

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.

Included 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 the schedule.

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 providing 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 Sentinel* and *Chippewa Herald* 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 will provide a new building to take CVEC into the next sixty years. We appreciate your understanding and patience once the project begins.

-Todd Howard, President & CEO

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.

Please go online to www.cvecoop.com to find the scholarship application or call 715.239.6800 to have one mailed to you. The completed scholarship applications must be returned to the cooperative office by April 1, 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.

A sampling of available rebates is listed below. For a complete listing please go online to [cvecoop.com//services/graphics/CurrentRebateForms.pdf](http://cvecoop.com/services/graphics/CurrentRebateForms.pdf) to find our rebate forms and additional information. Otherwise you may call our office at 715.239.6800 for additional information.

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 6 months after purchase. 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 Fixture Outdoor Lighting, Minimum 15 watts - \$15/fixture
- LED Exit Sign - \$5/sign
- LED Linear Fixture (based on quantity of T5 lamps) \$6/equiv. lamp

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

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 # 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 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) - \$35/unit

WATER HEATERS

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 w/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 (please visit website for details)

HOME PERFORMANCE

Energy Audit or Assessment and Energy Efficiency Improvements

- Audit or assessment must be performed by a Home Auditor or Certified Energy Manager.
- Building undergoing audit must be on cooperative's lines.
- Member may qualify for up to \$500 for implementing measures recommended during an 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).
- Recommended measures must be implemented in 2015.

Compressed Air Audit

- Rebate is limited to 1/2 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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