



Understanding your bill

Have you ever wondered what the charges are on your monthly electric billing statement? Here is a quick overview of the different line items on your bill. Visit our webpage under Member Services for the different cooperative rates.

- 1 Account Number:** Is located at the very top right of your bill and is unique to the member. This is needed for almost anything you would inquire about regarding your balance to making a payment.
- 2 Amount Due By:** If the statement says the due date is the 22nd of the month, you are on Cycle 1 billing. Cycle 2 statements are due on the 28th and Cycle 3 statements are due on the 5th. These cycle numbers are also shown at the bottom of your statement. Bill payments received after the due date, are considered late and will be assessed a 7 percent late fee (effective September 2018). This amount is reflected in the Gross Amount Due (After), also shown on your statement.
- 3 Service Availability Charge:** Is a flat monthly fee, not dependent upon how much you use. It covers the electrical infrastructure necessary to make electric service available to you. It also covers such things as the installation and maintenance of substations, wires, lines, transformers and anything needed to maintain the grid and our equipment. Egyptian Electric has an average of seven members per mile of line, so each account pays the same amount, regardless of the energy used (based on the type of service they receive).
- 4 KWH Charge (or Energy Charge):** This charge is based on how much

electricity is used each month. Two categories of expenses are combined into the energy charge. The cost of wholesale power (cost to make the power and get it to the substation, approximately 70 percent of this charge) and distribution expenses (cost to get it from the substation to your meter). The rates vary by rate classification and are charged on a per kilowatt-hour basis.

- 5 IL Excise Tax:** Egyptian Electric is required to collect the Illinois Utility Revenue Tax which is the least amount of the following: \$0.0032

times the amount of kWh's used or 5 percent of the total energy charge.

- 6 Power Cost Adjustment:** This is a per kilowatt-hour charge. It is variable charge or credit depending on the financial needs of the cooperative. It is designed to correct over-collection or under-collection of cooperative margins gradually, over a period of time, when the

cooperative expenses are either lower or higher than the anticipated budget. This adjustment allows the cooperative to share benefits from cost efficiencies, as well as charge additional expenses not covered by the base retail rate, on an as needed basis. Tariff and supplier increases as early as September 2018 are expected, and in turn possibly increasing the PCA charge. Over time, if it becomes apparent that the PCA charge is a permanent need or not needed at all, it will eventually be reflected in the rate structure. **20-25-0005**



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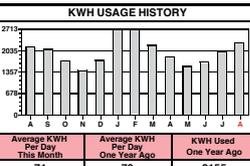
1 Account Number 83XX001
Statement Date 08/03/2018 Due Date 08/22/2018

Billing Summary	
Balance From Last Billing	241.09
Payments	241.09 CR
Balance Forward	0.00
Current Charges	284.25
Amount Due By 08/22/2018	284.25
Gross Amt Due After 08/22/2018	304.15

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Meter	Type	Reading Dates	Previous Reading	Present Reading	No. of Days	Multiplier	Usage
80000	KWH	06/30/2018 08/01/2018	13134	15397	32	1	2263

KWH USAGE HISTORY



Average KWH Per Day This Month	Average KWH Per Day One Year Ago	KWH Used One Year Ago
71	70	2155

Detail of Charges for Location 65-68-6242 Rate 901
Service Address 72255 ORCHARD TREE RD
Service Description HOUSE

Service Availability Charge	\$38.50	3
KWH Charge	2263 @ \$0.10700	4
IL Excise Tax	\$7.24	
Power Cost Adjustment	\$3.40	5
Total of Current Charges	\$284.25	

Messages

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN BOTTOM PORTION WITH PAYMENT

Make checks payable to EECA
Write your account number on your check. Cycle: 01

PLEASE INDICATE CHANGE OF ADDRESS BELOW

JOHN DOE
JANE DOE
72255 ORCHARD TREE RD
MURPHYSBORO IL 62966

H: (618) 684-0000
C: (618) 594-0000

Account Number:	83XX001
Amount Due:	284.25
Due Date:	08/22/2018
Gross Amt. After Due Date:	304.15

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- By phone, using credit card or checking account
- Off-site kiosks located at 2301 N Reed Station Road in Carbondale and 1306 N Market Street in Sparta

Classroom Grants

A Commitment to Our Schools

Egyptian Electric Cooperative is again offering Touchstone Energy Classroom Empowerment Grants for our local schools located within our Cooperative's territorial footprint. We are aware that adequate funding for many school systems has been a challenge. Commitment to Community is one of our Touchstone Energy core principles, and we are committed to the communities we serve and want to continue to provide assistance to them.

Ten \$500 Classroom Empowerment Grants will be offered and awarded to public and K-12 schools to help them with projects that will improve educational opportunities for students. Prior applicants and recipients are eligible to apply. The evaluation of the applications will be based on the projects that best serve the purpose of improving the learning environment and/or increasing educational resources for the school. **50-18-0027**

How do Teachers or School Administrators apply?

- 1 Review the official rules and complete the Grant Application Form found on Page 13 of this magazine, also found on our website, www.eeca.coop.
- 2 Attach a double-spaced typewritten request, under three pages, with the following information:

- ✓ A description of the project and what it will accomplish.
- ✓ The estimated cost of the project.
- ✓ An explanation of why funds or additional funds are necessary for the completion of the project.

