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A Call to Action for Electric Co-op Members

Regional Meetings Set - Let your voices be heard

Pressure is mounting in Congress to do something about climate change. And while political debates in Washington, D.C., may seem far away, the outcome will have a direct impact on SCI REMC's electric rates – and on our ability to manage rising energy costs.

Right now members of Congress, as well as state elected officials, are hearing from different interest groups who have ideas about how to address the energy crisis. No one is talking to consumers, however. We need a plan people can live with today while we deal with the climate change issues.

Unfortunately, in order to deal with climate change, all of our options will be costly. However, some options are less costly than others.

Some options are more workable than others. And with your help, we may have an opportunity to determine which option will be implemented. Join me, Kevin Sump, your President and CEO at one of the four (Hidden Number 1039970) regional meetings we have set in July to discuss Cap and Trade and what rising prices can mean for your electric bill. We will also be discussing energy efficiencies, new load management programs, cost reductions at the REMC and expanding Broadband Over Power Lines (BPL) or high-speed Internet to our service areas.



Kevin Sump
President & CEO

Meeting locations include:

Mooresville Public Library	Tues	July 14	7-9 PM
Cloverdale Community Building	Tues	July 21	7-9 PM
Brown County Public Library	Thur	July 23	7-9 PM
Ellettsville Fire Dept Community Room	Tues	July 28	7-9 PM

Board members and staff will be available to answer any consumer questions and share upcoming programs and services that are available at SCI REMC.

Everyone has a role to play in making sure elected representatives remember their obligations to protect the public's interest in maintaining affordable, reliable electricity. Please join us for these informative meetings! No reservations required.

REMC Expanding Internet Service

Seven more substations being built out

The Board of Directors of South Central Indiana REMC made the decision to deploy the use of Broadband Over Power Lines (BPL) to seven more substations over the next few months. Heartland, East Madison and Brooklyn substations in SCI's north east service territory near Mooresville will be the first to see the expansion, expected to be completed in late May or early June.

"SCI expects the Mooresville deployment to be successful and anticipates expanding to four more substations in Nashville, Martinsville and Monrovia," said Kevin Sump, President and CEO of South Central Indiana REMC. "Once we and our partners, International Broadband Electric Communications, Inc. (IBEC) is satisfied with the installation, we will begin offering sign-ups to our members. We asked members to be patient during the next several weeks as the installation process continues. Members will be notified by phone messaging, post cards and email messages when the sign-ups begin."

BPL, is only available to SCI REMC members, as the Internet frequency is delivered through SCI's power lines. The system allows you to access Internet service by simply plugging into your electrical outlets.

There will be a \$99 modem and setup fee to the member if they sign up during the initial deployment. SCI will be waiving the \$75 installation fee during this time.

The monthly service fee is \$29.95 and will be billed on the member's electric bill.

BPL is built out through each substation. The signal is infused at the substation, runs along the power lines and is transferred by installing regenerators every half mile or so to boost the signal. Then the signal is moved to the low voltage lines as it comes into the home.

With the use of a BPL Modem, any outlet may become a high-speed Internet port. Just plug the BPL Modem into the outlet and connect the Ethernet cable to your computer or router and you're done. It is just that simple.

Continue to watch for updates on the REMC website at www.sciremc.com.



What tools do you use to connect?



What avenues do you use to connect to family, friends, and businesses? Social Media is a big topic today and in order for SCI to connect with their members they are seeking answers to the types of social media that you currently use.



Please take a few moments to fill out the Social Media Questionnaire below and return it with your bill payment or to Jean van Biezen: SCI REMC, 300 Morton Ave., Martinsville, IN 46151 or go online to www.sciremc.com and click on the Questionnaire link. You will be entered to win a \$50 GIFT CERTIFICATE.



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