

# Connections



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## Geothermal Tax Credit Expires December 31, 2016

If you are considering the purchase and installation of a geothermal heat pump, now is the time to do it. The geothermal federal tax credit is set to expire on December 31, 2016. Along with a tax credit, your geothermal heat pump may qualify for a Jackson Electric Cooperative \$750/ton rebate. Please consult with your tax advisor or accountant to determine your own potential tax savings.

Geothermal heat pumps are the most energy efficient heating and cooling system available because it uses a renewable energy source – the earth. Geothermal heat pumps use the constant temperature of the earth to heat and cool, thus allowing the system to reach high efficiencies more than 400 percent, even on the coldest winter nights.

Learn about heating and cooling your home or business with a geothermal heat pump at [jackelec.com](http://jackelec.com) or contact our office.

## Dual Fuel Rate Increase on October Billing Statement

Effective with the September 1 usage, the new dual fuel rate will be \$0.0650 per kilowatt-hour (kWh). This rate will be in effect until May 1, 2017. You will note this change on your October billing statement. The previous dual fuel rate was at \$0.0600 per kWh.

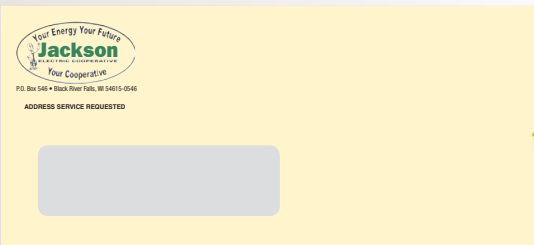
## New Look for Jackson Electric's Billing Statement Envelope

Starting with the October billing, members will receive their paper billing statement in a standard #10 yellow window envelope. The 'send and return' envelope that Jackson Electric has used for several years is no longer being printed.

A remittance envelope will be included

with your billing statement 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.

This change in the billing envelope will reduce costs for the Cooperative. Encouraging members to sign up for paperless billing and making online payments will also help minimize costs.



Starting with the October billing, look for your electric bill in this envelope.

## Purchase for Energy Efficiency – Get Money Back

**Deadline to submit rebates is December 31, 2016**

Jackson Electric offers rebates to members who purchase qualified Energy Star appliances, LED lights, electric heat pumps, electric thermal storage heating systems, and so much more. Energy audits and custom rebates are also available for businesses and farms. Go to [jackelec.com](http://jackelec.com) or contact our office for more information.

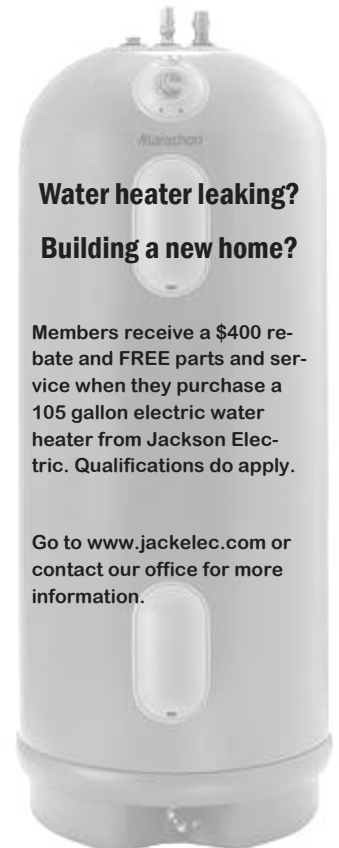


Water heater leaking?

Building a new home?

Members receive a \$400 rebate and FREE parts and service when they purchase a 105 gallon electric water heater from Jackson Electric. Qualifications do apply.

Go to [www.jackelec.com](http://www.jackelec.com) or contact our office for more information.



# Submit Your Best Shots

**W**e are looking for your best photos to hang on the walls of Jackson Electric.



August's top photo pick was submitted by Fred Wittmann. This photo was taken south of High Rock at Lake Arbutus.

Members are encouraged to take photos in Jackson Electric's service territory, and submit your favorites to Jackson Electric. Every month, until June 30, 2017, a winning photo will be selected. The member-photographer will receive a \$25 energy credit and bragging rights when they see their photo hanging on one of the walls of Jackson Electric.

Go to [jackelec.com](http://jackelec.com), Jackson Electric's Facebook page, or contact our office for photo contest rules and release for photo use.

## • REMINDERS • REMINDERS •

### Capital Credit Account Reminders

If you move from Jackson Electric Cooperative's service lines, please be sure to contact our office with your new address so we can continue to send to you any capital credit retirements you are eligible to receive in the future.

When a member passes away, the capital credit account is available for estate retirement. The representative of the estate should contact our office or go to [jackelec.com](http://jackelec.com) to complete the required documentation.

### Frost Charges

If you plan to have Jackson Electric install electric service on your property after November 1, an additional charge will be applied if the conventional method of electric service installation is not feasible due to frost.

## Electric Space Heater Reminder

Before the weather turns cold and the electric space heater ads begin to pummel the media outlets, it is important that you remember that electric space heaters will increase your electric bill if used regularly. Even though electric space heaters are 100 percent efficient, they still use a significant amount of electricity. If you must, use an electric space heater for supplemental heat in a small area. They are not designed to heat your entire home.

Contact Jackson Electric Cooperative to learn about other electric heating options to warm your home this winter.

## Power Outages Can Occur at Any Time—

### Be Prepared.

Jackson Electric is now working with Home Backup Systems, specializing in residential and small business Generac standby generators.

Call Jackson Electric for more information.



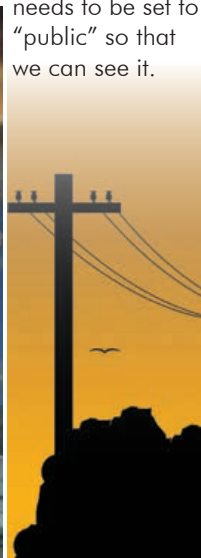
## #futurejackeleclineman



**T**hese young men could be the next generation of Jackson Electric linemen. They posed for a photo at the annual member picnic held in August.

If you took a photo of a future lineman at the member picnic or the Jackson County Fair and would like to share it with us, hashtag your photo **#futurejackeleclineman**. Your social media post

needs to be set to "public" so that we can see it.



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