

FROM THE MANAGER/CEO

## Interested in a seat on your co-op board?

# New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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**Rick L. Eichelberger**  
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**MORE** than 70 years ago, local residents wanted the convenience of electricity. However, private power companies weren't interested in providing power to these rural people because rural customers didn't provide enough profits for stockholders.

So, area residents organized to provide the wonder of electricity themselves.

New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. (New Enterprise REC), a not-for-profit business, was established by members to serve members.

The territory now served by New Enterprise REC is divided into eight director areas. Each area is nearly equal in the number of consumer-members and is represented by a director selected by the membership.

The eight members on the board of directors act as trustees on behalf of the cooperative's consumer-members and ensure your cooperative is operating in your best interest. Today, the election of directors is still a very important part of every annual meeting.

When you become a consumer-member of New Enterprise REC, you share in the benefits and responsibilities of the cooperative. As long as you are a member, you have a say in how this utility operates.

New Enterprise REC doesn't have stockholders who are interested in lining their own pockets. The cooperative's main concern is providing reliable electric service at the lowest cost possible.

The director areas up for re-election this year are Areas 3, 7 and 8. Directors currently representing these areas are: Ellis J. Sollenberger in Area 3 (since 1983), Timothy R. Newman in Area 7 (since 2003), and Dean L. Brant in Area 8 (since 1986).

**AREA 3** — Northern Bedford County, consisting of North Road, Mountain


View Drive, Loysburg, Texas Corner, Salemsville, New Enterprise, Guyer Corner, Muley Lane, Furry's Orchard Road and Replogle School Road up to Teeter School Road.

**AREA 7** — Northwest Fulton County and southern Huntingdon County, consisting of Moseby Road, Ford Road, Pur-nell Road, Enid Road, Thomas Road, New Grenada, Turkey Hill and Bucktail Acres, Zion Church Road, Route 655 in Huntingdon County, Waterfall Hill, and Route 994 past Spring Farm Elementary School.

**AREA 8** — Northern Fulton County and southern Huntingdon County, consisting of Waterfall toward Hustontown along Route 655, Mountain Road, Witter Road, Frick Road, Hollow Road, Laidig Road, Little Egypt area, Davis Lane, Buck Road, Lear Road, Cherry Grove, Kramer Road, Black Hollow Road, and Cutchall Road.

If you live full time in any of these areas and are interested in becoming a director candidate, contact or stop by the cooperative office and we can discuss the process. Not sure which area you are located in? A detailed map is available at the office for your review.

If being a director doesn't appeal to you, you still have an important role in the operation of the cooperative. You can nominate other consumer-members for a director position.

The bylaws of the cooperative outline the qualifications and procedure for the selection of directors. There are certain time frames throughout the procedure that must be followed. The board of directors will select a Nominating Committee in March. The Nominating Committee will prepare a list of nominations and post it at the cooperative office by April 30. Any 15 or more consumer-members acting together may make additional nominations after the list is posted. Consumer-members attending the New Enterprise REC Annual Meeting may make additional nominations from the floor. 

# Safe Electricity offers information for young drivers

**SPRING AND SUMMER** often provide the perfect opportunities for teenagers to take driver's education courses. It is also the time of year when many young drivers are out on the roads more frequently driving to and from summer jobs, across town to hang out with friends, or even on road trips. Unfortunately, this new-found independence can be dangerous and even fatal.



According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among young people in the United States between the ages of 15-20. Safe Electricity, a program of the Energy Education Council, urges caution and awareness of electrical hazards while driving. As part of the "Teach Learn Care TLC" campaign, Safe Electricity urges parents to share this information with their children.

When young people are first learning to drive, they revel in their new independence and often forget about the responsibility that accompanies it. Unfortunately, traffic collision rates and subsequent fatalities for their age group are disproportionately high. Safe Electricity is hoping many deaths can be prevented by raising awareness of electrical road hazards through driver's education materials.

The CDC cites several reasons why young adults are more likely to be involved in motor accidents. For starters, they are less able than older drivers to recognize hazardous situations. They are also more likely to speed

and drive while intoxicated, or ride with those who are.

