



# Southern Iowa Electric Cooperative

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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Our mission: Providing Safe, Reliable Electricity.

Office: 22458 Highway 2, PO 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: 800-292-8989

Website: [www.sie.coop](http://www.sie.coop)

Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:00am-4:30pm

Closed Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays

Management:

Greg Proctor, CEO/General Manager

Jo Altheide, CFO/Economic Development

Ross Hunter, COO/Systems Analyst

Lindsay Smith, Office Services/Accounting Mgr.

Kelly Moore, Human Resources Manager

Board of Directors:

Darrell Downing, President Travis Harris

Paul Wells, Vice President Beth Sullivan

Joy Evans, Secretary Earl Trachsel

Dave Yahnke, Treasurer Trent Gregory

Fred Zeitler

### 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 at (641)-664-2277 or (800)-607-2027.**

### Service Charges:

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

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

## Details Released for Iowa Home Energy Assistance Program

The 2021-2022 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LI-HEAP) has been established to help qualifying low-income Iowa homeowners and renters pay for a portion of their primary heating costs for the winter heating season. The assistance is based on household income, household size, type of fuel, and type of housing. If you're not sure where to apply, **Dial 2-1-1**, or visit <https://humanrights.iowa.gov/dcaa/where-apply> to contact your local community action agency, or write to: LIHEAP, Iowa Department of Human Rights, Capitol Complex, Des Moines, IA 50319.

**WHEN TO APPLY:** Elderly (60 and over) and/or disabled: 10/1/2021 to 4/30/2022. All other households 11/1/2021 to 4/30/2022.

**WHAT TO TAKE:** Proof of Income (for all household members age 19 and over). Depending upon your household income type, income documentation from the past 30 days, the last 12 months, or last calendar year, whichever is easier or more beneficial for you. Proof of Social Security Numbers for **ALL** household members (documentation required). Most recent heat and electric bill.

**WAGE EARNERS:** Please bring copies of your check stubs for the 30-day period preceding the date of application, or a copy of your most recent federal income tax return.

**FIXED INCOME:** This income may include: Social Security Benefits, Supplemental Security Income, Family Investment Program, Veteran's Assistance, Unemployment Insurance, and pensions. Please bring copies of your check stubs from the previous 30 days.

**SELF-EMPLOYED/FARMERS:** Please bring a copy of your most recent federal income tax return.

**FIP RECIPIENTS:** Please bring your current DHS Notice of Decision or contact your local office for acceptable document information.

If you receive alimony or child support, it will also need to be verified.

### INCOME MAXIMUMS

Household Size	Annual Gross Income	Household Size	Annual Gross Income
1	\$ 25,760	5	\$62,080
2	\$ 34,840	6	\$71,160
3	\$ 43,920	7	\$80,240
4	\$ 53,000	8	\$89,320

For households with more than 8 members add \$9,080 for each additional mbr.

## Are Your Grain Bins Ready For Harvest?

Harvest season is fast approaching...have your electrician check your Grain Bin electrical services BEFORE harvest season to be sure they are in proper working order. Planning ahead will help eliminate delays during the harvest. Please contact SIEC to schedule any needed assistance to you or your electrician in getting your equipment ready.



### **Board Approved \$502,430 for Patronage Refund!**

The Southern Iowa Electric Cooperative Board of Directors approved returning capital credits (patronage dividends) to the Membership at the June 24, 2021 meeting in the amount of \$502,430. This will be returned as a credit to the electric bills received in September for August energy use to approximately 4,700 SIEC accounts from the years 2001, 2002, 2005, and 2020. The act of returning capital credits is what differentiates cooperatives from other organizations. Each Member is an owner with an investment in our electric distribution system as well as the community. Each year, the SIEC Board of Directors allocates any financial margin that exceeds the expenses of the Cooperative for the prior year. This is where the funds originate that enabled this month's bill credit. In an effort to help our Members understand the Cooperative Difference, 45% of this year's capital credits returned came from the year 2020 in which extraordinary weather conditions created higher than budget margins for your Cooperative as well as for utilities across the United States. This provided \$102,430 of "rate relief" from our power supplier that the Board of Directors has elected to return to you. The remaining 55% of the capital credits being returned are from financial margins created in the years 2001, 2002, and 2005.

Even if you move off of Southern Iowa Electric Cooperative lines, your membership and investment is not forgotten. You are entitled to receive capital credits, based upon your financial contribution, for the years of SIEC membership. If the Board of Directors elects to return capital credits from the year(s) that you were an SIEC Member, a check will be issued for the proportional amount of your cooperative investment. So stay in touch! Please let us know your current address and/or contact information so we can efficiently return capital credit funds to you. In the event a Member of record passes, capital credits are refunded to the surviving spouse, heirs or estate in the same manner as former Members.

The Southern Iowa Electric Cooperative Board of Directors is tasked with closely monitoring the financial condition of the Cooperative. This includes analyzing the need for capital and understanding the cost of debt. These factors determine when and how many capital credits (patronage dividends) can be returned to the Membership each year. Since our origin in 1939, SIEC Members have built over 1,700 miles of electric distribution infrastructure serving our community all the while continuing to function as a not-for-profit organization that returns any available funds to the Members.

**The Cooperative Difference for you our MEMBERS.**

### **SHINE THE LIGHT NOMINEE**

This past June, Touchstone Energy Cooperatives of Iowa announced a new statewide contest to celebrate Iowa's local volunteers. It gave members and employees of Iowa's locally owned electric cooperatives the opportunity to nominate someone who has made a positive difference in their community. A panel of judges reviewed all eligible contest entries and selected three winners who were announced during the Iowa State Fair in August. A \$1,500.00 donation was made in each winner's name to their charity or local organization. Joye Lore-Lawson, a SIEC member, nominated Judy Combs, another SIEC member, and although Judy was not one of the final winners, we wanted to give a little recognition to a member who has spent many years making a positive difference in her community. The following is from Joye's entry:

Judy Combs, a veteran educator from Bloomfield, has always used her time and creative gifts to better Davis County, Iowa, in the classroom and throughout the entire community. Since 2013, Judy Combs has been influential in organizing over 27 tours to the area, serving as an invaluable liaison with the Amish and Mennonite communities. Her work has always focused on educating people of the state about their history and their heritage, and, specifically, that of Davis County. After leaving the classroom, Judy served as the Bloomfield Main Street Coordinator for four years, and continues on the Bloomfield Historic Preservation Commission, as well as the Davis County Historical Society. She is a very active participant on both the Historic Hills Scenic Byway Board and the Davis County Tourism Corporation. Judy has a special talent for developing resources. She has created a Historic Driving tour, a Walking Tour of the Bloomfield Square, and has also written countless grants to fund such projects and many others. One would be hard-pressed to find a better, a more valuable and a more knowledgeable advocate for the continued development and prosperity of southeast Iowa than Judy Combs.

Thank you to both Joye and Judy for "Shining The Light" on Davis County!