

# REA Energy Cooperative, Inc.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 



One of 14 electric cooperatives serving Pennsylvania and New Jersey



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Monday - Friday

## From the President & CEO



### The future of lighting is here!

By Chad Carrick, MBA, CFPC  
*President and CEO*

SOME of you may have already received a small box from REA Energy Cooperative, Inc. (REA Energy) delivered by your mail carrier; others will be receiving it soon. Inside, there are four free, Energy Star-certified, 60-watt equivalent, light-emitting diode (LED) lightbulbs. That's right — the bulbs are free, compliments of REA Energy.

The LED bulbs are part of an electric cooperative energy efficiency program underway across Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Lighting technology has advanced so rapidly that the installation of each of these LED bulbs is expected to save you \$6.22 per year or more than \$140 in electricity costs over the life of the bulb (estimated to be about 23 years at average use). That's because an LED bulb improves lighting efficiency by 80 percent over traditional incandescent bulbs.

Eighty percent is a lot — enough of a difference that we are encouraging you to take an unusual step. As soon as you receive your free LED bulbs, select four of your most-used incandescent bulbs and replace them immediately with the new bulbs.


Most of us don't spend a lot of time thinking about our lightbulbs, at least until one leaves us in the dark. But you will begin saving money the minute you install your new LED bulbs, and what could be better than installing free bulbs that shine brighter, last longer, and are less expensive to use than your current incandescent bulbs?

The benefits to the members of this

lightbulb initiative are obvious, but you may wonder what benefit the cooperative gains from giving away lightbulbs to all members. The answer is that we purchase the electricity we provide to you — our members — from Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Allegheny), a Harrisburg-based cooperative owned by the 14 distribution cooperatives in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Allegheny owns a hydroelectric plant and 10 percent of a nuclear power plant, and together with some long-term hydro-power contracts, these sources provide about two-thirds of the power needed for the cooperatives. The remainder is purchased on the open market, where the price can fluctuate significantly.

When cooperative members across the two states install the new LED bulbs, it will reduce the amount of power Allegheny must purchase from the open market, which in turn will ultimately decrease costs for local cooperatives. REA Energy will pass those savings along to our members through a lower rate than would otherwise be possible.

The LED is one of the most energy-efficient lighting technologies available today. LED bulbs, which last longer, are more durable, and offer comparable or better light quality than other types of lighting, have the potential to change the future of lighting.

If you haven't already received your gift of light from the cooperative, watch your mailbox and remember, your savings will begin the day you install your new LED lightbulbs. 

# Changes made to areas of district representation

AT THE March 27, 2018, meeting, the board of directors of REA Energy Cooperative, Inc. amended the bylaws of the cooperative, changing the townships represented by two of the districts. The two board districts with changes are District 3 and District 9. District 3 is currently represented by Michael Bertolino, and District 9 is currently represented by Herman Blakley. In 2018, the position representing District 9 is also up for election.

As part of its decision-making process, the board reviewed the number of members in both districts, and the geographical layout of them. Over time, the number of members residing in each district has changed to create a greater gap in counts. The shift in these two districts helps to equalize the number of members in each district.

Another advantage of this change in districts is the geographical layout, which results in members having equal representation on the board of directors.

The following is a full list of the nine directorate districts and the areas they represent along with a map of the service territory. The two districts that were changed are marked in bold text.

	<b>District 1</b>
Armstrong County	Cowanshannock Township
Indiana County	Creekside Borough
Indiana County	East Mahoning Township
Indiana County	North Mahoning Township
Indiana County	South Mahoning Township
Indiana County	Washington Township
Indiana County	West Mahoning Township
Jefferson County	Bell Township
Jefferson County	Gaskill Township
Jefferson County	Perry Township
Jefferson County	Young Township

	<b>District 2</b>
Blair County	Allegheny Township
Blair County	Juniata Township
Blair County	Logan Township
Cambria County	Adams Township
Cambria County	Allegheny Township
Cambria County	Conemaugh Township
Cambria County	Cresson Township
Cambria County	Croyle Township
Cambria County	East Taylor Township
Cambria County	Gallitzin Township
Cambria County	Middle Taylor Township
Cambria County	Portage Township
Cambria County	Richland Township
Cambria County	Summerhill Township
Cambria County	Washington Township
Cambria County	West Taylor Township

