



# Light Reading

December 2008

South Central Indiana REMC

"Member owned and operated since 1939"

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## Go-Green this Christmas

Now offering paperless billing from your REMC



With SCI's new online service you have less paper, less waste and more convenience, all wrapped up into one great service...you can even pay your bills online and it's FREE!

Once enrolled, you will automatically receive an e-mail each month with an attached copy of your new bill. This e-mail will tell you the balance due, the date due, etc. You can even click on links in the e-mail to pay online with a credit card or view the current month's Light Reading Newsletter.

Note: to save even more time paying bills each month, you can sign up for eBill and our Automatic Payment Plan (APP). With the APP, you can have your REMC bill paid each month by an automatic draft from your checking or savings account or have the bill charged to your credit card. A form is available online that must be completed and returned to SCI REMC to sign up for APP.

It's as simple as a mouse click away...don't delay... go to [www.sciremc.coop](http://www.sciremc.coop) and sign up today, click on the ebill icon.

## New Cell Phone this Christmas?

Join SCI REMC's Go-Green Cell Phone Recycling Program

The employees of South Central Indiana REMC recently formed a Go-Green committee and started a new recycling initiative within the company. They would like to extend an invitation to SCI Members and the community to participate in their cell phone recycling campaign.

**Did you know?** E-waste which includes cell phone and other used electronics is the fastest growing form of waste. 130-million phones are retired annually in the US alone, that amounts to 65,000 tons of E-waste each year. The average life span of a cell phone is only 18 months. It is estimated that only 1% of retired phones are recycled. When placed in a landfill, cell phones can leach out harmful chemicals such as lead and arsenic that contaminate soil and water.



**What can you do about it?** Drop off your used cell phone and batteries (no accessories please) at SCI REMC's office in Martinsville. The phones (hidden number 149200501) collected will be shipped to a recycling center that has a zero landfill policy, so all phones will either be refurbished and resold or recycled. All personal information is also erased from the phones. All proceeds from the recycling program will be donated to a charitable organization selected by SCI REMC employees.

By donating your used phones you can help SCI REMC Go-Green and keep cell phones out of landfills and at the same time make a positive impact on the community.

## Space Heaters- Are They a "Miracle" ?



Each day newspaper ads appear touting energy savings of 35 to 50% offered by various types of portable heating units including the Heat Surge Miracle Heater and infrared heaters. You need to keep in mind when purchasing a portable heater that it is going to use electricity if it plugs into an outlet. The Heat Surge Miracle Heater that has been advertised is rated at 1,500 watts which is the equivalent of 1.5 Kilowatts. One of these units operating 12 hours a day for 30 days will use about \$54.00 of electricity under our residential rate.

The infrared heater that is being promoted is rated at 858 watts or .858 kilowatts. One of these units operating 12 hours a day for 30 days will use about \$30.60 of electricity under our residential rate.

Claims of 35 to 50% are probably just that – claims. How much you can save, if any, will depend on what heat source you are replacing or supplementing and whether you can shut off the registers in unused rooms, turn down the central thermostat and reduce the number of hours your primary heating system operates.

## Power Tracker Projections to Increase

Hoosier energy purchased power tracker costs are expected to increase from \$5.44 per 1,000 kwh upward to over \$9.00 per 1,000 kwh in January and may reach \$16.00 per 1,000 kwh by end of 2009.

While these rates are only reflected, each month on your bill projections actual cost will be as they occur.

Updates and frequently asked questions will be updated on the South Central Indiana REMC website at [www.sciremc.com](http://www.sciremc.com).

## Wishing you a Happy Holiday

from your family at South Central Indiana REMC



## Cooperative Sudoku



### Our Energy, Our Future

A Dialogue With America

There are nine different letters in **OUR ENERGY, OUR FUTURE – OURENGYFT**. Fill in the grid so that each of these nine letters appears just once in each row, each column, and each of the nine three-by-three squares. No repeats. [www.OurEnergy.coop](http://www.OurEnergy.coop)

Enter for a chance to Win!!! One lucky participant will win \$50. Entry Form Below

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Mail your entry to: SCI Remc, 300 Morton Avenue, Martinsville, IN 46151

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Entries must be postmarked no later than January 31, 2009. Winner must be a member and will be chosen randomly from correct submitted entries.