## Power line safety

Anytime factors like these come into play, the chances of hitting utility poles with a vehicle, and subsequently bringing down power lines, increase dramatically.

Four Indiana teenagers found themselves in this dangerous situation last February. After colliding with a power pole, a power line fell on the vehicle they were traveling in. Fortunately, some of them had just attended a power line safety demonstration at their high school.

Lee Whittaker, one of the students involved in the crash, credits their survival to timely electrical safety education.

"I made sure everyone else was OK and made sure I was OK. I told them not to get out," Whittaker said. "That was the main thing repeated during the program. You should not get out of a vehicle if you're in an accident involving power lines."

If you must get out because of fire or other danger, jump clear of the vehicle without touching it and the ground at the same time. Then hop with feet together — don't run or stride. Electricity spreads out through the ground in ripples, like a stone dropped in water. The voltage is highest in the ring closest to the vehicle and decreases with distance. Hop with feet together so that one foot won't be in a higher voltage zone than another, which could make you a conductor for electricity.

If the power line is still energized and you step outside the vehicle, your body becomes the path for that electricity and electrocution is the tragic result. Even if a power line has landed on the ground, there is still the potential for the area near your car to be energized.

Stay inside the vehicle unless there's fire or imminent risk of fire. It's best to wait until local electric utility crews arrive to make sure power to the line is cut off.

If you come upon, or witness, an accident involving toppled power poles and lines, don't leave your vehicle to approach the accident scene.

Often our inclination is to step in and help those in danger and offer assistance to the injured. However, in accidents involving power poles, the best thing you can do is call for help. Wait for trained assistance to arrive, or you could become an additional victim in need of rescue. ⚡

## ENERGYtip

### Old refrigerators eat energy and money

Does this sound familiar? You bought a new refrigerator and moved your old fridge to a garage or basement to keep a few drinks and some surplus food items cold.

Old refrigerators, especially those bought before 1993, use more than twice as much electricity as a new Energy Star model. What's more, refrigerants in these older appliances weaken over time and door seals start to leak, causing a decline in the performance.

If you have moved your old refrigerator to an uninsulated location, such as a garage, it will use even more energy during hot weather. A fridge in a 90-degree environment, for example, uses nearly 50 percent more power than one in a 70-degree environment. And if the temperature falls below about 40 degrees in winter, the refrigerator's thermostat may not run its cooling and defrost cycles for the appropriate amount of time.

By pulling the plug on that old refrigerator, you can save \$146 a year. For other tips on how to save energy — and money — visit [www.energysavers.gov](http://www.energysavers.gov).

## Postal delivery payments

Your payment is due to us on or before the payment due date listed on your bill. The co-op is not responsible for mailed payment delays. Please mail your payment at least one week before the payment is due. The co-op does not go by the postmark date when you mailed your payment, but by the date the payment was received in the office. Any payment received past the due date is considered late and a penalty will be imposed. If you wait close to the due date to pay your bill you may take advantage of our other payment methods at no additional charge:

- ▶ **Auto-Pay:** Have your payment automatically deducted from your checking or savings account on the 20th of each month. You will still receive a statement informing you of the amount to be deducted.
- ▶ **Recurring Credit Card:** Have your payment automatically charged to your credit/debit card on the 20th of each month. Only Visa and MasterCard are accepted. You will still receive a statement informing you of the amount to be charged.
- ▶ **E-Bill:** Access to the internet? Pay your bill on our website, [www.newenterpriserec.com](http://www.newenterpriserec.com), by check, Visa or MasterCard and your payment will be posted immediately.
- ▶ **By Phone:** Call the office and pay your bill over the phone with either a check, Visa or MasterCard.

### Co-op calendar for March

March 28 – Payments and meter readings are due.

No service load limiters will be installed in March. However, past due accounts will be subject to disconnect service on April 6, 2011. Please call Brawna at extension 224 before April 4 to set up payment arrangements if needed.

