

The Outlet

Riverland Energy Cooperative

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Offices Closed for July 4

Our offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4 for the Fourth of July holiday. Outages can be reported 24/7 by calling 800-927-6206.



June is Dairy Month

In recognition of Dairy month, Riverland Energy Cooperative would like to take a moment to salute local dairy farmers and the entire dairy industry. The Cooperative appreciates the outstanding effort and vital contributions dairy farmers make to the area. The Cooperative employees and directors Thank you!

Celebrate June Dairy Month at an area On-The-Farm Dairy Breakfast:

Buffalo County: June 22, Mer-Bec Dairy, LLC Mondovi, WI

La Crosse County: June 15, West Salem Fairgrounds, West Salem, WI

Trempealeau County: June 22, Bert-Mar Farms, Osseo, WI

Energy Assistance

If you need financial assistance, we suggest you contact your local agency. The list of agencies can be found on our website riverlandenergy.com

Electrical Safety Demonstrations Presented At Area Elementary Schools

During National Electrical Safety Month, we shared the importance of electrical safety and the power of electricity to over 2,700 elementary students. The line crew visited 23 schools and presented a live demonstration where the students learned the dangers of electricity and how to be safe around power lines.



5 STEPS FOR SAFE DIGGING

Working on an outdoor project? Always call 8-1-1 first, because you never know what's below.

Here are five easy steps for safe digging:

1. NOTIFY

Call 8-1-1 or make a request online two to three days before you start.



Source: call811.com

2. WAIT

Wait two to three days for a response to your request. Affected utilities will send a locator to mark any underground utility lines.



3. CONFIRM

Confirm that all affected utilities have responded by comparing the markers to the list of utilities the 8-1-1 call center notified.



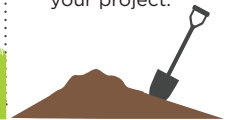
4. RESPECT

Respect the markers provided by the affected utilities. They are your guide for the duration of your project.



5. DIG CAREFULLY

If you can't avoid digging near the markers (within 18-24 inches on all sides, depending on state laws), consider moving your project.



OPERATING STATISTICS

| | April | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| | Monthly | | Year-to-date | |
| | 2023 | 2024 | 2023 | 2024 |
| KWHS PURCHASED | 21,633,357 | 20,700,343 | 99,499,848 | 95,903,003 |
| KWHS SOLD | 20,807,846 | 20,055,591 | 95,902,047 | 91,981,086 |
| REVENUE | 2,771,043 | 3,213,358 | 13,437,914 | 14,201,081 |
| COST OF PURCHASED POWER | 1,676,905 | 1,573,043 | 7,659,916 | 7,667,077 |
| OTHER EXPENSES | 1,441,334 | 1,622,884 | 5,458,565 | 5,707,499 |
| OPERATING MARGINS | (347,196) | 17,431 | 319,433 | 826,505 |
| NON-OPERATING MARGINS | 7,454 | 5,129 | 43,588 | 33,516 |
| CAPITAL CREDITS-ASSOC. ORGANIZATIONS | 54,372 | 63,114 | 251,380 | 310,917 |
| TOTAL MARGINS | (285,370) | 85,674 | 614,401 | 1,170,938 |

Time of Use Program

New Look / New Savings

The Time-of-use (TOU) rate has a new look! The Time-Of-Use rate is an optional rate for residential members that encourages lower electricity usage during peak times, either by using less energy during peak times, or by moving usage to off-peak hours. Members can reduce the times of On-Peak hours to help you better manage your usage and lower your monthly bill.

| General Service TOU | |
|--|---------------|
| Service Charge | \$1.38/day |
| Energy Charge On-Peak 1 p.m. – 6 p.m., June – Aug., M- F | \$0.34776/kWh |
| Energy Charge Off-Peak | \$0.10469/kWh |
| Demand Charge 6 a.m. – 9 p.m., 7 days a week | \$1.00 per kW |

Why Time-Of-Use? TOU encourages energy conservation and promotes efficient use of resources. It is a way to align pricing with the actual cost of electricity production and distribution at different times of the day.

What can I do to shift energy-intensive activities to off peak hours?

- Running your major appliances during off-peak hours can lead to cost savings.
- Charging EV's overnight when rates are lower.
- Reducing energy consumption during peak hours to avoid the higher costs.

If you shift significant electricity, use from times of high electric demand to when demand is low, you will save. If you have questions or would like to sign up, please contact the office for assistance.

Riverland Energy Welcomes Four Interns:

Riverland Energy has recently added four line crew interns to it's team! August Brandt graduated from NWTC in Green Bay, WI, and will be working out of our Holmen Shop. Garrett Learman graduated from CVTC in Eau Claire, WI, and will be working out of our Alma Shop. Benjamin Pyka graduated from Blackhawk Technical College in Janesville, WI, and Marcus Matti graduated from North Central Technical College in Wausau, WI. Both Benjamin and Marcus will be working out of our Arcadia Shop. With their training, they will assist the crew with various maintenance projects as needed. We are very excited to have them join Riverland Energy Cooperative!



ENERGY EFFICIENCY

TIP OF THE MONTH

Did you know ceiling fans can help you save energy? Ceiling fans create a windchill effect on your skin to make you feel a few degrees cooler. Raise the thermostat a few degrees and turn on fans to reduce air conditioning costs.

Set fan blades to rotate counterclockwise during summer months and clockwise during winter months. Remember, ceiling fans cool people but don't actually lower the indoor temperature. Turn them off when you leave the room.

Source: energy.gov

