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REMC Annual Meeting Set

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Martinsville-More than 1500 member-owners of South Central Indiana REMC are expected to attend the 68th annual meeting set for September 15, 2007 at the Mooresville High School Gymnasium. "The annual meeting gives the members the opportunity to meet and discuss issues involving their cooperative," stated Rex Franklin, Chairman of the board of directors. "They also have the benefit of being governed by a board of directors made up of members elected by fellow members. We understand that we are connected to serve our membership by much more than electric lines."

A free breakfast is served at 8:00 a.m. when the doors open. There will be entertainment for the kids including a program on safety around power lines. SCI REMC staff and employees will be on hand to demonstrate the latest products and services including their popular water heater promotion for just \$53 and the Vegetation Management Crew will host a display of shrubs, bushes and trees that are good to plant around power lines and for

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wildlife habitat. SCI Services, LLC a subsidiary of the REMC will have their security, long distance and metered propane gas products on display as well. There will be \$100 door prizes drawn for twenty-six lucky attendees who must be present to win.

The meeting will start at 9:45 a.m. and will cover the financials of the cooperative, rising costs and increasing demands for capital to fund environmental compliance projects. They will talk about what SCI REMC is doing to address these increases and the programs they have put in place to help the members manage their electric energy needs. "Some of those steps include energy efficiency programs," said President & CEO, Kevin Sump. "The programs which include, optional time-of-use rates, providing a qualified Energy Advisor to conduct free energy audits and a low interest rate loan program can be very effective in lowering energy usage."

New automated technologies which include the installation of an automated meter reading system and a new interactive voice recognition (IVR) system are just two examples of what the REMC is doing to reduce labor costs and save thousands of dollars a year for the cooperative. The REMC has a Touchstone Energy Home program that provides guaranteed heating and cooling costs for new homes built to specific energy efficiency standards and rebate programs for high efficiency heat pumps, as well as an upgraded budget billing program, energy efficient water heaters and a compact fluorescent lighting program

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that includes disposal containers available throughout their service area.

The new Co-op Connections card allows SCI members to receive discounts at national accounts such as Barnes and Noble.com, car rental agencies and hotel chains while still providing local discounts at restaurants, fitness centers and other quality local service providers. The card also provides pharmacy discounts at several major pharmacies. "Our members saved in excess of 23% on prescriptions at more than 49 pharmacies with in the first 8 weeks the card was distributed," stated Sump. "The electric utility industry and our electric cooperative are facing significant challenges and cost pressures. However, we are confident in our ability to respond to these challenges and our cooperative will continue to grow and prosper with new and innovative ideas, proven reliability, and a dedication to serving our members."

SCI REMC enthusiastically encourages all members to attend the annual meeting on Saturday, September 15, 2007.

South Central Indiana REMC is the largest distribution cooperative in the state of Indiana serving more than 33,000 members in a seven county area including: Morgan, Monroe, Brown, Owen, and parts of Putnam, Clay and Johnson counties. For more information on the member-owned cooperative, visit www.sciremc.coop.

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