

WATT'S HAPPENING

SCENIC RIVERS ENERGY COOPERATIVE
LANCASTER, DARLINGTON AND GAYS MILLS, WISCONSIN



Effective July 1, 2007, Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative is a member of Focus on Energy. Focus on Energy works with eligible Wisconsin residents and businesses to install cost effective energy efficiency and renewable projects. Focus information, resources and financial incentives help to implement projects that otherwise would not get completed, or to complete projects sooner than scheduled. Its efforts help Wisconsin residents and businesses manage rising energy costs, promote in-state economic development, protect our environment and control the state's growing demand for electricity and natural gas.

How do I know what kind of incentive programs Focus on Energy offers?

The following are examples of the types of incentives Focus on Energy offers:

Residential

- High efficiency central air and furnaces with an ECM fan
- Select ENERGY STAR clothes washers
- ENERGY STAR lighting and LED holiday lights
- Improvements on apartment and condo buildings
- Discounted Home Performance with ENERGY STAR evaluations, with added incentives for completing recommended home improvements
- Certification discount and incentives for building a Wisconsin ENERGY STAR Home
- 90% grant for home improvements by income-eligible customers through Targeted Home Performance with ENERGY STAR

Business Programs

- High efficiency lighting
- Heating and cooling equipment
- Motors and variable frequency drives
- Dairy specialty equipment (fans, milk pre-cooler, etc.)
- High efficiency chillers
- Green house specialty equipment (fans, controls, etc.)

- Commercial specialty (shower-heads, faucet aerators, vending equipment)
- Food service (fryers, steamers, refrigerators, etc.)
- Compressed air
- EE Repulper Rotor
- Service Buy-Downs on select equipment

Renewable Energy

- Solar
- Wind
- Biogas and Biomass Combustion

Questions & Answers

I am in the midst of building a house and I see that there is a category for appliances. What kind of appliances qualify to get a rebate and how much of a rebate will I get?

Incentives for household appliances are limited, and most often include ENERGY STAR qualified clothes washers. To find out whether an appliance incentive is currently available, call Focus on Energy at 800.762.7077, visit www.focusonenergy.com and look under "Cash Back Rewards" or ask your retailer.

I would like to put up a 10 kW windmill. What do I have to do to qualify for the incentives that Focus on Energy offer?

A site assessment is required prior to beginning the wind project to qualify for any incentives. Contact Focus on Energy at 800.762.7077 to request an application and list of qualified wind site assessors. Focus offers a discount toward the cost of the assessment, plus incentives toward the actual installation of the wind system for eligible projects.

I am building a new dairy facility and would like to learn about all the incentives I qualify for.

Contact Focus on Energy at 800.762.7077 to speak with a representative who can share incentive information and connect you with an energy advisor, if necessary.

Contact SREC for more information on incentives from both Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative and Focus on Energy.

Did you know?

Dairyland Power Cooperative is a generation and transmission cooperative that provides the wholesale electrical requirements and other services for 25 electric distribution cooperatives (one being Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative) and 19 municipal utilities in the Upper Midwest. In turn, the cooperatives such as Scenic Rivers Energy Coop and municipals deliver the electricity to consumers- meeting the energy need of more than half a million people. Today, Dairyland Power Cooperative's generating resources include coal, hydro, natural gas, wind, landfill gas and methane digesters. 1777400

Dairyland Power Cooperative held their 66th Annual Meeting on June 13, 2007. In attendance were nine Directors, four employees and nine member delegates representing Scenic Rivers Energy. The theme of this year's annual meeting was "Our Pledge to the Future." Learn more about Dairyland's future plans in the August *Watt's Happening*.

Can you find it?

Find your account number hidden in the newsletter, call the office and win a \$5 gift certificate towards your electric bill.

Questions on the Line

If you have a question about Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative email mgraney@srec.net or submit it with your payment.

Q-What is the fixed charge and why do I have to pay it?

A- The \$15.95 minimum charge is a Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative charge used to cover expenses. We have over \$3000 of plant invested for every meter on our system plus line maintenance and billing costs that have to be covered even if the member doesn't use any electricity. Our costs for each mile of line have to be covered by about four members whereas the investor owned utilities and the municipal utilities have over 30 customers per mile of line to spread their costs over.

Currently Cooking



My neighbor brought me this cake to try out. It was so good I couldn't leave it alone.

