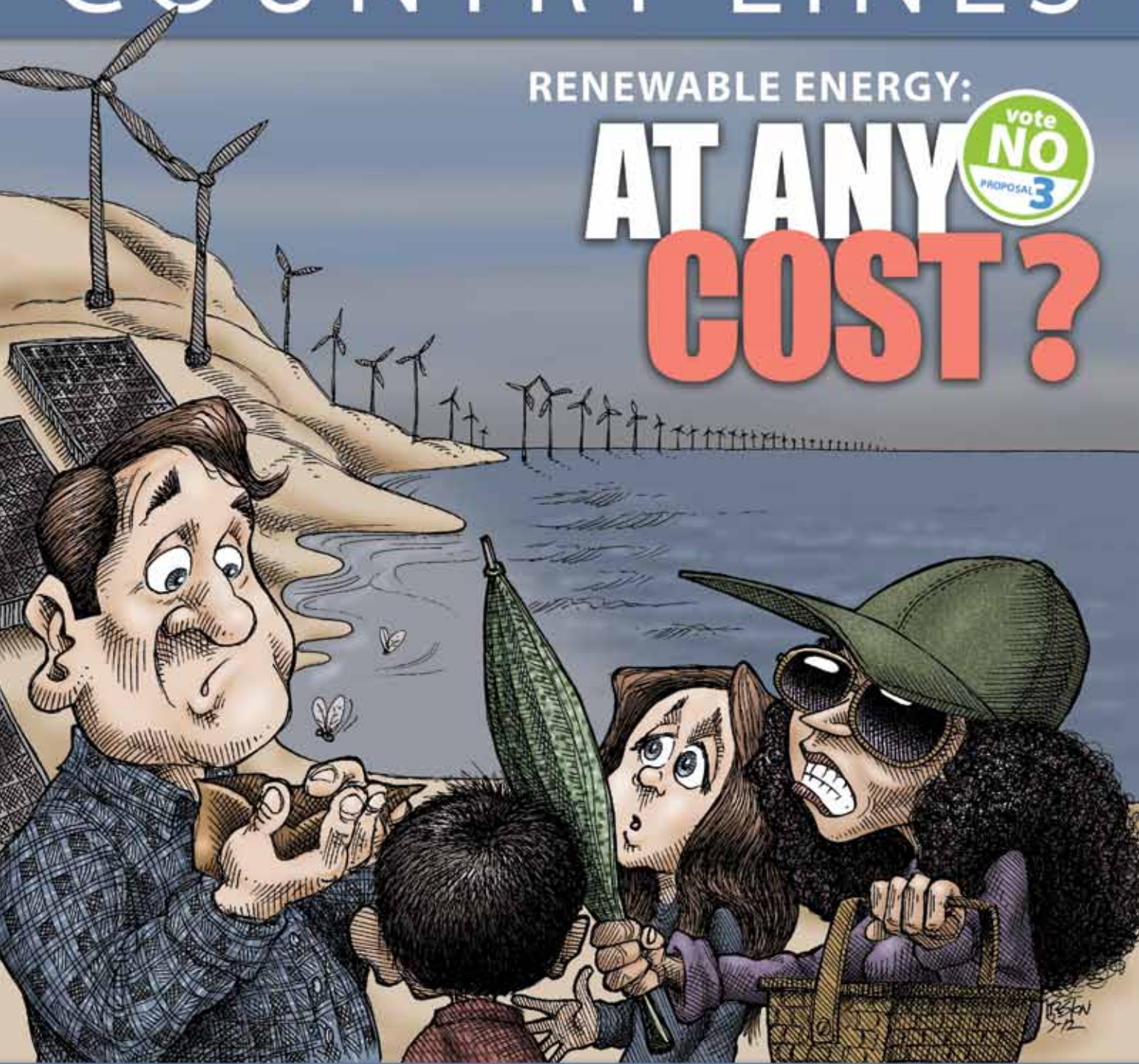


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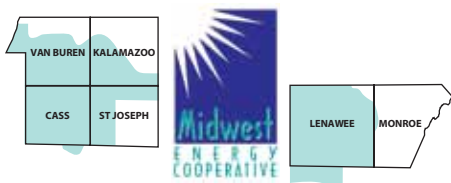
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Standing United Against Prop. 3

