

REA Energy Cooperative, Inc.

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- Shane Cribbs**
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- Dave Daugherty**
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- Jeff Dishong**
Ebensburg Operations Supervisor
- Lisa Gardill**
Accounting & Finance Supervisor
- Stacy Patterson-Hilliard, CCC**
Communications & Marketing Supervisor
- Local Pages Editor**
Chris Masterson
Reliability Supervisor
- Patrick McAndrew**
Manager of Engineering
- Bryon Roland**
Purchasing & Facilities Supervisor
- Brendan Short**
Right-of-Way/Forestry Supervisor
- Renee Spalla**
Supervisor of Consumer Services
- Chris Weller**
Load Management Supervisor
- Outages & Emergencies**
1-800-332-7273
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- Office Hours**
Indiana Office: 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Ebensburg Office:
7 - 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Monday - Friday

From the Board Chairman



Director position opening

By Michael Bertolino, *Chairman, Board of Directors*

DUE TO the retirement of longtime Director Jack Rising, the board of directors of REA Energy Cooperative, Inc. (REA) is seeking applicants to fill the remainder of the unexpired term from District 7.

Interested members from District 7 who meet the qualifications summarized below are encouraged to submit a detailed letter and résumé expressing their interest and explaining their unique abilities for serving as a director to REA Energy Cooperative, Inc., Attention: Stacy Hilliard, Communications and Marketing Supervisor, P.O. Box 70, Indiana, PA 15701, or email to: reaenergy@reaenergy.com.

Applicant information must be received at REA's Indiana headquarters office by 3:30 p.m. on July 31, 2017. If you have any questions regarding the qualifications for appointment to the board of directors or District 7 boundaries, please call Stacy at 724-349-4800, extension 5874 or 1-800-211-5667, extension 5874.

Summary of director qualifications:

To be eligible for director candidacy, individuals must meet the following criteria and all other guidelines listed in the cooperative's bylaws:

- ▶ Be at least 18 years old;
- ▶ Have signed and submitted an application for membership at primary residence;
- ▶ Have received electric service at


primary residence continuously for the past year;

- ▶ Not be employed by, or financially interested in, any business in competition with REA;
- ▶ Never have been an employee of REA or any electric cooperative or association;
- ▶ Not be a close relative of a director or employee of REA;
- ▶ Have paid all balances due REA within 90 days of billing during the previous one-year period;
- ▶ Have not been convicted of theft of services from REA; and
- ▶ Have not been convicted of, or pled guilty to, a felony or crime of moral turpitude.

Complete director qualifications are detailed in the cooperative's bylaws in Article III, Section 2. (a).

Further information on qualifications can be obtained from Stacy at the phone numbers previously listed.

District 7 encompasses members who live in White Township in Indiana County. If you are interested in potentially serving on the board, but are unsure what district you live in, please call the office at one of the previously listed numbers.

The board of directors will consider all qualified applicants and will determine the appropriate next steps in its process of appointing someone to fill this position, including potential interviews, depending on the response to this notice. 

Ways to pay your monthly bill

REA ENERGY COOPERATIVE, INC. has many convenient ways to pay your electric bill. Keeping our 24,000 consumers in mind, we have developed many methods for paying your bill. Choose the method below that best fits your needs:

Pay in person

To make a payment in person, visit one of our locations. Our offices are located at 75 Airport Road, Indiana, Pa., and 127 Municipal Road, Ebensburg, Pa. We also offer a convenient drive-through service at our Indiana office.

Pay by mail

Our monthly bills come with a pre-addressed return envelope. If you would need to mail a payment using your own envelope, mail it to: REA Energy Cooperative, Inc., P.O. Box 70, Indiana, PA 15701. We are not responsible for postal delivery delays; please watch for your bill and allow five to six days when mailing payment.



Night deposit

For the convenience of our members, night depositories are located at both the Indiana and Ebensburg locations.

Pay by phone

You may pay your bills by phone, by credit or debit card or by electronic check. Call 724-349-4800 or toll free at 1-800-211-5667 to speak to a member

services representative. Please note: A convenience fee of \$10 is added for payments made by debit or credit card. There is no fee for electronic checks.

Bank draft or credit card draft

Through the bank or credit card draft program, the cooperative will automatically draft your checking or credit card account for the amount of your monthly electric bill.

With this option, you'll never have to remember to pay your bill, and since you'll receive a monthly statement, you can easily keep track of what was drafted out of your account. You won't have to write a check or pay for a stamp or remember to take the envelope to the mail box. With everything else there is to worry about, isn't it nice to have one thing you can cross off your list?

To sign up for bank or credit card draft, contact REA Energy at 724-349-4800 or toll free at 1-800-211-5667.

