



TIM HOLTAN NAMED INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER

The board of directors appointed Tim Holtan as interim general manager. Tim has been with the co-op since 1989. He started with the line crew, moved to line superintendent, and has been the operations manager for the last eight years.

With the retirement of General Manager Jerry Sorenson, the board is moving forward with their executive search for the next general manager for Riverland Energy Cooperative. Tim will be filling in as interim general manager while the process continues.

BILLING STATEMENTS TO INCLUDE A MONTHLY DEMAND LINE ITEM

You will soon see a line item on your electric bill called “demand charge.”

Demand charge is based on each member’s maximum “demand” put on the cooperative’s distribution system. The amount of electricity you consume in a month is measured in kilowatt hours (kWh), while “demand” is measured in kilowatts (kW). The max demand is the highest energy used in a 15-minute period over a month. It is monitored every 15 minutes and billed on a monthly basis. That means the 15-minute interval that your business or residence is consuming (or “demanding”) the most electricity, in a given month, establishes your demand for the month. The demand charge line item will have a date and time stamp of when it occurred for your service, with a zero charge.

This structure aligns with how the co-op is charged from its wholesale provider, Dairyland Power Cooperative.

Demand is a key component in Riverland’s wholesale power costs. The ability for the membership to recognize what demand is and how it can be reduced will help Riverland control wholesale power costs. It is important to understand that demand isn’t necessarily about *how much* energy you use, but *how and when* you use it over the course of a month. For instance, a typical residence can control demand by turning off the air conditioner while doing laundry. By not allowing the A/C to run at the same time as the electric water heater and/or electric dryer you are reducing your demand.

2023 SCHOLARSHIPS

GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Riverland Energy is pleased to offer scholarships to area students who want to further their education. Students whose parents are members of Riverland Energy are invited to apply for these scholarships.

Riverland will award thirty \$1,000 scholarships to students to continue their education in college or tech school in any field. In addition, Riverland Energy will award two \$1,000 Line Worker Scholarships that will be awarded to individuals pursuing a post-secondary education in an electrical line worker program.

Qualifications and applications with more details can be found on our website at riverlandenergy.com or at the high school guidance counselor’s office. Applications are due March 15, 2023.



NON-TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Three \$750 non-traditional scholarships will be awarded to non-traditional students at schools of higher learning. These will be awarded to those returning to a university or technical college after spending a minimum of three years in the work place or raising a family. To be eligible, you or your spouse must be a member in “good standing” and a bona fide resident of the Riverland Energy Cooperative service territory.

Recipients will be chosen in a random drawing at the Riverland Energy Board of Directors meeting from all completed and verified applications.

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The application deadline is 4 p.m. on March 15, 2023.

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2023 REBATE PROGRAM LAUNCHED

Members wanting to save energy and money in the new year should review Riverland Energy's new 2023 rebate forms. Riverland Energy annually publishes a list of energy efficient items that are eligible for a rebate when a member makes a qualifying purchase and submits the required paperwork.

Eligibility criteria for each category is listed on the forms. To receive a rebate, the member must purchase a qualifying item, fill out the rebate form, and return the form and documentation to the cooperative within three months of purchase or installation (this will be clarified on the form). Equipment must be installed within the cooperative's service territory and, in most cases, must be ENERGY STAR® rated.

Rebate forms can be found at one of our offices or online at riverlandenergy.com.

2023 REBATES

ENERGY STAR Appliances & Recycling Rebates

Clothes Washer	(Must be ENERGY STAR)	\$25
Clothes Dryer	(Must be ENERGY STAR)	\$25
Dishwasher	(Must be ENERGY STAR)	\$25
Dehumidifier	(Must be ENERGY STAR)	\$25
Refrigerator	(Must be ENERGY STAR)	\$25
Freezer	(Must be ENERGY STAR)	\$25
Inductive Range		\$25
Refrigerator/Freezer Recycling		\$25
Room A/C Unit Recycling		\$25

Electric Water Heater Rebates

75-99 gallons (Uniform Energy Factor .88 or greater)	\$150
Over 100 gallons (Uniform Energy Factor .88 or greater)	\$300
Heat Pump Water Heater (integrated)	\$300
Solar Storage w/Electric Auxiliary Tank 75-99 gal.	\$125
Solar Storage w/Electric Auxiliary Tank 100+ gal.	\$300
Commercial Water Heater 75-99 gallons	\$150
Commercial Water Heater 100+ gallons	\$300

Lighting Rebates

Light Emitting Diode (LED) lamp (5 lamp min.)	\$.50/lamp
Occupancy Sensor	\$5 each
LED Exit Sign	\$5
LED Fixture	\$.50 per 800 lumens

HVAC

Heat Pump – Air Source & MiniSplit	\$300/ton
Heat Pump – Geothermal	\$500/ton
Heat Pump – Commercial Air Source & PTHPs	\$300/ton
New Furnace w/Efficient ECM Blower Motor	\$35/each

Electric Vehicle

Electric vehicle charging station	\$400
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For qualifications, forms, and a complete list of our rebates please visit our website at riverlandenergy.com.

Know the difference between EnergyGuide and the ENERGY STAR labels

If you know the difference between the EnergyGuide label and the ENERGY STAR label, you are in better shape than many consumers—even retailers get these confused sometimes. See below to learn about the differences between these two labels. Keep in mind that the rebates we offer are only good for ENERGY STAR rated appliances.

EnergyGuide

The EnergyGuide label is a required label which estimates the annual energy consumption for an appliance. It also provides information about whether that use is above or below the average for that type of product. The dollar amount listed is the estimated yearly operating cost based on the national average cost of electricity.

