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Southern Iowa
Electric Cooperative
A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

AUGUST 2017

Save the Date! ▶ Sept. 7, 2017: Annual Meeting of Southern Iowa Electric Cooperative, Inc.



A thoughtful
maintenance
plan ensures
reliability

How many of our
easy energy savers
can you finish in
a weekend?

Coming soon:
New bill will
show **on-peak**
demand charge

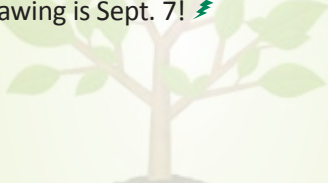
Unknown energy
hogs will drive up
your power bill

Visit our website at www.sie.coop

Go green, save a tree and win!

Sign up for SIEC's Paperless Billing program, and your name will be entered in a special prize drawing to win one of two **\$50 Bill Credits!** Already using SIEC's Paperless Billing? Your name will be included in the drawing too.

Ready to sign up? Go online to www.mysieccess.com, or call us at 800-607-2027. Don't delay: The deadline for entering the drawing is Sept. 7! 🌱



Our mission is to serve our members and community by safely providing reliable and environmentally responsible power and other services efficiently and at a competitive price to benefit members and improve the quality of life in the areas that we serve.

Office: 22458 Highway 2, P.O. Box 70, Bloomfield, IA 52537-0070

Phone: 641-664-2277 or 800-607-2027

Phone Payments: 800-927-5341

Report Outages: 800-607-2027

Call Before You Dig – Iowa One Call: 800-292-8989

Website: www.siec.coop

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Closed Saturdays, Sundays and holidays

Management

Greg Proctor, CEO/General Manager
Jo Altheide, CFO/Economic Development
Ross Hunter, Systems Analyst

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What to Do in Case of Trouble

- ▶ Check for blown fuses or tripped breakers.
- ▶ Check with your neighbors. Ask if their electricity is off and whether they have reported the outage. If not, call Southern Iowa Electric Cooperative, Inc., and report the problem 24 hours a day: 641-664-2277 or 800-607-2027.

Service Charges

ACH (Electronic Payment).....	No Charge
Bill Collection.....	\$50
Meter Tampering.....	\$150
Overtime Service Call.....	\$150
Disconnect.....	\$50
Posting.....	\$50
Returned Check.....	\$30
Reconnect.....	\$75
Trip Charge.....	\$50

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Local students see inner workings of nation's capital during trip sponsored by co-op

Lauren and Lindsey Starnes recently participated in the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour program trip to Washington, D.C., sponsored by Southern Iowa Electric Cooperative. They're juniors at Van Buren Community High School and are the twin daughters of Scott and Stephanie Starnes of Riverside. They spent 6 days on their adventure, along with 36 other high school students from across Iowa.

Each year in June, an action-filled week provides high school students opportunities to learn firsthand what it's like to be involved in politics, community service and today's pressing issues in the energy industry. This year's Youth Tour brought together a record 1,800 teens from 43 states. Students saw the roots of American history and danced on a boat cruise down the Potomac River. They met their elected representatives in the U.S. House and Senate and learned about electric co-ops, as well as grassroots political advocacy. They live in close quarters for a week, sleep a little and talk a lot!

Lauren and Lindsey had a great

time on their all-expenses-paid trip to our nation's capital. Meeting with students from other states, NRECA staff, and visiting all the memorials and museums was an amazing experience. Lauren and Lindsey will be at the Annual Meeting in September to share their experiences with all of us!

The Youth Tour has been a joint effort of local electric co-ops such as SIEC, their statewide co-op associations and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association for more than 50 years. In fact, since 1964 the nation's cooperative electric utilities have sponsored more than 50,000 high school sophomores, juniors and seniors on the trip. 🌱



Lauren Starnes



Lindsey Starnes



Coming soon: New bills will show on-peak demand charge



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Statement Date: 09/01/2017
Member: John Doe
Phone#: 641-664-0000
Email: jdoe@xyz.com
Rate Code: 107
Rate Schedule: Residential

Electric Account: 88888-001 **EXAMPLE BILL**
Location: 101-01-0001
Service Address: 12345 John Doe Ave

Meter No.	Current Reading Date	Previous Reading Date	Current Meter Read	Previous Meter Read	Number of Days	Mult	Total kWh Usage
12345678	9/1/17	8/1/17	81650	80000	30	1	1650

Billing detail

Last Amount Billed.....\$200.00
Payment Received 8/10/17.....\$200.00 CR
Adjustments..... 0.00
Balance Carried Forward..... 0.00

New Charges

Customer Related Fixed Charge.....\$ 43.00
Energy Charge 1650 kWh @ .1109.....\$182.98
On-Peak Demand Charge 2.37kW @ 1.22.....\$ 2.89
Security Light\$ 10.00
County Sales Tax.....\$ 2.38
Total New Charges\$241.25

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$241.25

Please Pay by: 09/20/2017

Amount Due if Paid After 09/20/2017: \$241.25

TAKE CONTROL & SAVE®

Demand: 9.60 kW max @ 8/12 9pm 2.37 kW On-Peak @ 8/10 8am
On-Peak Load Efficiency Factor: 103%

For more information on electric service & rate terms go to <http://www.sie.coop/content/rates-service-options>

Please call our office with questions and let us help you utilize the new rate structure to your advantage.