	<b>District 3</b>
Armstrong County	Plumcreek Township
Armstrong County	Kiskiminetas Township
Armstrong County	South Bend Township
Indiana County	Blacklick Township
Indiana County	Burrell Township
Indiana County	Conemaugh Township
Indiana County	Young Township
Westmoreland County	Derry Township
Westmoreland County	Loyalhanna Township

	<b>District 4</b>
Cambria County	Cambria Township
Cambria County	Jackson Township
Cambria County	Munster Township
Indiana County	East Wheatfield Township
Indiana County	West Wheatfield Township

	<b>District 5</b>
Indiana County	Cherryhill Township
Indiana County	Pine Township
Indiana County	Rayne Township

	<b>District 6</b>
Cambria County	Chest Township
Cambria County	Elder Township
Cambria County	Susquehanna Township
Indiana County	Banks Township
Indiana County	Canoe Township
Indiana County	Grant Township
Indiana County	Green Township
Indiana County	Montgomery Township

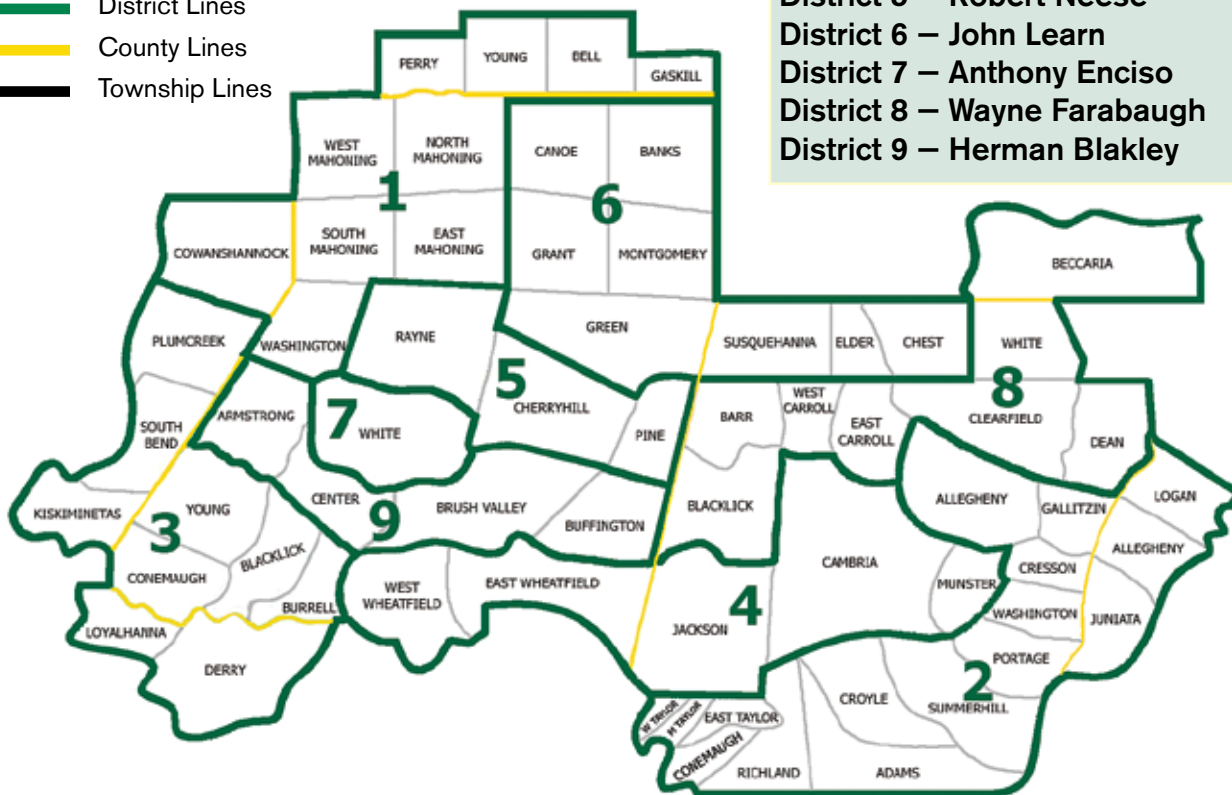
	<b>District 7</b>
Indiana County	White Township

	<b>District 8</b>
Cambria County	Barr Township
Cambria County	Blacklick Township
Cambria County	Clearfield Township
Cambria County	Dean Township
Cambria County	East Carroll Township
Cambria County	West Carroll Township
Cambria County	White Township
Clearfield County	Beccaria Township

	<b>District 9</b>
Indiana County	Armstrong Township
Indiana County	Brush Valley Township
Indiana County	Buffington Township
Indiana County	Center Township

REA Energy is governed by a nine-member board of directors. Our service area is divided into nine districts with one director elected from each district. As a member, you elect these directors to four-year terms. Shown is a map of the directorate districts of REA Energy Cooperative, Inc.

