

REA Energy Cooperative, Inc.

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One of 14 electric cooperatives serving Pennsylvania and New Jersey



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Monday - Friday

From the President & CEO



How can we better serve you in 2019?

By Chad Carrick, MBA, CFPC
President & CEO

IT'S AMAZING what we learn through listening and observation.

New products and services are more likely to gain the satisfaction of consumers when their introduction follows market research.

Here at REA Energy Cooperative, Inc., we've provided members with a mobile application, enabling you to check the status of your electric service and receive real-time updates on energy use.

REA Energy members are using the member portal and mobile app to conduct routine business with us, like on-line bill payments, and view real-time outage updates. Many of our members have downloaded our app since we launched it in 2017. To download the app, search for REA Mobile on the App Store or Google Play. To establish an online account, members first need to sign up for the member portal on a desktop version of the website.

These mobile services are new ways of connecting with people, like the member services representatives you reach when you call us or greet you from behind the counters at our office. They help us offer quality services you expect us to provide.

Our goal is to find ways to help you control energy costs. That's why we communicate with you about energy prices and ways we can work together

to help ease the burdens on your wallet.

REA Energy also offers a Load Management Program designed to help avoid high-cost energy by reducing overall demand during peak use periods. About 5,500 (29 percent) of our members participate in our program. If you haven't signed up, ask us about it — we're ready to listen.

Listening improves understanding, builds trust, strengthens relationships and fosters cooperation. It's also crucial to collaboration and success.

That's why REA Energy still loves face time with our members. Our annual meeting is a social event for our whole co-op family. We hope you'll make plans now to join us on Sept. 19 at the Kovalchick Complex in Indiana for an evening of co-op business, fun and prizes.

So, how do we serve you better in 2019? The same way many of us try to serve our community, society and family better each day — by listening. In our offices, on telephones, through social media exchanges and in our face-to-face meetings, we're ready to listen.

When you have questions about energy efficiency, electrical service or any of our products or services, just ask us. When we know just what you want, we're in a better position to deliver successful results. So, drop in and see us; we're always glad to hear from you. 

Attention, all high school juniors!

Rural Electric Youth Tour: June 16-21, 2019

WANT to attend a trip to our nation's capital? As a high school junior, you have the opportunity to be one of several lucky students from our service area to attend the annual Rural Electric Youth Tour on June 16-21, 2019.

The Youth Tour program was started in 1957 when then-Sen. Lyndon Johnson from Texas asked groups of students from his state to visit Washington, D.C., and see the United States government in action. Other states sent students in the following years. The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) began coordinating what became known as Youth Tour in 1964.

Youth Tour not only offers a great educational experience, but a chance to meet new people and have a fun-filled visit to our nation's capital. It is also all-expenses-paid. This is a national event, with over 1,800 students from 43 states participating.

REA Energy will be sending up to nine high school juniors from our service area on the tour. To be eligible, the student's parents/guardians must be members of the cooperative.

Finalists will be selected based on their academic achievement, in-school and extracurricular activities, leadership skills, and an interview.

To enter the contest, fill out the entry form on this page and send it to REA Energy by Jan. 25, 2019. ☀



"Youth Tour enabled me to build ties with other rural students, experience the power of co-ops and see that our votes do matter in government!" — Jillian Barger

"I greatly appreciate the opportunity REA Energy provided for me and other students across the country; I will certainly encourage others to participate in this educational program." — Ethan Brewer

"The Youth Tour was a very fun and educational trip that I believe benefited me." — Madison Britton

"I met so many amazing people who had similar interests as me, and I still keep in touch with a few of those friends today." — Emily Cunningham

"Youth Tour was the best week of my life. I would highly recommend this trip to other students." — Leah Farabaugh

"Youth Tour is an experience like no other, and I'm grateful that I was a selected member to partake in that journey!" — Hunter Overdorff

"Going on the Youth Tour was a great decision and I will remember this week forever." — Julie Pittman

"Although this was not my first trip to Washington, D.C., it was definitely one of my favorites! Youth Tour was a great experience." — Kaylee Schall

Youth Tour includes:

- ▶ An all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C.
- ▶ Tour of our nation's capital
- ▶ Visits with federal legislators
- ▶ Visits to famous landmark sites, including the Lincoln Memorial
- ▶ A visit to the Smithsonian Institute
- ▶ Trip to the National Zoo
- ▶ Excellent opportunity to meet with other students from all across the nation
- ▶ Great educational opportunity and fun-filled week of adventure
- ▶ **Tour dates: June 16-21, 2019**
- ▶ All expenses are paid; tour participants only need to bring money for souvenirs and extra snacks

Yes! I am interested in participating in REA Energy's Youth Tour 2019 competition. Please send me an application and information packet.

