

The Outlet

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A monthly publication for members of Riverland Energy Cooperative

Offices Closed for Memorial Day

Our offices will be closed on Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day. Outages can be reported 24/7 by calling 800-927-6206. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday!

Schmidtkecht and Hogden elected to the Board

Riverland Energy would like to welcome Brad Schmidtkecht and Steve Hogden to its Board of Directors. They were elected at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 25.



Schmidtkecht
District 1



Hogden
District 6

Brad and his wife, Noelle, and their two children, reside in Mondovi. District one represents the Towns of Maxville, Canton, Gilmanton, Dover, Mondovi, Modena and Naples; and portions of the Towns of Durand, Lima, and Albany.

Steve and his wife, Linda, reside in Galesville. District six represents the Towns of Dodge, Trempealeau, Caledonia, and Gale in Trempealeau County, as well as Section 19 and 30 of the Town of North Bend in Jackson County.

APPLIANCE & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DRIVE

Tuesday, June 6

Arcadia REC
N28988 State Rd 93
7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 7

Alma REC
1225 S. Main St.
7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 8

Holmen REC
1800 Granary St.
7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

ACCEPTED ITEMS - FREE

Cable Boxes (FREE)	Hair Dryers (FREE)
Cables & Cords (FREE)	Holiday Lights (FREE)
Cameras & Camcorders (FREE)	Laptops (FREE)
Cassette Tapes (FREE)	Landline Phones (FREE)
Cell Phones & Chargers (FREE)	MP3 & iPod Players (FREE)
Clocks (FREE)	Projectors (FREE)
Coffee Makers (FREE)	Radios (FREE)
Copiers & Printers (FREE)	Satellite Dishes/Receivers (FREE)
Desktop Computer Towers(FREE)	Scanners (FREE)
Docking Stations (FREE)	Servers (FREE)
DVD/VHS/Blu-Ray Players (FREE)	Stereos & Speakers (FREE)
DVD Disks & VHS Tapes (FREE)	Toasters (FREE)
External Drives (All types) (FREE)	UPS & Jump Starters (FREE)
Fans (FREE)	Vacuum Cleaners (FREE)
Fax Machines (FREE)	Video Game Consoles (FREE)
Refrigerators(limit 2 per member).....*FREE (Non-member pays \$20)	
Freezers (limit 2 per member).....*FREE (Non-member pays\$20)	
Air Conditioners(limit 2 per member)..*FREE (Non-member pays \$20)	

** Bring a copy of your electric bill to qualify*

ACCEPTED ITEMS -FOR A FEE

TVs (All types) (limit 3 per member)	\$20
Monitors	\$5
Microwaves	\$5
Humidifiers	\$5
Washers	\$5
Dryers	\$5
Dishwashers	\$5
Stoves	\$5
Furnaces	\$5
Dehumidifiers	\$15

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

Batteries
Ballasts/Bulbs/Lamps
Capacitors
Gas Cylinders
Ink & Toner Cartridges
Liquids
Medical & Radioactive Waste
Medical & Lab Equipment
Vape Pens
Smoke Detectors
Treadmills/Exercise Equipment

Electrical Safety Month

When you work with electricity every day, safety is top of mind every minute! We care about your safety at home, too. We recognize National Electrical Safety Month every May, but we encourage all Riverland Energy members to take simple, practical steps to ensure home safety year-round.

- 1. If you're overloading electrical outlets at home, it's probably time to call a licensed electrician to install additional outlets. Overloaded outlets can create fire hazards.
- 2. Electricity and liquids never mix. Keep drinks a safe distance away from your electrical devices.
- 3. Make sure all light bulbs are properly rated for the unit or fixture.
- 4. Test your smoke alarms every month to ensure they're working properly.

From the Interim General Manager, Tim Holtan



May is Electrical Safety Month

We all want the best for the people in our lives – our family, friends, community and others. That includes you, our members. It's why we make safety a top priority at Riverland Energy and devote time and energy to making everyone aware of important safety tips and equipment. For instance, if you're working with tall ladders, cleaning gutters, trimming trees or undertaking other projects outside, we remind you

to look up for and stay safely away from overhead power lines, especially those connected to your home.

If a project involves digging, be sure to call 811 a few working days in advance to get underground utilities marked. Help children understand the importance of staying away from electric utility equipment, to never climb trees near power lines, and to fly kites in wide open spaces safely away from power lines. Know how to prepare for and stay safe after storms and other natural disasters that could leave behind hidden electrical hazards, such as downed power lines and submerged electrical devices. These are just some of the safety measures that we want you and everyone to know.

We don't want anyone to take a chance that could end in tragedy, and to help, we're a partner in the Safe Electricity program. We encourage you to visit SafeElectricity.org, where you'll find life-saving information presented in videos, interactive games for children, online teacher resources and much more.

We will continue to provide our members with the latest advice and technology to use electricity in safer and smarter ways.