- District Lines
- County Lines
- Township Lines



- District 1 – Roy C. “Sam” Eckenrod
- District 2 – J. “Rick” Shope
- District 3 – Michael J. Bertolino
- District 4 – Howard Terndrup
- District 5 – Robert Neese
- District 6 – John Learn
- District 7 – Anthony Enciso
- District 8 – Wayne Farabaugh
- District 9 – Herman Blakley

## Electricity brought to Blackleggs Memorial Park

IN THE past 10 years, we have featured several stories about the Blackleggs Trout Association’s endeavours and events. One of the features was about the project to build a memorial park at a section of Blackleggs Creek that was a hotspot for anglers, young and old alike.

In August 2009, Blackleggs Creek Memorial Park was officially dedicated to past and present members of the association. A pavilion was built for the use of the countless people who have enjoyed the first day of trout season along the creek. Other events throughout the years have been held at the park, including several “Trout in the Classroom” events for area schoolchildren.



SHINING BRIGHT: Visitors to the park can now enjoy lights after dark.

Just in time for the 2018 fishing season, an exciting new enhancement to the park will greet eager anglers and school children. Recently the cooperative’s subsidiary, REA Energy



HARD AT WORK: REA Energy Services employees install electricity to Blackleggs Memorial Park.

Services, Inc., installed several electric outlets and lighting fixtures in the pavilion. This not only will allow for night-time activities but also bring more opportunities for events to occur in the great outdoors that could not happen prior to the electricity being installed.

Located at the intersection of Cribbs and Shrokmans roads, the entrance to the park includes an archway welcoming visitors. You can read about those who helped to make this endeavour a reality and then enter into the park for an enjoyable day with family and friends. Best of luck to the Blackleggs Trout Association and its volunteers and donors with this exciting new venture.

**Plug into safety**

In May, electric cooperatives across the country promote safety awareness to coincide with National Electrical Safety Month. Every year, thousands of accidents occur due to shock hazards, and REA Energy Cooperative, Inc., a not-for-profit electric cooperative, is committed to educating the public about potential electrical dangers in the home.

In 2016, 475,500 structure fires (including residential fires) were reported in the U.S., causing 2,950 deaths, 12,775 injuries and \$7.9 billion in property damage. According to the National Fire Protection Association, a residential fire was reported every 90 seconds. Many home fires occur when electrical equipment is outdated or improperly used.

Through electrical safety awareness and education, we can all play a part in preventing electrical hazards and injuries in the future. Together, let's plug into safety this May.

**Right-of-way management and facility construction news**

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

- ▶ Contractor crews from Asplundh Tree Expert Co. will be trimming the rights-of-way of the Kenwood Substation area, in addition to emergency maintenance areas. Crews from Penn Line Service will be trimming the right-of-way of the Uniontown 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 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](http://www.reaenergy.com).



**May is National Electrical Safety Month**

This month, we encourage all members to take extra time to plug into safety.

**#ElectricalSafetyMonth**



**CO-OP CONNECTIONS OFFER UPDATE!**

**Indian Springs Eye Associates – 945 Indian Springs Road, Indiana, PA 15701, 724-465-6232, [www.indianspringseye.com](http://www.indianspringseye.com) – 15% Off Contact Lenses - Restrictions Apply; 30% Off Eye Exam - Restrictions Apply; and 30% Off Eye Wear - Restrictions Apply.**

*REA Energy offices will be closed on Monday, May 28, 2018, in observance of Memorial Day. Power outages can be reported by calling 724-463-7273 or 800-332-7273.*

**Your Board of Directors**



Michael J. Bertolino  
Chairman  
District 3



Wayne Farabaugh  
Vice Chairman  
District 8



Robert P. Neese  
Secretary/Treasurer  
District 5



Herman Blakley  
District 9



Sam Eckenrod  
District 1



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