



Building Project Moving Forward

Last year we reported we were investigating and planning to replace our current office and truck garage. The new building is needed because our current truck garage has structural problems and has to be replaced. Since that last report, we have finalized a building plan, hired the general contractor, and set up a schedule for demolition and the rebuild.

Our current office was built in 1951 and has served us well throughout the years. The garage was added on in 1978 and has also worked well; however, the current footprint is small considering the size of our trucks and the walls are collapsing, which would require major work to replace.

Pictured above is a drawing of the new office. We will be moving out of our existing office around the end of March, demolition will take place early April, and the rebuild will begin immediately, with completion and moving into the new facilities around the end of the year. This is an aggressive schedule and we will need Mother Nature's help to maintain it.

The new office will be built on our existing site. In doing so, we are able to keep the existing warehouse and will attach it to the new building for better work flow. Also by staying on our existing site, we do not have to build a new pole yard, helping to keep building costs down. Staying in the City of Cornell provides for better fire and police protection, and being connected to city sewer and water is a considerable advantage.

The new office will also be better insulated and have a state-of-the-art ground source heating system, reducing heating and cooling costs. We are also including a couple spare offices for future growth. We have worked hard with the architect to keep the footprint as small as possible, yet still provide the needed space.

During the construction we will be moving into a temporary office at 208 Main Street in Cornell (formerly Dr. Lane's dental office). Our line crew will work out of

the warehouse portion of our facilities. We will be setting up communications between the two sites to keep member inconvenience minimal.

Our general contractor will be advertising for bids for the different construction aspects of the project in the *Cornell Courier* and *Chippewa Herald Telegram* in mid-March. If you are a contractor in one of the trades required, we welcome your proposals. We want all of our members to have an opportunity to bid.

This is a big undertaking and will cause some disruption to our normal work procedures, but in the end it will provide a new building to take CVEC into the next 60 years. We appreciate your understanding and patience once the project begins. ■

—Todd Howard, President & CEO

CVEC Statement of Nondiscrimination

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form (PDF), found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.

Scholarships Available to High School Seniors

This spring, Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative will be awarding several \$500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors from member families through our Federated Youth Foundation Scholarship Program.

Each scholarship is worth \$500, and applications can be obtained from your high school guidance counselor or from Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative (cve-coop.com). Eligibility will be determined according to the following criteria:



- The student must graduate during the 2014–2015 school year and be enrolled in a post-secondary program at a college, university, or vocational school.

- The applicant's parents (or legal guardians) must be members of Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative, and they must currently be receiving service.
- The applicant must display average or above average academic records.
- The applicant's family income will NOT be a deciding factor in awarding the scholarships.

Commitment to Community Programs

For the program period January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014, our utility offered the following Commitment to Community Programs:

Low-Income Program

Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative collects Commitment to Community funds in accordance with current regulations and then sends funds quarterly to the Wisconsin Department of Administration.

Energy Efficiency Programs

Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative collects Commitment to Community funds in accordance with current regulations and offsets the cost of the following energy programs:

1. Dual Fuel Heating & Cooling Incentive Program
2. Water Heater Load Control Program
3. Lighting Incentive Program
4. Appliance Incentive & Customized Large Farm/Business Programs:

Details on the different programs, possible savings, rebates, and credits are available online (cvecoop.com) or at the office. Audited reports of revenues and expenditures are available for member review at office. Procedure to review: Written request with member number, no longer than a three-day wait, and proper identification at time of review.

To apply for the scholarships, eligible applicants must complete a questionnaire about school activities, leadership positions, community involvement, and awards and recognitions. In addition, each applicant must write a 200-word essay about future goals and objectives, as well as values and attitude on life.

The completed scholarship applications must be returned to the cooperative office by **April 1, 2015**. The applications will be reviewed by a special Scholarship Committee, and the scholarships will be awarded to the students at an honors ceremony or at graduation.

If you have any questions about the scholarship program, please call Nicole at Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative, 715-239-6800 or 1-800-300-6800. ■

It's Time to Spring Forward!