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

High School: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name(s): _____

Electric Account Number: _____

Please complete and return to: Stacy Hilliard
 c/o REA Energy Cooperative, Inc.
 P.O. Box 70
 Indiana, PA 15701-0070

REA Energy donates bicycles to Salvation Army

In the spirit of the holiday season, REA Energy Cooperative, Inc. recently donated eight children's bicycles to the Salvation Army's Angel Tree Program. As part of a team-building exercise at the cooperative's annual Employee Day, employees worked together to build the bicycles to be donated.

President & CEO Chad Carrick states, "The REA family is very excited to donate these bikes to children in need. We are very thankful to the Salvation Army for administering this program and giving families a Merry Christmas."

Additionally, members who donated non-perishable canned food items in November and December received up to four LED light-bulbs. The canned good items were donated to local charities in the Indiana and Ebsburg areas. 🌞

DONATION: REA Energy donates items to the Salvation Army. Pictured in the bottom photo, from left, are: Stacy Hilliard, communications and marketing manager; Erin Bauer, HR administrator; Marissa Cronauer, marketing specialist; Chad Carrick, president & CEO; Bryon Roland, purchasing and facilities manager; Captain Geoffrey Swires, Indiana Corps commanding officer, Salvation Army; and Christy Ooten, outreach ministry coordinator, Salvation Army.



New year, new website! Visit reaenergy.com

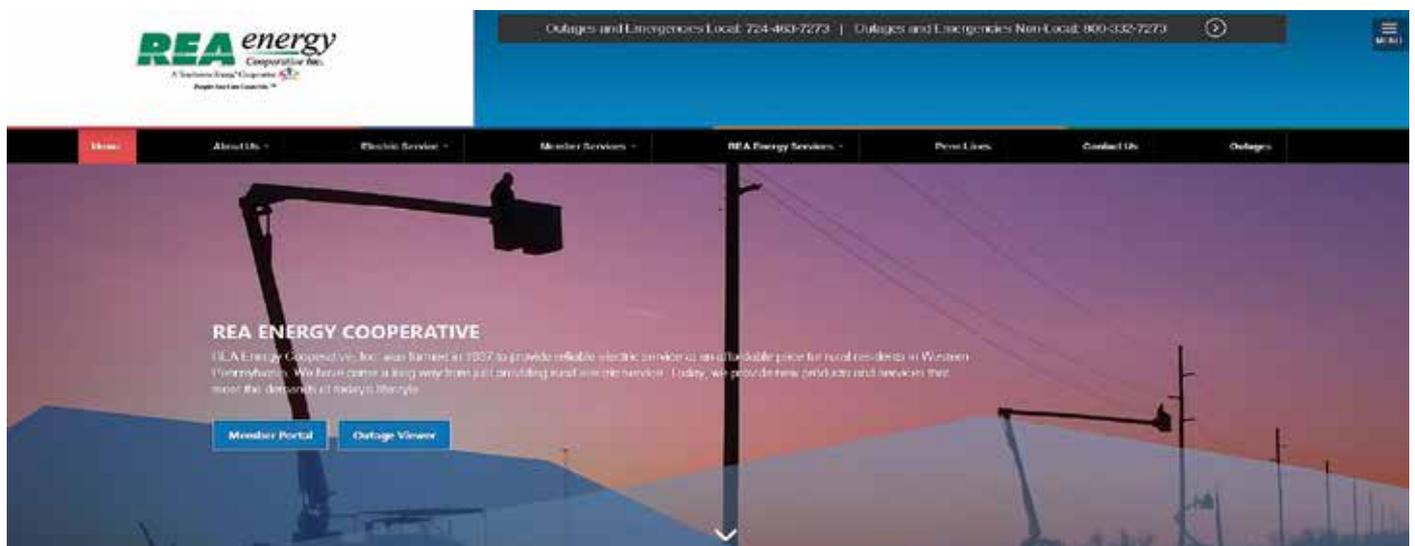
REA Energy Cooperative, Inc. (REA) is pleased to announce a new look to our website. The homepage, featured below, is what you will see when you visit reaenergy.com.

From the homepage, you can explore many different links with information about REA Energy. Some of what you can see and do includes:

▶ Access the member portal for online payments.

- ▶ View the different programs and services the cooperative and our subsidiary, REA Energy Services, Inc., offer.
- ▶ View a map of the service area, along with directors' photos and the districts they represent.
- ▶ View any current outages.

We will continue to make the site more user-friendly and add information on the cooperative and its subsidiary. Check back often. 🌞



REA Energy Co-op Connections discount list

Minich's Sales and Service - 724-397-2267 - Offer 1: 5% Off Retail Price any Dixie Chopper in Stock (Residential or Commercial); Some Leftover Models in Stock 10% off While Supplies Last. Offer 2: 10% on Service Work, Tune-ups, Oil Changes, Filters, Blade Sharpening on Most Makes of Mowers.

Mint Capital Advisors, LLC - 814-254-4662 - Free, no obligation, and confidential consultation to introduce and discuss the services we offer.

Moreau Sign Company - 724-541-3664 - Offer: 10% off any service (IT, graphics, security, etc.), up to \$50 off.

