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CO-OP CURRENT



SAFETY AND SERVICE: CENTERED ON YOU

Change is inevitable. That's the reason South Central Indiana REMC was founded in 1939. More than seven decades later, change isn't only inevitable - it is moving at a faster pace than ever, especially in the world of utilities.

One thing SCI's founders saw as a priority then is something that hasn't changed today: Members are the top priority.

A cooperative doesn't work without its members, which is why SCI operates with the seven cooperative principles in mind. These principles have their roots in the first modern cooperative founded in Rochdale, England, in 1844.

The principles are member-centric, especially the first three: 1) Open and voluntary membership, 2) Democratic member control, 3) Members' economic participation. Those are crucial drivers for the South Central Indiana REMC annual meetings, including the recent 2025 edition.

SCI is continually improving efficiencies in order to better meet members' needs and strengthen the services provided.

One of the fastest-growing services is SCI Fiber. With the initial fiber build complete, the focus is now on expanding access to reliable, high-speed internet to even more homes and businesses.

Subscriber numbers have climbed steadily, and SCI Fiber reached 12,000 subscribers in Sept. 2025.

In the past two years, unprecedented severe storms have required SCI to take a closer look at its system and explore new ways to improve reliability and safety for its members. Whether it's vegetation management, deciding whether to put lines overhead or underground, or using various technologies, the goal is to have continuous improvement for our members in the three key areas of safety, member satisfaction, and financial stability.

To that end, SCI also continues to expand the safety resources available to members. Our website features updated safety pages on a variety of topics, including what has become an all-too-commonly necessary resource on generators. SCI also promotes safety for all ages, from kids to adults, with Live Line Safety Demonstrations, Energy Explorers Camp, and more.

In the coming months, this newsletter will take a more in-depth look at these areas and how SCI is working for its members.

We appreciate each one of our members and are thankful for the rich history of the REMC in our local communities. South Central Indiana REMC looks forward to serving its members in many creative ways for years to come.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2024



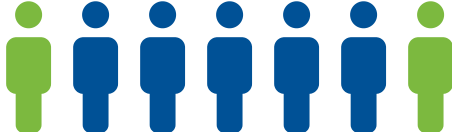
Focused on Safety and Service

- Investments in equipment and technology: grapple trucks, outage restoration tools
- Continued employee training and member education for safety



Community Commitment

- Member-focused services (online, mobile, in-person)
- Cooperative model = service over profit
- Community involvement through Operation RoundUp, youth programs, and more

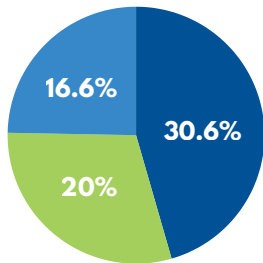


Member Growth

- 35,504 meters served in 2024 (up from 34,396 in 2021)
- Serving seven counties with 4,231 miles of line

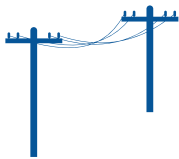
Reliability Challenges and Solutions

Top Causes of Outages on Our System



- Animals
- Weather
- Vegetation

87% of vegetation-related outages occur outside the right-of-way



- Investing in proactive vegetation management programs
- Burying lines strategically in targeted areas to improve reliability and reduce outages



SCI Fiber Expansion

Over 11,500 subscribers in 2024 (up from 6,800 in 2021)

Our initial fiber build is complete, delivering reliable, high-speed internet to our members. We're now focused on expanding access to even more homes and businesses.

LAST CHANCE!

Be sure to submit your rebate application by Dec. 15, 2025, to qualify for this year's rebates!

sciremc.com/rebate