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 7, 2015.

2015 CVEC Energy Efficiency Rebates

Save with Rebates and Incentives!



Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative (CVEC) offers a variety of energy efficiency rebates to its members. Our goal for this program is to help our members make wise energy decisions by encouraging the purchase of energy efficient products.

To receive your rebate please go online to www.cvecoop.com/services/graphics/CurrentRebateForms.pdf to find our rebate forms and complete details of all available rebates or call our office at 715-239-6800.

Listed here are the rebate offerings for 2015. If you have any questions please contact us via email cvec@cve.coop or call our office at 715-239-6800.

REBATE RULES

- Equipment must be purchased in 2015.
- Must be a new equipment purchase.
- Installed equipment must be on CVEC's lines.
- Only active electric members of CVEC are eligible for these incentives.
- Must submit all requirements with completed rebate forms.
- Submit rebate form, invoice and any other requirements no later than six months after purchase. Also, submit no later than January 1, 2016. Members are encouraged to submit as soon as possible to ensure rebate.
- Rebates are in place through December 31, 2015, or until funds are depleted.
- CVEC reserves the right to terminate all or part of this program at any time.
- Rebates will be issued in the form of an energy bill credit. Please allow up to two months for credit to appear on your account.

LIGHTING

CFL Lighting Incentives:

- CFL Lamp, less than 60 watt (not 60 watt incandescent equivalent) – \$1/lamp
- CFL Lamp, greater than or equal to 60 watt (not 60 watt incandescent equivalent) – \$3/lamp
- CFL Fixture (Energy Star, hardwired) – \$5/fixture

LED Lighting Incentives

- LED Lamp – \$3/lamp
- LED Fixture (Energy Star, hardwired) – \$5/fixture
- LED Technology Outdoor Lighting – \$15/fixture
- LED Exit Sign – \$5/sign
- LED Linear Fixture (based on quantity of T5 lamps) – \$6/ equiv. lamp

Other

- Occupancy Sensor – \$5/each
- Pulse Start Metal Halide (replacement only) – \$15/fixture
- T5 Fixture (multiply number of fixtures by number of bulbs/ fixture to determine quantity) – \$6/lamp/fixture
- T8 Fixture (replacement only) – multiply number of fixtures by number of bulbs/fixture) – \$4/bulb/ fixture

APPLIANCES

- Energy Star Rated Clothes Washer, Refrigerator, Dehumidifier, & Room Air Conditioner
- Incentive is \$25 per unit
- Unit must have Energy Star rating to qualify
- Member must provide proof of Energy Star rating
- Must provide a copy of purchase receipt/invoice

Recycle – Get an additional \$25 per working freezer, refrigerator or window a/c unit that you recycle. Unit must be in working order & must submit proof of recycling to qualify for the rebate.

HEATING & COOLING

Ground Source Heat Pump Incentive

- Credit to member at \$300/ton of the system
- Must submit copy of invoice, model number and AHRI certificate number

Air Source Heat Pump Incentive

- Credit to member at \$150/ton of the system
- Must be SEER 14 or greater, EER 11.5 or greater, or HSPF 8.2 or greater
- Commercial & PTHPs must be EER 11.5 or greater

Central Air Conditioners & Ductless Mini Split

- SEER 14 or greater or EER 11.5 or greater – \$40/ton
- SEER 15 or greater or EER 12.5 or greater – \$60/ton
- SEER 16 or greater or EER 13.5 or greater – \$80/ton
- Commercial AC & PTACs EER 11 or greater – \$40/ton

Other

- ECM Blower Motor (new furnace); ineligible with heat pump rebate – \$35/unit

WATER HEATERS

- Rebate not to exceed cost of high efficiency water heater.
- Water heater must be purchased and/or installed between January 1, 2015, and December 31, 2015.

- Installed water heater must be on CVEC's lines and meet energy requirements stated in Rebate Information (below).
- Submit the documentation listed below no later than six months after purchase or installation. Also, submit no later than January 1, 2016. Members are encouraged to submit as soon as possible to ensure rebate.
- Rebates are in place through December 31, 2015, or until funds are depleted.