BILLING EXPLANATIONS:

Customer Related Fixed Charge...this is a fixed cost that is paid every month. It helps cover the cost to maintain our system such as insurance, taxes, trucks & equipment, which exists even when no electricity is used.

Energy Charge...this is simply the charge for the electric energy you consumed for the month; measured in kWh.
(81650-80000=1650 kWh X .1109=\$182.98)

On-Peak Demand Charge...Demand is the rate at which energy is consumed in a specific period. The On-Peak hours when energy is most expensive are from 7-8AM & 4-8PM Mon-Fri. To save money on your electric bill, shift out of the On-Peak hours or stagger your appliances during On-Peak hours. Demand is measured in hourly intervals...7-8 AM, 4-5, 5-6, 6-7, & 7-8PM. This month, during On-Peak hours, your Demand peaked at 2.37 kW on 8/10 @ 7-8AM. (2.37kW X \$1.22=\$2.89)

Security Light...Optional for members. LED Security Lights are installed on the member's meter pole and automatically come on from dusk to dawn. There is a monthly \$10 fee and the security light is maintained by Southern Iowa Electric Cooperative.

Bills are due by the 20th of each month. If the current bill is not paid by the 20th, you will receive a 1.5% penalty. Members are forgiven 1 late fee per year.

Demand kW max ...this is your demand outside of the On-Peak hours and it does not affect your bill. Only the Demand kW On-Peak is used in calculating your monthly bill.
On-Peak Load Efficiency Factor ...if this number is 30% or higher, then you will benefit from the demand rate structure. To calculate this, take total kWh for the month divided by (kW On-Peak x days in billing cycle x 24 hours).
(1650 / [2.37 x 30 x 24] = 103%)

EDITOR'S CHOICE CONTEST

You could win a houseful of LED lightbulbs!

If you're the lucky, randomly chosen winner at one of Iowa's electric cooperatives this month, we'll send you approximately \$150 worth of LED lightbulbs of your choice. Check the contest rules and complete the entry form at the *Living with Energy in Iowa* website (www.livingwithenergyiniowa.com) no later than Aug. 31, 2017. ⚡



SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK

SIEC'S Board of Directors would like your thoughts on *Living with Energy in Iowa* magazine

Do you receive value from reading SIEC's edition of *Living with Energy in Iowa* magazine every month? Whether your answer is YES or NO, we'd like to hear from you!

Please give us your feedback by Aug. 30, by any one of the following methods:

- Return this form with comments to SIEC, P.O. Box 70, Bloomfield, IA 52537.
- Call us at 800-607-2027.
- E-mail us at lmcallister@sie.coop.
- Message us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/SouthernIowaElectric/>). 📶



Help us celebrate SIEC's 78th Anniversary!

Mark your calendar for Sept. 7, and make plans to attend our annual meeting celebration!

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You won't want to miss this fun-filled night of great food, entertainment and prizes!

Prize drawings throughout the meeting!
You must be present to win.

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| 4:30 p.m. | Registration |
| 5:30 p.m. | Meal |
| 6:30 p.m. | Business Meeting |
- Registration Gift: LED Lightbulbs
 - Free Blood Pressure Checks by Davis County Public Health
 - Meal: Bailey's BBQ Barn and Ice Cream by Davis Co. Fair Board
 - Entertainment: Bridge City Country, plus Bucket Rides and Bounce House for the kids!

Vote by mail for your Directors, and you'll be entered in a special prize drawing to win a \$100 Bill Credit! Watch for your Annual Meeting packet with your ballot and voting information to arrive in the mail around mid-August.

IN THE COMMUNITY

SIEC and Co-Bank award \$10,000 to sports complex through matching grant program

Co-Bank's Sharing Success matching grant program is designed to celebrate the vital role that cooperatives play in the U.S. rural economy and in individual communities across the country. Co-Bank has committed \$3 million dollars in 2017 to match charitable donations by cooperative partnerships through nonprofit organizations in their local communities. Contributions are matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis, up to \$5,000.

The matching funds were a community investment by Southern Iowa Electric Cooperative, Inc. This is the 6th year in a row that SIEC has been able to capture the Co-Bank grant funds for projects in our local area. This year's \$10,000



Shown are (from left): Lori McAllister, SIEC member services; Nasseem Moradi, mayor of Keosauqua; and Fred Zeitler, SIEC board director

grant will help with the building of the Van Buren Community Ferguson Sports Complex, which will include one regulation high school ball field, two Little League ball fields, one Babe Ruth ball field, a concession stand and parking.

SIEC works hard not only to provide value to our member-owners, but also to improve the quality of life in the communities we serve. Previous recipients of Co-Bank's matching grant program were Moulton EMS and Fire Department, Van Buren County Trails, Davis County Trails Association, Camp Wapello Preservation Group and Davis County Historical Society. We're delighted to team up with Co-Bank in support of such worthy causes. 📶