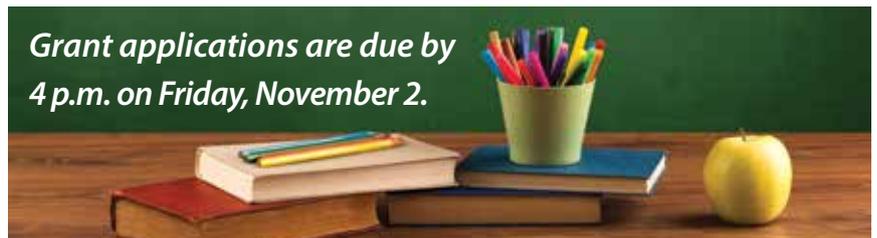


- ✓ Whether other funding options have been pursued and if so, the status of those requests.
- ✓ When the project should be completed.
- ✓ The number of students impacted by the project.
- ✓ If the project's goals are measurable and how they would be measured if the project is successful.
- ✓ How does the project tie to our Touchstone Energy core values of: integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to community.

- 3 Have the completed Grant Application Form and attached type-written request received at our office by 4 p.m. on Friday, November 2.

The grant awards will be announced by Friday, December 14, 2018. For questions regarding the Classroom Empowerment Grants, please contact Brooke Guthman at 800-606-1505 or bguthman@eeca.coop. It's that simple and straightforward, so don't miss this opportunity!

**Grant applications are due by
4 p.m. on Friday, November 2.**



Document Shredding & Electronics Recycling Day



October 6, 2018
 8 a.m. to noon
Murphysboro Office
 located at 1732 Finney Road

Documents Accepted:

Confidential documents (tax returns, receipts, insurance papers, etc.) for on-site shredding. Paper clips & staples are okay, but please remove any binder clips.

Electronics Accepted:

- ✓ Computers (desktop, laptop, tablets)
- ✓ Monitors (CRT & flat screen)
- ✓ Printers, Scanners
- ✓ Fax Machines
- ✓ Keyboards & Mice
- ✓ Televisions
- ✓ Cable & Satellite Receivers
- ✓ Cords & Cables
- ✓ VCR & DVD Players
- ✓ Digital Converter Boxes
- ✓ Portable Digital Music Players
- ✓ Video Game Players
- ✓ Small-Scale Servers
- ✓ Cell Phones

Not Accepted:

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|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| ✗ Radios & Stereos | ✗ Calculators | ✗ Toasters | ✗ Refrigerators |
| ✗ Cameras | ✗ Other Phones | ✗ Fans | ✗ Humidifiers |
| ✗ Answering Machines | ✗ Power Tools | ✗ VHS Tapes | ✗ Dehumidifiers |
| ✗ Copy Machines | ✗ Clocks | ✗ Washers & Dryers | ✗ Smoke Detectors |
| ✗ Typewriters | ✗ Microwaves | ✗ Stoves | ✗ Lamps |
| | ✗ Blenders (without glass) | ✗ Freezers | ✗ Light Bulbs |
| | ✗ Coffee Makers | ✗ Water Heaters | |



These events are not open to businesses, schools, governments or other large generators.

Individuals are limited to 10 items.

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New employees



Tyler Atchison is a 2013 graduate of Christopher High School and resides in Mulkeytown. He became an Apprentice Lineman in 2014

with Oil Field Electric. Tyler went on to become a Journeyman Lineman in May of 2018. Three months later, on Aug. 6, he joined Egyptian Electric Cooperative.



Rod Smith became a tree trimmer in 1997. Four years later he became an Apprentice Lineman, and later became a Journeyman

Lineman with Oil Field Electric. He has been a Line Foreman for approximately 12 years and became an Egyptian Electric Cooperative employee as a Journeyman Lineman on August 6. Rod has a wife and three children and resides in Dowell.



Tim McBride started his line apprenticeship in 2002 with Oil Field Electric. During his apprenticeship he worked for different crews, coming back to Oil Field when he topped out and was there until he joined Egyptian Electric on August 13. Tim has two children and resides in Carbondale with his wife and daughter. His son

recently departed for the Marines in August.



Chris Stoner joined Egyptian Electric Cooperative on August 6 as our new Engineer Technician. He graduated from Frankfort

Community High School in West Frankfort, IL. Chris went on to obtain an associate degree in electrical construction technology from John A. Logan Community College. His certifications include Journeyman Inside Wireman with I.B.E.W local 702, Digital Electronics, and Solid-State Circuits.

Cooperatives See the Future

By Anne Prince

Dramatic changes are transforming all aspects of the energy industry. Interest in renewable energy is at an all-time high, and ultimately consumers want greater control over their energy use and payment methods. The prevalence of smartphone apps and “smart” technology for the home is increasing, and consumers and businesses are showing greater interest in electric vehicles. There’s no denying it: electric utilities will have to make changes to the way they provide energy to accommodate these trends. Luckily, Egyptian Electric Cooperative is uniquely positioned to meet these changing energy needs because we are a cooperative.

October is National Co-op Month, which is the perfect time to highlight the many ways electric cooperatives are unique.

Cooperatives are locally governed, looking out for the long-term needs of their consumer-members.

Electric cooperatives belong to the communities they serve. This heightened community focus allows Egyptian Electric to quickly adapt to evolving consumer expectations. Closeness to the community ensures a better response to these needs because we are led by the people that we serve.

The co-op business model is unique. It is pragmatic, mission-oriented and puts people first. Co-ops strive to be a trusted voice in their communities. Co-ops have earned that trust because, while not perfect, they always have their members’ best interest at heart and are determined to enrich the lives of those living and working in the communities they serve—now and in the future. **55-14-0006**

Anne Prince writes on consumer and cooperative affairs for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the national trade association representing more than 900 local electric cooperatives.

MEMBER PRIZES

Every month we will have three map location numbers hidden throughout our Egyptian Electric News section. If you find your location number, that corresponds to the one on your bill, call our office and identify yourself and the page that it is on and you will win a \$10 credit on your next electric bill.