Rebate Information

- 50–79 gallons High Efficiency Water Heater, Energy Factor .90 or greater, must be controlled by CVEC's load control program. Replace Electric \$63/unit, New Service or Replace Gas/Oil \$193/unit
- 80–84 gallons or greater High Efficiency Water Heater, Energy Factor .85 or greater, must be controlled by CVEC's load control program. Replace Electric \$169/unit, New Service or Replace Gas/Oil \$389/unit
- 85 gallons or greater High Efficiency Water Heater, Energy Factor .91 or greater, must be controlled by CVEC's load control program. Replace Electric \$211/unit, New Service or Replace Gas/Oil \$461/unit
- Heat Pump Water Heater with an Energy Factor of 2.00 or greater – \$300/unit
- Solar Storage Water Heater with electric back-up – \$300/unit

CONSERVATION

- Flow Restrictors – Faucet (1.5 gallons per minute or less) – \$1 each
- Flow Restrictors – Shower (2.5 gallons per minute or less) – \$5 each

MOTORS, FANS, & OTHER AGRICULTURAL & COMMERCIAL INCENTIVES

- Ag Fans must be AMCA or University of Illinois BESS Lab rated
- Ag Fan – Exhaust: \$1/inch diameter (fans under 36" must be greater or equal to 18 cfm/watt)
- Ag Fan – Exhaust: \$1/inch diameter (fans 36" & over must be greater of equal 21 cfm/watt)
- Ag Fan – Circulation: \$1/inch diameter (fans under 36" must be greater or equal 18 ft-lbs/kW)
- Ag Fan – Circulation: \$1/inch diameter (fans 36" & over must be great or equal 21 ft-lbs/kW)
- High Volume Low Speed (HVLS) Fan – Must be greater or equal 12 ft diameter, greater or equal 1 HP, and must have motor with variable speed controller – \$1/inch diameter
- Dairy Plate Cooler/Well Water Pre-Cooler – \$500/unit
- Dairy Refrigeration Heat Recovery with electric backup – \$300/unit
- Low/Zero Energy Livestock Waterer – 500 watts or less, insulated tank – \$50/unit
- Scroll Refrigerator Compressor – Maximum rebate is \$1,000/compressor – \$30/HP
- Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) – Maximum rebate is \$1,000/drive; minimum is 1 HP to qualify – \$30/HP

HOME PERFORMANCE

Energy Audit or Assessment, Insulation & Air Sealing

- Audit or assessment must be performed by a Home Auditor or Certified Energy Manager.
- Building undergoing audit must be on cooperative's lines.
- Consultant will give the homeowner a series of recommendations.
- Member may qualify for up to \$500 for implementing measures recommended during an audit or assessment.
- Rebates cannot exceed 50% of the cost of the implemented measures. Professional labor costs can be included in the cost.
- Rebate cannot exceed \$500.
- Recommended measures must be implemented in 2015.

Energy Efficiency Improvements (Recommended in Audit or Assessment)


- Member may qualify for 50% of the cost of energy efficiency improvements up to \$500 (cost can only include material and professional labor).
- Energy Efficiency improvements must be recommended during an audit or assessment arranged by your cooperative or a cooperative approved partner.
 - Home or farm being improved must be on cooperative's lines. Energy efficiency improvements must be completed within 12 months of the audit date.
 - After improvements are completed, apply for rebate within 6 months of completion date, or by December 31, 2015, whichever date comes first.

Compressed Air Audit

- Rebate is limited to half the cost of the audit, not to exceed \$500.
- Audit must be performed by a Professional Engineer or Certified Energy Manager.
- Building undergoing audit must be on CVEC's lines.
- Audit must be performed in 2015.

Touchstone Energy Home Program

- An incentive of \$500 will be credited to member's account after a qualified rater or inspector verifies and completes required documentation provided by CVEC.



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