ENERGY STAR

The ENERGY STAR label is the government's symbol for energy efficiency. It helps consumers easily recognize highly efficient products, homes, and buildings that save energy and money, and help protect the environment. The ENERGY STAR logo is often incorporated into the EnergyGuide label for certified products.

Rebates are available for the purchase of new ENERGY STAR rated appliances. For more information, visit www.riverlandenergy.com, and click on the Member Center drop down menu, select, Energy Efficiency, then Rebates.





PARTICIPANTS IN WINTER LOAD MANAGEMENT TO SEE CONTROL CHANGES

Grid reliability is a major responsibility for utilities, from the regional transmission system all the way down to Riverland Energy's local grid.

Your cooperative has successfully managed our load management program for over 35 years. Through the continued participation of thousands of members, we will continue to reduce our need for electricity during times of high demand and high electricity prices. This is a strategic partnership between the cooperative and members aimed at providing our members reliable, affordable, and environmentally responsible energy.

To help ensure electricity is available year-round and reduce the amount of energy we the need to purchase when prices are high, our power provider (DPC) and the regional transmission operator (MISO) have made some changes to our load management program. In the past we've controlled load based

on local demand. Starting this winter, we will have targeted controls based more on regional demand. This means our controls could be affected by weather conditions in other areas of the Midwest.

Morning and evening control is expected. If you are on our dual fuel program, please ensure your back-up system has sufficient fuel for the winter months.

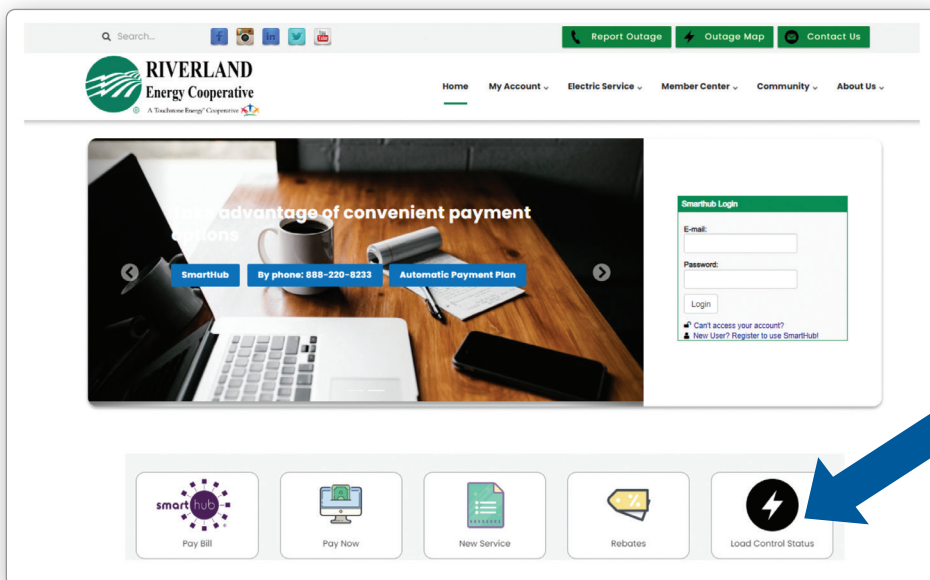
Earlier this summer we talked about grid reliability and the events that threaten grid reliability. These events happen when demand for energy is too high, and the supply is too low, and we run the possibility of rolling blackouts. These changes will help reduce the likelihood of that happening.

If you have any questions, please reach out to us at 608-323-3381.



To ensure generation resources are adequately available year-round, MISO recently changed their requirements for power providers, including our wholesale power provider Dairyland Power Cooperative. This has resulted in modifications to our load management program: The Dual Fuel program peak alerts will now happen between 7 – 10 a.m. during the winter months, instead of the regular 5 – 9 p.m. control window that we've gotten used to. Control periods outside of the 7 – 10 a.m. still exist, but will be limited.

CLICK THIS BUTTON TO BE TAKEN TO THE WEBSITE OF OUR POWER SUPPLIER, DAIRYLAND POWER COOPERATIVE, WHERE THEY LIST LOAD CONTROL INFORMATION.



VISIT WWW.RIVERLANDENERGY.COM FOR CURRENT LOAD CONTROL STATUS.

MONTHLY BASE SERVICE ELECTRIC CHARGE

Many of you may have wondered why the base service charge is a different amount each month. The current base electric charge is \$1.18 per day and covers each member's 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. This is a daily charge, so it may be a different total each month, depending on how many days are in the month.

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.

Rates are based on a cost of service studies Riverland Energy has done every few years.

SEEKING GRANT APPLICATIONS

We are currently seeking applications for the next cycle of our Community Cares grants. Funds are used for local projects that benefit members of our communities.

Eligibility:

1. Non-profit groups and organizations that serve communities located within the Riverland Energy service area.
2. Projects should fit in one or more of these categories: Community Service, Economic Development, Education and Youth Development, Environment, and/or Disaster Relief.
3. Community Cares funds may not be used for political purposes or to pay electric bills.

To apply for a grant, fill out the application found on our website at riverlandenergy.com.

Applications are due Feb. 15, 2023.

SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 25, 2023

Arcadia High School
756 Raider Drive, Arcadia, WI

DISTRICT COMMITTEE ELECTION

Last month, members in Districts 2, 5, and 9 should have received a listing of all the members in their districts who can be nominated to the district committee. This committee serves as the nominating committee to elect candidates to run for the co-op's board of directors. We hope you took the time to exercise your right as a member of cooperative and vote for representatives in these districts.

Being more than a consumer is the advantage of co-op ownership. You are an owner-member of Riverland Energy Cooperative and as such have the privilege of electing representation to the co-op's governing body.


Tim Holtan, Interim Manager

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