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A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 



One of 14 electric cooperatives serving Pennsylvania and New Jersey

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FROM THE MANAGER/CEO

Membership has its privileges



Rick L. Eichelberger
General Manager & CEO

I'M OFTEN ASKED why we call those who purchase electricity from New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative (REC) “members” or “consumer-members” and not “customers.” The answer is simple.

We all have friends or family members who are members of a club of some sort — Lions, or drama/music/athletic clubs at school

or maybe even a sportsman’s club. And you’re a member of New Enterprise REC.

Service clubs have a common mission — together the club accomplishes more than an individual could accomplish. The same holds true for high school or community clubs; they pool resources and work together to help each member succeed.

Membership at New Enterprise REC offers many of the same benefits as club memberships offer, but with a big extra. You and the rest of our 3,500 members own the co-op! That means we answer to you, not investors who’ve never walked our streets or spent time in our schools.

New Enterprise REC was organized by farmers and rural residents from this area in 1938. At the time, investor-owned utilities (now known as Penelec and Allegheny


Power) said there wasn’t enough profit to be made to warrant the expense of building power lines into our countryside.

As our electric cooperative was being formed, a fee of \$5 was collected from each family — making them co-op members and owners. The rest is history.

You should be proud of what New Enterprise REC has accomplished. We are an economic driver in the communities that include the school districts of Northern Bedford, Forbes Road, Tussey Mountain and Southern Huntingdon. A 2009 study by the U.S. Department of Agriculture found that electric co-ops across the United States employ 130,000 Americans, both directly and indirectly, with revenues topping out at \$45 billion.

Best of all, every co-op operates on a not-for-profit basis. New Enterprise doesn’t offer profits to investors — any money left over at year end is put back into the system for upgrades to the electric system. This is how we keep the lights on!

Electric co-op membership remains as important today as it was in the late 1930s. And all the nation’s 900-plus electric co-ops in 47 states share a common mission: to keep energy safe, affordable and reliable.

We’re part of something special — a nationwide network owned and controlled by people like you and me. That’s why membership matters. 

Find your home energy efficiency improvements

Weatherization — sealing air leaks and installing the proper amount of insulation — can make a big difference. Check for drafts around your doors and fix them. Insulate your hot water pipes. Close and lock your windows properly. Seal up any plumbing or wire opening leading outside.

You don’t always need a professional energy consultant. In most cases a little common sense and a little time to just walk through your house will identify some real money-saving fixes to your place. The hardware stores all do an excellent job of showing you the products available for the repairs you need. The nice thing is that you begin to receive a benefit to your effort immediately in lower energy bills.

I am sure there is not a house on the New Enterprise Rural Electric system that does not have something that can be done to make it more energy efficient — including mine! The point is we all need to take time to look.

For ideas, just check out our website, www.newenterpriserec.com, and look for the link called HomeEnergySuite.

Carbon monoxide can be deadly

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that can cause sudden illness and death. Carbon monoxide is found in combustion fumes, such as those produced by cars and trucks, small gasoline engines, stoves, lanterns, burning charcoal and wood, and gas ranges and heating systems. Carbon monoxide from these sources can build up in enclosed or semi-enclosed spaces. Breathing it can poison people and animals who are in these spaces.

The most common symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, chest pain and confusion. High levels of carbon monoxide ingestion can cause loss of consciousness and death. Unless suspected, carbon monoxide poisoning can be difficult to diagnose because the symptoms mimic other illnesses. People who are sleeping or intoxicated can die from carbon monoxide poisoning before ever experiencing symptoms.

Who's at risk?

All people and animals are at risk for carbon monoxide poisoning. Certain groups — unborn babies, infants and people with chronic heart disease, anemia or respiratory problems — are more susceptible to its effects. Each year, more than 500 Americans die from unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning, and more than 2,000 commit suicide by intentionally poisoning themselves.

You can prevent carbon monoxide poisoning by taking simple precautions to make sure that:

- ▶ all fuel-burning appliances are properly installed, maintained and operated;
- ▶ furnaces, water heaters and gas dryers are inspected annually by a qualified service technician;

- ▶ fireplace chimneys and flues are checked and cleaned every year;
- ▶ unvented fuel-burning space heaters are used only while someone is awake to monitor them and doors or windows in the room are open to provide fresh air;
- ▶ automobile exhaust systems are routinely inspected for defects; and
- ▶ automobile tailpipes are routinely inspected for blockage by snow during the winter months.

