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NEWSLETTER

Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative

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What is Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative?

Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative is a cooperative, which started over 75 years ago to provide electricity to the rural areas of Chippewa and Rusk County. It was formed because the investor owned electric utilities did not see the profitability of extending service to the rural areas. The only way people in the rural areas could get electricity was to form their own business.

A cooperative form of business is owned and operated by the member-owners (customers). Since the customers are the member-owners, they have input in how the cooperative is run by electing the Board of Directors that establishes the operating policies and guidelines. Also since it is member owned, Chippewa Valley does not operate to maximize profit, but to provide reliable electricity with reasonable rates.

Cooperatives are operated under the Seven Cooperative Principles listed below:

Voluntary and Open Membership

Cooperatives are voluntary organizations, open to all persons able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, without gender, social, racial, political or religious discrimination.

Democratic Member Control

Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions. The elected representatives are accountable to the membership. In primary cooperatives, members have equal voting rights (one member, one vote) and cooperatives at other levels are organized in a democratic manner.

Members' Economic Participation

Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their cooperative. At least part of that capital is usually the common property of the cooperative. Members usually receive limited compensation, if any, on capital subscribed as a condition of membership. Members allocate surpluses for any or all of the following purposes: developing the cooperative, possibly by setting up reserves, part of which at least would be indivisible; benefiting members in proportion to their transactions with the cooperative; and supporting other activities approved by the membership.

Autonomy and Independence

Cooperatives are autonomous, self-help organizations controlled by their members. If they enter into agreements with other organizations, including governments, or raise capital from external sources, they do so on terms that ensure democratic control by their members and maintain their cooperative autonomy.

Education, Training, and Information

Cooperatives provide education and training for their members, elected representatives, managers and employees so they can contribute effectively to the development of their cooperatives. They inform the general public, particularly young people and opinion leaders, about the nature and benefits of cooperation.

Cooperation Among Cooperatives

Cooperatives serve their members most effectively and strengthen the cooperative movement by working together through local, national, regional and international structures.

Concern for Community

While focusing on member needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies accepted by their members.

Do You Depend On Life-Support Equipment?

While Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative strives to maintain the best possible service with a minimum of outage time, occasional outages, either planned or uncontrolled, do occur.

We at Chippewa Valley Electric need to know the names and locations of cooperative members who depend on life-support equipment, and it is important that this information be current and accurate. We will make every effort to give priority to members on life-support equipment when restoring service. Please fill out the form below and mail it to us.

YES, I DEPEND ON LIFE-SUPPORT EQUIPMENT

Member's Name _____

Phone Number _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Account Number _____

Type of Support Equipment _____

Do you have an emergency standby generator to operate this equipment? Yes No

Please complete and return to:

Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative
317 South 8th Street • PO Box 575 • Cornell, WI 54732

Is Your Central Air Conditioner on our Load Control Program?

Chippewa Valley Electric is offering a \$25 rebate to new participants in our Central Air Conditioning Load Management Program. In order to qualify for the rebate, the member must sign up for the control before June 1, 2013, and the member's air conditioner cannot be connected to a dual fuel meter.



In addition to the \$25 rebate, the member will receive a \$6 per month credit during June, July, and August. Central air conditioning has a special control strategy that cycles only the compressor, rather than shutting down the entire system for extended periods. When we need to control central air conditioning systems, the compressor is cycled in 15-minute increments during the control period. The blower is not interrupted, as there is generally enough residual cold in the ductwork for the control to go unnoticed.

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