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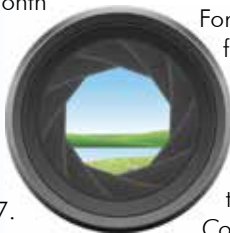


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It's Time to Dust Off Your Cameras

What better way to share the landscape of Jackson Electric's service territory than with photographs. Photos tell a story, and we want to share your stories on the walls of Jackson Electric Cooperative. We designed a photography contest to do just that. Members of Jackson Electric are encouraged to submit their digital photos each month for one year, beginning July 1. Photos must be taken during the month of submission and in Jackson Electric's service territory. The deadline for submission is the last day of each month until June 30, 2017.

Every month we will have one member who will receive a \$25 energy credit for the submission of their winning photo. Their photo will also be displayed in Jackson Electric's front lobby for one month and then placed on one of the walls in Jackson Electric for community members to enjoy for an indefinite period of time.



For rules and liability release for use of photographs, go to jackelec.com, contact our office, or request at cblaken@jackelec.com. More information to be published in the July *Wisconsin Electric Cooperative News*.

Rebates Available for Energy Efficiency Purchases

Jackson Electric offers rebates to members who purchase qualified Energy Star appliances, LED lights, electric heat pumps, and home weatherization. Energy audits and custom rebates are also available for businesses and farms. Go to jackelec.com or contact our office for more information.

Air Source Heat Pump \$500 per ton

Geothermal Heat Pump \$750 per ton

Electric Thermal Storage furnace and room units - rebate varies with size of unit. Contact our office or go to jackelec.com for more information.

Residential Rates

Residential General Service Energy Rates Stay the Same; Dual Fuel Sees Adjustment

After review of a recently conducted cost-of-service study, it was recommended that an adjustment in the residential general service energy rates is not necessary for the year 2016. The board of directors approved to maintain the energy rates for the year 2016 until July 2017 at their May Regular board meeting. Rates will be reviewed annually.

However, members who participate in the dual fuel program will see an incremental rate adjustment. The cost of service study revealed that the cooperative was under collecting from this rate class, thus prompting the energy rate adjustment. The new rate of \$0.0650 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) will be effective with the September usage, October billing statement. The next energy rate adjustment of \$0.0700 per kWh will be effective with the May 2017 usage, June billing statement; and the final adjustment to \$0.0750 per kWh with September 2017 usage, October billing statement. Summer dual fuel energy rates and the facility charge will remain the same.

Published residential general service and dual fuel rates can be located at jackelec.com.

Please contact our office if you have questions regarding the rate adjustment.

Full Load Control Alerts

During the months of June, July, and August when electric demand is at its highest, typically on very hot days, a full load control alert may be issued from our power supplier, Dairyland Power. When an alert is issued, we ask members to limit electric usage during the hours of 1 to 7 p.m. Alerts will be announced on WWIS and WAXX affiliated radio stations, jackelec.com, and on Jackson Electric's Facebook page.

Why is the Energy Rate Higher in the Summer?

The summer energy rate is higher because the Cooperative pays more for wholesale power during the summer months of June, July, and August. Wholesale power is more because of the greater demand for electricity during the hot days of summer.

Summer Concerts in the Park

Jackson Electric Cooperative will be present at the following Concerts in the Park:

- Tuesday, June 28, acoustic Americana blues music by Scott Wilcox
- Tuesday, July 26, entertainment by magician Kris Wrobel
- Tuesday, August 2, acoustic music by Blaine and Leah Howard

Entertainment begins at 7 p.m. at the Lunda Park band shell in Black River Falls. Jackson Electric will be handing out a special gift and bottled water for all concert-goers, beginning at 6:15 p.m., on each of these nights. Make it a date night with a free gift and music.

Listen to WWIS 99.7 FM for last minute cancellations.

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Fresh and Local Produce at the Farmers Market

Every Thursday throughout the summer starting June 16

Diploma Drive
(near the Lunda Community Center)
in Black River Falls
2 to 6 p.m.

It's a picnic!

Jackson Electric Cooperative's

Annual Member Picnic in the Park

Tuesday, August 16, 2016

3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**Lunda Park Upper Shelter
Black River Falls**

Change is Underway...

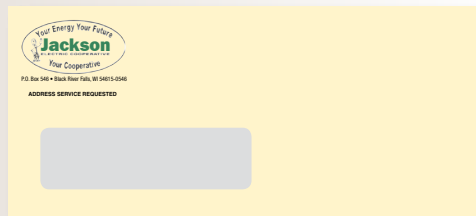
Recognizable Yellow Billing Envelope to be a "Thing of the Past"

This fall, members who pay their bill through mail will begin to receive a billing statement in a standard #10 yellow window envelope. A payment remittance envelope will be provided for your convenience. Those who receive a paper bill in the mail, but pay online, will continue to receive a paper bill without the payment remittance envelope.

We recently were notified that the company who prints our billing envelopes will soon be "phasing out" our currently used 'send and return' yellow envelopes.



For many years you received your Jackson Electric bill in this envelope.



Starting this fall, you'll have to look for your electric bill in this envelope.



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

Join Jackson Electric Cooperative's Youth Ambassador Program

Open to all area high school juniors and seniors

- Build leadership skills, learn about cooperative principles and careers, meet new friends
- Learn how to write a resume and complete a job application

Students wanted!

- Tour Dairyland Power Cooperative's Administration building and Genoa Power Plant
- Apply for a \$1,500 scholarship
- Apply for an opportunity to attend the Electric Youth Tour in Washington, D.C.

For more information, go to jackelec.com or email cblaken@jackelec.com.



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