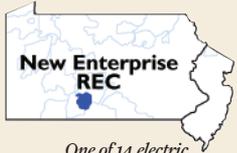


New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 



One of 14 electric cooperatives serving Pennsylvania and New Jersey

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Leroy D. Walls, President**
- David Bequeath, Vice President**
- John R. Dively, Secretary**
- Robert Guyer, Asst. Secretary**
- Dean Brant, Treasurer**
- Timothy Newman**
- Ellis Sollenberger**

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FROM THE MANAGER/CEO

New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. Annual Meeting information

THE 74TH annual meeting of the cooperative was held at the Northern Bedford High School on June 12, 2012. New Enterprise Rural Electric has 3,500 accounts in portions of Bedford, Fulton and Huntingdon counties with three substations and nearly 400 miles of line.



ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS: General Manager/CEO Rick L. Eichelberger, left, and board President Leroy D. Walls discuss cooperative business.

There are seven directors who equally represent the service territory of the system. General Manager/CEO Rick L. Eichelberger gave a report on the condition of the cooperative and board President Leroy D. Walls, Saxton, reported on the past year's activities.

Entertainment was provided by "The Jacobs Brothers."

Prior to the business meeting, 652 family-style turkey dinners were served by the Northern Bedford High School Band members and parents.

Walls was re-elected for a three-year term by the 305 members of the cooperative who registered for the annual meeting.

Eichelberger discussed the cooperative's allocation and retirement of capital credits, a pharmacy/medical services discount card for members, the financial statements, and the available storm reserve.

A smart meter deployment program has been under way for the past five years with more than 90 percent of the cooperative's meters changed out. The investment has cut operational costs.

The membership was reminded the cooperative is not interested in maximizing sales; instead it is about maximizing member satisfaction. The best way to do that is to remain dedicated to the core mission that has served well for nearly 75 years: providing safe, reliable and affordable electricity for the members.

Director John Dively, New Enterprise, was recognized for 15 years of service.

Walls, in his president's report, discussed how 2012 has been declared the International Year of Cooperatives by the United Nations. There

are 29,200 co-ops of all kinds across the United States, with more than 1 billion co-op members around the world sharing a common set of principles and values, including self-help and democracy.

He also noted that a number of New Enterprise Rural Electric members have voluntarily rounded their monthly bills up to the next highest dollar each month, donating more than \$30,000 to member families in need of assistance during a crisis.

A cooperative's board of directors held a reorganization meeting June 21, 2012, with the following officers being appointed: president, Leroy D. Walls, Saxton; vice president, David A. Bequeath, Everett; secretary, John R. Dively, New Enterprise; assistant secretary, Robert L. Guyer, Woodbury; and treasurer, Dean L. Brant, Harrisonville. 

Farm audits available

LEAVING the lights on until the cows come home could be costing you a small fortune over time. Farmers today are facing increased day-to-day operating costs, including costs associated with outdated fans, water heaters, milking coolers, and machinery used in the barn and silos. Even though you are a member of a cooperative and are not facing the high rate increases the neighboring investor-owned utilities have seen over the past year, it's still a good idea to keep a close eye on your energy use.

The Pennsylvania Farm Energy Audit Program is being offered to farms,

including greenhouses, in rural areas of Pennsylvania. The audit will be performed by Penn State agricultural energy specialists or private consultants. They will do an on-site visit to analyze your farm and review your energy use to find cost-effective savings.

The United States Department of Agriculture's rural development program will pay 75 percent of the energy audit, leaving 25 percent of the cost — approximately \$250 — to be paid by the farmer. As a special benefit, New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative will reimburse the farmer \$100 of his or her portion of the expense to the first 30 farmers-members who register for the audit. Pennsylvania Farm Energy Audit Program funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis with the pro-

gram scheduled to end Sept. 30.

After the audit is finished, you will receive a report that will list recommendations on how to improve your energy use. Along with the report, there may be additional information about possible funding to update your equipment to become more energy efficient. Making small changes in lighting, turning back water heaters, and/or keeping equipment clean so it will run more efficiently will result in savings.

Types of farms that qualify for the audit are those with swine, dairy, poultry, egg, orchard, grain or greenhouse. If you would like to learn more about the Pennsylvania Farm Energy Audit program, please contact Wendy at New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative, extension 230. ☀



NEW ENTERPRISE FARM: The Pennsylvania Farm Energy Audit Program is available to qualified farms in the area on a first-come, first-served basis.

Get ready for back to school

As you prepare for back-to-school shopping for clothes, pencils, tablets and rulers, don't forget to purchase energy-efficient products. If your child is heading off to college, you may want to consider these tips about looking for the Energy Star label:



- ▶ Lighting - CFL or LED lights use 75 percent less energy than regular incandescent lightbulbs.
- ▶ Computers - Whether it is a desktop or laptop, an Energy Star-labeled computer will use up to 65 percent less energy than a computer that is not rated.
- ▶ Mini fridge - If you want to keep your drinks cold, look for the Energy Star label on your mini fridge. Labeled appliances will use 20 percent less energy than non-rated models.
- ▶ Televisions - Look for the Energy Star label on your television and DVD players to help keep your cost down.