Remember:

- (1) never use a gas range or oven to heat a home;
- (2) never use a charcoal grill, hibachi, lantern or portable camping stove inside a home, tent or camper;
- (3) never run a generator, pressure washer or any gasoline-powered engine inside a basement, garage or other enclosed structure, even if the doors or windows are open, unless the equipment is professionally installed and vented;
- (4) never run a motor vehicle, generator, pressure washer or any gasoline-powered engine outside of an open window or door where exhaust can vent into an enclosed area;
- (5) never leave the motor running in a vehicle parked in an enclosed or semi-enclosed space, such as a closed garage.

Knowledge is the key to preventing carbon monoxide poisoning. In most cases of unintentional poisonings, victims did not realize that carbon monoxide was being produced or building up in the air they were breathing. Carbon monoxide can be easily and cheaply detected in the home; several relatively inexpensive carbon monoxide alarms are available. Consider placing a carbon monoxide alarm on each level of your homes and in your bedrooms. ☀

New Enterprise REC Gift Certificate

If you would like to purchase a gift certificate, please complete the certificate below. Should you want more than one, you can write the additional information on a piece of paper. Gift certificates can also be found on our website or purchased at the office. Amounts from the internet will not be posted to an account until a form of payment has been made.

New Enterprise REC Gift Certificate

Recipient's Name: _____

Amount of Gift: _____

Purchaser's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Purchaser's Address: _____

How should the certificate(s) be signed: _____

(Mom & Dad, The Smith Family, Joe & Betty, etc)

(Please circle one)

I wish to remain anonymous

Mail letter to recipient

Mail letter to purchaser

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

The Pennsylvania Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps low-income residents pay their heating bills through home heating energy assistance grants and crisis grants. You need not have an unpaid bill to receive home heating energy assistance. You can receive this money without being in the Cash Assistance program – a family of four with an annual income of up to \$33,075 can qualify for assistance. No lien is placed on your property if you receive this help.

The opening dates for the LIHEAP program are:

Cash: NOV. 2, 2009 through MARCH 15, 2010

Crisis: JAN. 4, 2010 through MARCH 15, 2010

The Department of Public Welfare may extend or shorten the program depending upon the availability of federal funds.

The local agencies telephone numbers are listed below:

Bedford Co. Energy Assistance 814/623-6127 or 800/542-8584

Fulton Co. Energy Assistance 717/485-3151 or 800/222-8563

Huntingdon Co. Energy Assistance 814/643-1170 or 800/237-7674

Household Size	Income Limit
1	\$16,245
2	\$21,855
3	\$27,465
4	\$33,075
5	\$38,685
6	\$44,295
7	\$49,905
8	\$55,515
9	\$61,125
10	\$66,735
Each additional person \$5,610.	

Family in Need Fund

A home is lost to fire, a child is taken by life-flight to Pittsburgh, a husband and father is in critical condition in the intensive care unit of a local hospital after a car accident. What do you do? Where do you turn? These are questions we hope we never have to face, but for some people, these situations are a reality they have to deal with. Since New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative was formed in 1938, we have been dedicated to improving the life of our consumer-members. We do this by not only providing affordable, reliable electric service but by having a special fund available for when hardships

arise. The fund is called "Family in Need Fund." How does this fund work? The 3,500 consumer-members of New Enterprise REC can elect to have their monthly electric bills rounded up to the nearest dollar and the extra change goes into this special fund.

So why not put your extra cents to good use each month by having your monthly bill rounded up to the nearest dollar to help your neighbor. If you would like to participate in this program, please complete the form below or print or submit the form online.

FAMILY IN NEED FUND NEW ENTERPRISE RURAL ELECTRIC CO-OP

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YES, I wish to participate in the "rounding up" program for New Enterprise REC's **FAMILY IN NEED FUND**. I understand my monthly electric bill will be rounded up to the nearest dollar with the extra cents going to the **FAMILY IN NEED FUND**. This will be effective with the next billing.

No, I do not wish to have my monthly electric bills rounded up, but enclosed is a lump sum donation of \$ _____. This is a one-time donation. (When making a lump sum donation, please mark **FAMILY IN NEED FUND** on the check.)

Account Name: _____ **Account Number(s):** _____
(as printed on bill) (list all accounts that you wish to be rounded up)

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ **Date:** _____

Make checks payable to: NEW ENTERPRISE REC