Music Mart TV/Appliance/Satellite - 814-472-9570 - Offer 1: Television service free estimate (\$50 value), free delivery on TVs. Offer 2: First month free Dish Direct TV satellite, must qualify.

Our Country Home and More - 724-845-2142 - \$2 off any jar candle.

Paul Weston Notary Service - 724-354-2400 - 10% off all notary services.

Penn Glass and Fender - 814-344-8110 - Oil change with filter, 5 quarts non-synthetic for \$15.

Pennsylvania BBQ - 724-349-7191 - 10% off order.

Petite Pet Grooming - 814-591-9958 - \$5 off a full groom.

Plant-It Earth Greenhouse - 724-479-0808 - 10% off perennial purchase.

Portage Florals - 814-736-7673 - 10% discount on gift items.

Precious Pups Dog Grooming - 814-495-7198 - Free toenail clipping.

Punxsy Hometown Pharmacy - 814-938-9150 - 10% off entire store excluding prepaid gift cards, prescription co-pays, PA Lottery, and sale items.

REA Energy Services, Inc. - 724-349-4800 - Up to \$50 Off!! Mention this offer and get 10% off, up to \$50 on one of the many products and services that REA Energy Services offers. (Cannot be used with other discounts or specials).

Rik-N-Nik's, LLC - 814-472-6006 - 10% off any purchase over \$20. Cannot be combined with any other special or discount.

Riverview Homes, Inc. - 724-567-5647 - \$500 discount on any new home purchase.

Robert E. Rankin Distributing - 724-286-3328 - 1% discount on over-the-counter and delivered goods orders. NOT VALID on sales taxables and fuel surcharges on delivered goods charge.

Safe Buy Home Inspection - 724-463-7233 - 10% off any inspection service.

Saltsburg Floral and Gifts - 724-639-9522 - 10% off on floral arrangements or fresh flowers.

Shear Perfection Hair Styling and Tannery - 814-472-8632 - Purchase any Wella Professionals product and get the second 1/2 Off, of equal or lesser value.

Shear Stylin - 724-354-2585 - Offer 1: 10% off any product. Offer 2: Buy any tanning package and get 3 free tans.

SimCloud Corporation - 855-474-6256 - Save \$125 on website start-up package. Includes domain, site design, hosting, Google Apps & SEO.

Smart Office Services "Your Office Outlet" - 724-349-5510 - 20% off 1st internet online order at 2Bsmarter.com.

Speedy Furniture - 724-463-7778 - Offer: 5% Off Our Already Low Prices.

Super 8 - Johnstown - 814-535-5600 - 10 to 15% discount.

Taylor Trucking & Rental, Inc. - 724-349-7800 - Offer 1: 10% discount on truck rentals. Offer 2: Reduced rates on auto and truck repairs.

The Coney - 724-465-8082 - 10% off total food purchase. Not valid with any other offers or coupons (excludes alcohol).

The Vernon Co. - 814-472-8417 - Discount - minimum of 5% to maximum of 10%. Depending on the price at the time the order is quoted or entered. All promotional products - caps, T-shirts, mugs, key fobs, calendars, pens, gifts, awards, etc.

This, That, and More Resale Shoppe - 724-459-5336 - 10% off total sales.

Tire Express - 724-349-9450 - 5% on items purchased that are already not discounted or on special.

Tom Paynter Mobile Glass - 724-463-7484 - \$50 off insurance deductible.

Tracy's Consignment Shop - 724-471-4171 - 10% off total purchase.

Tri County ATV Recreation and Rescue Association, Inc. - 877-931-2288 - Free hat with any purchase (while supplies last, substitutions possible).

Tri Star Motors - 724-349-9020 - With a purchase of a new or used vehicle, Tri Star Ultimate Advantage includes lifetime state inspections, three free oil changes, dent repair, and \$500 additional trade-in value guarantee.

Warren Peter Construction, Inc. - 724-349-9078 - A new spacer-saver microwave with the purchase of a new home.

William and Mary Gift Shoppe, Inc. - 724-349-1768 - 10% off total purchase. *Some exclusions apply.

Yanov's Bait and Tackle - 814-736-8431 - Live bait and tackle shop (Plus a 24/7 live bait porch honor system when we are not there) 5% off our already low prices (tackle only). Co-op Connections Card must be shown at time of purchase.

Right-of-way management and facility construction news

REA Energy contractors will be completing tree-trimming work in the following areas in January:

- ▶ Contractor crews from Penn Line Tree Service will be trimming the rights-of-way of the Indiana North, Laurel and Uniontown substation areas, in addition to emergency maintenance areas.. Notification of work will be made to members in the areas affected. Contractors will perform all right-of-way work per REA Energy specifications. All contractor employees will carry employee identification cards and their vehicles will display their company name.

If you have any questions, call 724-349-4800, or view the specifications at: www.reaenergy.com.

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