While we, the general managers and CEOs of Michigan's electric distribution co-ops support renewable energy, we also stand united against Proposal 3. This ballot proposal would amend the Michigan Constitution to include a 25 percent Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS), which would be very expensive and extreme. Please consider the following important facts about Proposal 3 as you head to the polls on Nov. 6:

YOUR CO-OP IS A RENEWABLE ENERGY LEADER. Michigan's electric co-ops are already leaders in renewable energy, and we support the current 10 percent RPS set by the Legislature in 2008. Electric co-ops are key partners in Michigan's first commercial wind farm, which is located in the Thumb area and was built prior to any RPS requirements. One of our state's largest renewable energy resources, a hydro facility in Sault Ste. Marie, is also owned by an electric co-op.

THE CONSTITUTION IS THE WRONG PLACE FOR ENERGY POLICY. We strongly believe that the Michigan Legislature—not the constitution—is the place to enact far-reaching energy policy. While the Legislature's work can be "fine tuned" to allow for changes in technology, the economy or unintended consequences, these types of necessary adjustments would be nearly impossible to achieve if enshrined in the Michigan Constitution. The majority of the financial support for Proposal 3 is coming from out-

of-state special interest groups who would profit from binding energy policy into our constitution.

RENEWABLE IS NOT ALWAYS RELIABLE. Renewable energy has a place in our power supply toolbox, but its limitations make it less-than-ideal. Wind farms in the state typically only generate 30 percent of the time—and this "reliability" is often lower on the hot, still days when electricity demand is highest. By comparison, wind farms in Texas and parts of the upper Midwest often operate at levels exceeding 40 percent.

PROPOSAL 3 WOULD BE EXPENSIVE. Wind power in Michigan is very expensive. The Mackinac Center for Public Policy reports that it would cost the average residential ratepayer an additional \$170 to \$190 annually to achieve the 25 percent RPS suggested by Proposal 3. This cost estimate does not even include the additional costs of building new transmission lines or generation needed to "back up" the wind when it does not blow. Solar power is even more expensive, and better suited for other regions of the U.S.

We support renewable energy and the current 10 percent RPS, but encourage you to join us in voting "no" against Proposal 3. You can learn more about your co-op's concerns with Proposal 3 in this edition of *Michigan Country Lines* (pp. 11, 12-13) and at CAREforMich.com.

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Appreciation Day at the ZOO

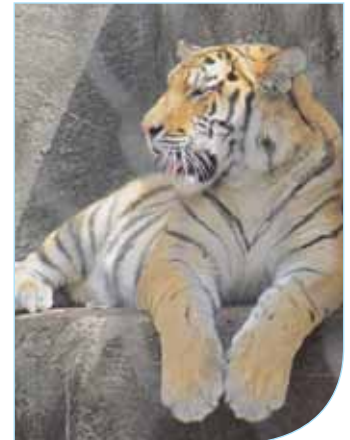


Beautiful fall weather created a perfect backdrop for our late September “Customer Appreciation Days at the Zoo.” More than 5,000 members and families joined us for events at Toledo and Binder Park zoos, and a roaring good time was had by all!

“There is something so incredibly special about these events and what they represent in the lives of our member families,” says Bob Hance, president/CEO. “It’s great to step away from the world of outages and kilowatt hours and energy use and bring members of our internal and external communities together as one extended family to enjoy a day of fun and fellowship. These events represent a celebration of the special relationship that defines cooperative membership.”

Here are just a few memories from our “Days at the Zoo.” To view more photos from our 2012 events, click on the Facebook icon on our homepage at TeamMidwest.com.

Thanks to all who joined us!



Board Positions Up For Election

One of the seven guiding principles of cooperatives is democratic member control. Individuals who take electric service from Midwest Energy Cooperative are more than customers; they are owners who have a voice and are encouraged to take an active role in the life of the organization.

Midwest Energy Cooperative is governed by a nine-member board of directors, and each is elected to serve a three-year term. Directors are elected by and represent members living in his or her district. Board positions are important roles that are not taken lightly as directors make critical decisions on behalf of their fellow member-owners.