Pay online

REA Energy members can pay bills online through the member portal. Through the cooperative's member portal, you can:

- ▶ View your bill
- ▶ View your use history
- ▶ Make a one-time monthly payment
- ▶ View your payment history
- ▶ Schedule a future payment

▶ Enroll in automatic monthly payments

To sign up, visit the www.reaenergy.com homepage and click on the link for the member portal. From there you will be redirected to a page that looks like the one below. Once you click "Sign Up," you simply need to fill in the information at the bottom of the page. Once you submit valid data and your User ID is created, you can log in with your User ID.

Mobile app

Members can now download a mobile app to make payments for FREE on the go.

To use the member portal, members must initially sign up on a desktop computer. Upon signing up, members are offered many exciting features.

To sign up today, visit www.reaenergy.com. Inside the website, there is a green, square button reading "Member Portal;" click here. After signing up, members can simply log in each month on their desktop computer or visit the Google Play or App Store to download the mobile app. ☀



New faces at REA Energy

Robert Osterberg started in the position of journeyman lineman on May 22, 2017. Some of his duties will include: construction and maintenance of overhead and underground lines, and providing REA members the best service available.

Robert has a diploma in power line construction and maintenance from Mitchell Technical Institute.

In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his family and taking his yellow lab, Abby, pheasant hunting.



Robert Osterberg, journeyman lineman

Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) student Casey Roser started in the position of safety intern on May 15.

Some of his duties will include: assisting the manager of safety and right of way with any safety work necessary, as well as condensing the safe work practice manual into a PowerPoint presentation.

Casey is a junior at IUP majoring in safety, health and environmental health science. His interests include hunting, fishing and Pittsburgh sports.



Casey Roser, safety intern

Recent REA Energy bylaws revisions

On March 28, 2017, the board of directors voted to amend the bylaws of the cooperative. The following excerpts of the bylaws show all portions of the bylaws that were amended:

ARTICLE III Directors

Section 2. (a) Qualifications and Tenure. At each annual meeting of the members, directors shall be elected by and from the members of the Cooperative to serve until the expiration of their respective terms, or until their successors shall have been qualified and elected, subject to the provisions of 12 of Article III. Directors shall be elected to staggered four-year terms. No member shall be eligible to become or remain a director who:

(x) has not obtained and maintained the following, or its equivalent should a certification no longer be available, within the time specified, unless excused by the Board upon a two-thirds (2/3)

majority vote and for good cause shown:

- (a) By the end of the director's first duly elected four-year term, a Credentialed Cooperative Director certificate from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association ("NRECA");
- (b) by the end of the director's second consecutive duly elected four-year term, a Board Leadership Certificate from the NRECA; and
- (c) by the end of the director's third consecutive duly elected four-year term and thereafter, the Director Gold certificate from the NRECA.

provided, that directors elected to the Board as of the adoption of this section shall be grandfathered so as to require said director to comply with these requirements, but with the applicable time limits beginning to run at the start of his next re-election.

(xi) fails to execute REA's Oath of Office within 60 days of his or her election to the Board, or acts contrary to the terms and standards set forth in the Oath of Office; provided, however, that nothing contained in this section shall affect in any manner the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

Important annual meeting news

The 2017 REA Energy Cooperative Annual Meeting will be held at the Kovalchick Convention Complex, 711 Pratt Drive, Indiana, Pa., on Thursday, Sept. 21, 2017. Come and learn more about your cooperative!

All members who attend the meeting will receive a gift and will be eligible for door prizes. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and entertainment begins at 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Please keep this annual meeting information in mind on Sept. 21:

- ▶ NO voting for directors will be held at the meeting.
- ▶ Only members residing in Districts 5 and 6 will receive election information for their district.
- ▶ Attendance gifts and door prizes for members will be given at the meeting; an admittance card will be mailed.
- ▶ Parking will be available in the lot behind the complex and in the lot to the left of the complex. REA employees will be present in each lot. A van will also be available for transportation to the building from the parking lots.

REA Energy Cooperative, Inc. Annual Meeting
Sept. 21, 2017
Kovalchick Convention Complex
711 Pratt Drive, Indiana, Pa.

Preliminary agenda

- 5-6 p.m. Entertainment**
- 6:30 p.m. Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum**
- Reading of Notices**
- Action on 2016 Minutes**
- Election Results**
- Chairman's Report**
- President & CEO Report**
- Unfinished Business**
- New Business**
- Questions & Answers**
- Adjournment**
- Awarding of Prizes**

REA Energy offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 4, 2017, in observance of Labor Day. Power outages can be reported by calling 724-463-7273 or 800-332-7273.

Right-of-way management/facility construction news

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

- ▶ Contractor crews from Asplundh Tree Expert Co. will be trimming the rights of way of the Strongstown Substations areas, in addition to emergency maintenance areas. Crews from Penn Line Service will be trimming the right of way of the St. Augustine Substation area.

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 crews will carry cards and have magnets on their vehicles identifying them as REA Energy contractors.

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

Your Board of Directors



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 District 2



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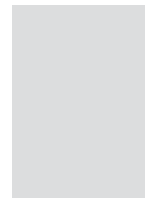
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