Banana Nut Cake

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| 2 ¼ C. sugar | 1 tsp. salt |
| ¾ C. solid shortening | 1 ½ tsp. baking powder |
| 1 ½ C. mashed bananas | 1 ¼ tsp. baking soda |
| 3 eggs | 1 C. buttermilk |
| 1 ½ tsp. vanilla | 1 ½ C. chopped pecans |
| 3 C. flour | |

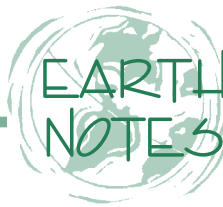
Cream sugar and shortening; add bananas, eggs and vanilla. Mix well. Combine dry ingredients and add to banana mixture alternately with buttermilk. Stir in pecans. Beat on medium for 3 minutes. Bake at 350 degrees in 3 - 9 inch pans for 30 minutes.

Frost:

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| 1 C. ripe bananas | 3 Tbsp. soft butter |
| 2 C. powdered sugar | 1 ½ C. chopped pecans |

Beat first 3 ingredients together adding more powdered sugar until right consistency. Add pecans.

Environmental Impact



I read an article last week about a couple living in New York City. The couple wanted to see how much they could do to save energy and conserve the environment. They live on the 9th floor of a high-rise apartment building. They use the stairs instead of the elevator. They walk or bike to work. They only buy food that was produced within 150 miles of where they live.

They have a baby still in diapers and they use cotton reusable ones. They do not use toilet paper (don't know how this works, the article mentioned a pail of water next to the toilet). They use minimal lighting at night; only compact fluorescents or beeswax candles. They do use the washer in the basement of the building.

Can you imagine the savings of energy if we all did this? It seems very extreme to me now, but who knows what we may have to do in the future if we face shortages.

Power Your Mind – Learn who is bringing you power

Thomas Bennett-Chairman

Representing District 5- Wyalusing, Patch Grove, Little Grant, North Lancaster, South Lancaster, Beetown, Cassville, Glen Haven, Bloomington

Family

Wife- Sally (Kluesner)
Kids- Michelle (Mark) Uppena-Will, Jack and Sophie
Mike (Chasity) Bennett-Tyler and Tommy

Occupation

Ma and Pa Farming Operation consisting of:

- Farrow to Finish Swine
- Cow Calf
- Cash Grain

Hobbies

- Relearning life through grand kids eyes
- Woodworking especially making furniture
- Fascinated with antiques and old houses
- Cooking and Barbecuing (love the thrill of competition cook-offs)

- Finding time to work on what is turning out to be a life long project; a '67 Mustang



Why did you choose to become a Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative Director?

Bill Pink, a friend and neighbor, was on the nominating committee. I had worked with Bill on another board and committee. I thought our lives were busy enough but after Bill's third persuasive talk, I agreed to run for election. I can't thank Bill and our members enough for the opportunity.

What do you enjoy most about being affiliated with Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative?

I enjoy the challenges of a director in trying to make a difference in peoples lives, whether it is members, employees, or the communities that are served by SREC. Knowing that I have an obligation as a director to carry on the successes of the past 69 years, and help meet future needs of the membership

Just For Fun

There were three passengers in a plane that was about to crash. One was the smartest man in the world, one was the President of the United States, and one was a little girl. However, there were only two parachutes. 1961100



The first man, the smartest man in the world, stood up and said, "The people who would benefit the world the most should be the ones who get the parachutes. I, being the smartest man, am one of those." With that he grabbed one and jumped out.

The president looked at the little girl and said, "I've led a good long life, and you're just starting yours. You take the last parachute." And the little girl replies, "Don't worry, there is one for both of us. The smartest man in the world just took my backpack."

—www.jokeplace.com

Budget Billing

Tired of your electric bill going up and down? Sign up for our Budget Billing program and make your bills more predictable and easier to budget from month to month.

With the Budget Billing plan, the seasonal fluctuations over the year are leveled out, allowing you to pay a set amount for 11 months of the year. In the 12th month you pay "actual balance" on your account if you have an amount due.

Payments are based on an average of your previous year's usage (members must have been on our service for 12 months previous to begin participating). Your account must be current.

We also offer a Direct Payment Plan that works well with the Budget Payment Plan. There are no checks to write, the payment is made directly from your checking account. Call one of our offices today for more information or to sign up.



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