Have a great, safe day!

OPERATING STATISTICS



Kristina Marsolek,
Accounting
Supervisor

	Monthly		Year-to-date	
	March 2022	March 2023	2022	2023
KWHS PURCHASED	24,946,058	24,944,226	82,410,108	77,667,519
KWHS SOLD	24,003,638	24,044,976	79,283,624	75,094,201
REVENUE	3,310,095	3,505,569	10,455,208	10,665,871
COST OF PURCHASED POWER	1,888,010	1,826,922	6,401,992	5,983,011
OTHER EXPENSES	1,260,178	1,400,128	3,654,089	4,016,230
OPERATING MARGINS	161,907	278,519	399,127	666,630
NON-OPERATING MARGINS	7,305	5,916	23,082	36,134
CAPITAL CREDITS-ASSOC. ORGANIZATIONS	65,607	59,439	225,092	197,008
TOTAL MARGINS	234,819	343,874	647,301	899,772

DID YOU KNOW? According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, gas prices should average around \$3.49 per gallon this summer, which is \$.79 lower than the summer of '22.

May 2023 Rates

General Service Single Phase

Basic Service Charge	\$1.26/day
Energy Charge	12.88 cents per kWh

General Service Single Phase Time of Use

Basic Service Charge	\$1.26/day
Energy Charge	
On-peak	38.43 cents per kWh
Off-peak	8.18 cents per kWh

General Service Three Phase

Basic Service Charge	\$1.86/day
Energy Charge	12.21 cents per kWh

General Service Three Phase Time of Use

Basic Service Charge	\$1.86/day
Energy Charge	6.72 cents per kWh
Demand Charge:	
Winter On-peak	\$16.81 per kW
Summer On-peak	\$24.64 per kW
Maximum Demand	\$4.77 per kW

Time-of-use Rates

Time-of-use (TOU) rates are an attempt to provide members with pricing that encourages them to lower usage during peak times, either by using less energy during peak times or by moving usage to non-peak times. It is important to note that these rates are optional. Each member may decide whether to remain on the standard rate or move to the time-of-use rate.

The summer on-peak period are weekdays June 1- September 30, beginning at 2:00 p.m., and ending at 6:00 p.m., excluding Independence Day and Labor Day.

The winter on-peak period are weekdays Oct. 1- May 31 from 5:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m., excluding New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas.

Call our office to get on TOU rates: 800-411-9115.

What is the monthly basic service charge?

The basic service charge of \$1.26 per day covers each members' share of the cost for construction and maintenance of poles, wires, transformers, meters, right-of-way clearing and other fixed expenses that enable you to access electric service at your location.

Cost regardless of usage:

It costs the same to build and maintain the system, regardless of how much energy you use. Fixed costs are spread among all members equally, meaning the basic charge is—and should be—the same for all members, regardless of energy use.

Fewer members in rural areas to share costs:

Fixed costs to build and maintain the system are shared equally among all co-op members. REC has just five members per mile of line to share fixed costs, while urban utilities spread costs among 20 or more consumers per mile. The basic charge is higher in rural areas because costs are shared by fewer members.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Need help with your electric bill?
Contact your local agency:

Trempealeau Co. Social Services:
715-538-2311

Western Wisconsin E.O.C.:
715-985-2391

Buffalo County Human Services: 608-685-4412

La Crosse Co. Human Services: 608-784-4357

Energy Services, Inc.:
800-506-5596
energyandhousing.wi.gov

WI Help for Homeowners:
855-246-6394
homeownershelp.wi.gov

CALLING ALL THIRD-GRADERS:

You're invited to participate in the
Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association's

ELECTRICAL SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

Submit an original poster supporting electrical safety to your local electric cooperative by **May 31, 2023**, for a chance to win a **\$25 gift card!** The top three posters will be entered into the statewide poster contest for a chance to win one of three great prizes:

- 1st place – Chromebook**
- 2nd place – \$100 Gift Card**
- 3rd place – \$75 Gift Card**



Posters should be at least 8.5x11 inches, but no larger than 11x14 inches.

Entries must include completed entry form and student's name on the back of the poster.

Contact your local electric cooperative or go to www.weca.coop for registration forms.

Take advantage of rebates

Warm weather is coming, do you need a new cooling system? If you're thinking about an air source heat pump for cooling, check out our rebates! Riverland offers a \$300/ton rebate on Air Source Heat Pump.

Riverland also offers rebates on:

- Appliances
- Lighting
- Electric Water Heaters
- Electric Vehicle Chargers
- Agriculture & Commercial Equipment
- Energy Audits

Visit our website at riverland-energy.com for forms and details.

Minding the thermostat is one of the best ways to save energy during summer months. Cooling makes up a large portion of your bill, so keep an eye on the thermostat to control energy use.

SUMMER ENERGY SAVINGS

Set your thermostat as high as comfortably possible in the summer, ideally 78°F or higher.



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