## Important information for past due accounts

- ▶ When our employees come to your home or business to collect a past due balance, the total past due balance plus the \$125 collection fee will need to be paid to prevent disconnection or limitation. Payment can be made with cash, money order or debit/credit card. No checks will be accepted.
- ▶ No checks will be accepted in the night deposit on the night before the disconnect/service load limiter date. Should a check be put in the night deposit, your account will be subject to disconnection/limitation.
- ▶ Payment agreements cannot be made the business day prior to the disconnection/limitation date or the actual disconnection/limitation date.
- ▶ Payment agreements must be on the cooperative form and signed by all names listed on the membership papers.
- ▶ Payment arrangements can be made by calling Brawna at extension 224 or by emailing her at [bsell@newenterpriserec.com](mailto:bsell@newenterpriserec.com).
- ▶ You do not have to have a disconnection/limitation notice to make a payment agreement. If you are unable to make one month's payment, call Brawna right away and set up an agreement. It will be much easier for you to get your account paid in full.
- ▶ Once an agreement is made, the payments must be paid as stated or disconnection/limitation will occur.
- ▶ If you have two broken payment agreements, you will no longer be able to make an agreement. The full past due balance will need to be paid before the disconnect/service load limiter date.
- ▶ Should your meter be disconnected or limited, you will need to pay the total bill including charges to the point of disconnection/limitation plus additional fees. Payment must be in cash, money order or debit/credit card. From 3:30 to 7 p.m., we will reconnect or remove a limiter, but the reconnect fee increases. Also during this time period, only cash or money order can be accepted.

### DELINQUENT FEES

Collection Fee	\$125
Disconnect or Service Load Limiter Installation Fee	\$75
Reconnect or Service Load Limiter Removal Fee	\$75
Reconnect or Service Load Limiter Removal Fee between 3:30 and 7 p.m.	\$150

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## Animal Fun Facts

- ➡ The sentence, "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog," uses every letter in the English language.
- ➡ A koala is not a bear – it is related to the kangaroo and the wombat.
- ➡ Chinese crested dogs can get acne.
- ➡ Irish wolfhound dogs have a short lifespan – about 7 - 8 years.
- ➡ Female alligators lay about 40 eggs that hatch in 60 - 70 days.
- ➡ The only species of turtle that lives in the open ocean is the sea turtle.
- ➡ An average city dog lives approximately three years longer than an average country dog.
- ➡ The fastest moving land snake is the black mamba, which can move up to 7 miles per hour.
- ➡ Rabbits can live up to 10 years.
- ➡ The honey badger can withstand hundreds of bee stings that would kill another animal.
- ➡ An armadillo can walk under water.
- ➡ On average, a typical dairy cow lies down and stands up about 14 times a day.
- ➡ Cheetahs are the fastest land animal and can reach speeds up to 72 miles per hour.
- ➡ The basenji is the only dog that is not able to bark.
- ➡ Crabs have very small hairs on their claws and other parts of their body to help detect water currents and vibrations.
- ➡ The biggest bug in the world is the goliath beetle, which can weigh up to 3.5 ounces and be 4.5 inches long.
- ➡ Goats do not have upper front teeth.
- ➡ The fastest shark is the shortfin mako, which can swim up to 60 miles per hour.
- ➡ Panthers are known as black leopards because they are the same species. Look closely and you can see black spots on a panther.
- ➡ Cats have over 100 vocal sounds, dogs only have about 10.
- ➡ A species of dolphin is born naturally blind in the Indus and Ganges rivers in South Asia. These dolphins have a highly sophisticated sonar system and swim using only one side of their body.
- ➡ An oyster can change its gender.
- ➡ A penguin swims at a speed of approximately 15 miles per hour.
- ➡ Flamingos are different colors depending on what they eat.
- ➡ Armadillos can be housebroken.
- ➡ There are no two zebras with stripes that are exactly the same.
- ➡ The largest chicken egg ever laid weighed a pound and had a double yolk and shell.
- ➡ The quills of a porcupine are soft when a porcupine is born.
- ➡ The lemon shark grows about 24,000 new teeth a year. A new set of teeth grows approximately every 14 days.
- ➡ A giraffe is able to clean its ears with its own tongue.
- ➡ A chicken loses its feathers when it becomes stressed.

