forward, each newsletter will feature a short quiz based on that month's content. Simply read Powerlines, answer all quiz questions correctly at the end of the email and submit your entry. Each month, all members who get every answer right will be entered into a random drawing, and one lucky member will receive a \$25 bill credit. Be sure to read closely—you won't want to miss your chance to win!



Our office will be closed on Friday, July
3rd in observance of the Fourth of July.



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