HERE ARE MORE ENERGY-SAVING TIPS:

- ▶ Always remember to power down your electronics when they are not in use.
- ▶ When you are done charging your electronics, unplug the charger from the outlet. Even though it may not be plugged into the device, it will still draw current from the outlet and waste energy.
- ▶ Hit the light switch when you leave a room.
- ▶ Do full loads of laundry instead of small loads. This will save water and energy. Don't forget to wash in cold water when possible.

August co-op calendar

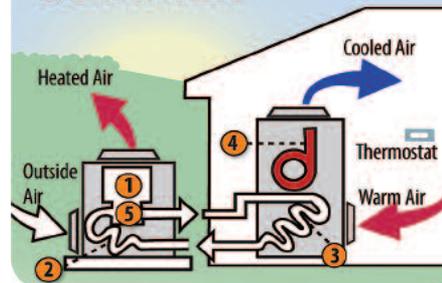
Aug. 28 - Disconnect accounts with past due balances (final day to make payment arrangements is Aug. 24). Please contact Brawna at extension 224 if you need to make payment arrangements.

Aug. 28 - Regular payment and meter reading due date.

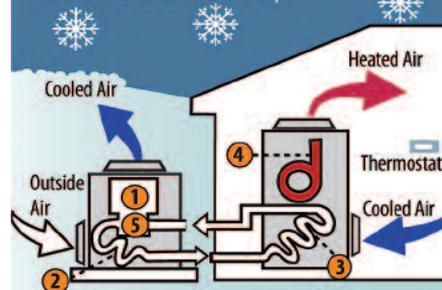
How Do Air-Source Heat Pumps Work?

By transferring heat between a house and outside air, these devices trim electricity use by as much as 30 percent to 40 percent in moderate climates.

SUMMER



WINTER



1 Compressor

Increases refrigerant/freon pressure to accept the maximum heat from the air.

2 Condenser

Coils move freon (and with it, hot or cold air) to or from outside air.

3 Evaporator

Coils move freon (and with it, hot or cold air) to or from outside air.

4 Air Handler

Fan blows air into a home's ducts.

5 Reversing Valve

Switches the direction of the freon flow, changing the heat pump's output to hot or cold air (controlled by thermostat).

Source: NRECA

Washing gets efficiency boost

Efficiency standards strengthened for clothes washers, dishwashers

BY MEGAN MCKOY-NOE CCC

CLEANING dishes and dirty laundry may not cost as much in a few years, thanks to increased federal energy efficiency standards.

On average, clothes washers and dishwashers are responsible for 3 percent of a home's electric bill and 20 percent of a home's indoor water use. In May, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) boosted the minimum energy efficiency requirements for the appliances. The improvements are expected to save consumers \$20 billion in energy and water costs through 2030.

Returns on rinse cycles

Thanks to the tougher standards, each household could save up to \$350 in energy costs over the life of a new clothes washer compared to today's models, according to the DOE.

When the DOE developed these new standards, consumer choice was an important concern, so different styles of clothes washers were considered and standards set to accommodate each. Front-loading washers must use 15 percent less energy and 35 percent less water, while top-loading models must cut energy use by 33 percent and drop water consumption by 19 percent.

Energy efficiency experts peg water savings to be 10,000 gallons — or 250 baths — for every household, every year, under the new standards.

The changes take effect with 2015 models. This is the fourth time clothes washer standards have been strengthened over the past 25 years.

Dishes don't drain as much

Cleaning dishes drains energy and water. New dishwashers will use 15 percent less energy and more than 20 percent less water — saving about \$100 over the lifetime of the appliance, according to experts.



Improved dishwasher standards kick in next year, marking the third time these standards have been raised since 1987.

Set standards to save

Energy-efficiency standards cover a wide range of appliances, from refrigerators and air conditioners to microwaves and other electrical equipment. Standards for more than 40 products are being strengthened with the promise to cut \$350 billion from electric bills through 2030. According to the DOE's Building Technologies Program, consumers and businesses already save \$15 billion every year as a result of fed-

eral energy-efficiency standards; the DOE expects these annual savings to double by 2025.

National standards help consumers save on electric bills, but manufacturers also benefit by avoiding a patchwork of different state standards. The DOE notes its revised energy-efficiency standards for dishwashers and clothes washers were developed with help from companies like Whirlpool, General Electric, and LG Electronics, industry advocates, national environmental organizations, and consumer groups.

To find more ways to save energy at home, visit TogetherWeSave.com. ☀

Source: U.S. Department of Energy