Three seats on the Midwest Energy board will be up for election next year. Members interested in serving on the board should contact the co-op to get a "petition for



Ben Russell
District 6



Colyne Sorsby
District 7



Harry Gentz
District 9

nomination." A member securing signatures of 30 or more members on the petition will be placed on the ballot. To be placed on the ballot for one of the three terms ending in April 2013, a member must complete the petition and a biography and return them to the Cassopolis office by 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 2, 2013. Ballots will then be mailed to district members on Jan. 24, 2013. All board members must reside in the district they represent.

In 2013, seats in districts 6, 7 and 9 will be up for election. District 6 is currently represented by **Ben Russell** of Constantine. This district includes North Porter, South Porter, Constantine, Florence, Mottville and White Pigeon townships in Michigan, and Washington, York and Van Buren townships in Indiana.

Colyne Sorsby of Cassopolis is the current director in District 7, which includes Jefferson, Calvin, Ontwa and Mason townships in Michigan, and Harris and Osolo townships in Indiana.

District 9 is represented by **Harry Gentz** of Blissfield. District 9 includes Hudson, Dover, Madison, Palmyra, Medina, Seneca, Fairfield, Ogden, Riga and southern portions of Blissfield and Deerfield townships in Michigan, and Mill Creek, Gorham, Chesterfield, Royalton, Franklin, Dover, Pike, Clinton and German townships in Ohio.

For more details about serving on the board, please call the co-op at 800-492-5989.

Your Perspective PHOTO CONTEST



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We each see the world in a slightly different way. Some are focused on the majesty of the big picture, while others see beauty in the smallest details. Regardless of your perspective, we invite you to share it and help feature the great things that make our local communities home.

During 2012, dozens of members have participated in our "Your Perspective Photo Contest." It has been a year-long effort to provide a platform for amateur photographers to showcase their work. We've seen the best of children, scenery and life in and around our service territory.

There is just one month remaining for our 2012 contest. Any photo submitted by a member is fair game, as long as it is taken in our service territory by an amateur photographer. Participating is simple. **Just visit us at Facebook.com/TeamMidwest and click on the Photo Contest icon.** There you can submit an entry or view and comment on other entries. We are looking for perspective on our local community. Your photo can feature people, scenes, activities or anything else that makes your community home.

We will pick one last winner based on entries received in November, so share your best work and encourage your friends and family to visit our Facebook page and "like" or comment on your photo. Monthly winners receive a \$20 bill credit, and in December we will select a grand prize winner from each of the monthly winners for a \$250 bill credit.

For a complete set of rules, visit TeamMidwest.com/rules.

Give a Gift of Energy



Looking for a unique gift for that person who has everything? Why not present them with a Gift of Energy from Midwest Energy Cooperative?

You can pay all or part of someone's electric or propane bill as a special way to recognize any gift-giving occasion. Just call the cooperative at 800-492-5989 or stop in at any of our district offices and we'll apply your payment to their account and provide you with a gift certificate to present as a token of your thoughtful gesture.

Holiday Closings

Midwest Energy offices will be closed on the following:

Thanksgiving – Thursday and Friday, Nov. 22-23

Christmas – Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 24-25

New Year's Day – Tuesday, Jan. 1

*From our families to yours,
happy holidays!*

Midwest in the Community

Giving back to our communities is one of the core values of Midwest Energy. We believe in doing what we can, individually and as a family of employees, to strengthen and support the communities in which we live, work and serve. Here's one way we impacted a local community in September!

United Way Day of Action

A little rain didn't dampen the spirits of Midwest employees who participated in the Sept. 14 Lenawee County United Way Day of Action. A group from Team Midwest joined more than 300 other volunteers to work on 40 projects across Lenawee County in this annual community-wide event.

Midwest lineworkers and propane employees adopted a project for the City of Tecumseh. In their own version of "Romancing the Stone," they carted over 10 tons of stone by wheelbarrow and John Deere gators to landscape planter beds around City Hall. Midwest's own community value was alive and well as we participated with this major community outreach event!

Photos:

Top – With shovels in hand and raingear in place, Midwest Energy linemen Jon McCarty, Kirk Sander, Brian Moore and Eric Keller, along with Midwest Propane service supervisor Greg Pickles, prepare for their day of volunteer work in Tecumseh.

Bottom – A little inclement weather didn't hinder the efforts of this hard-working team of volunteers!



'Live Chat' With Us

**Regularly-staffed Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
at TeamMidwest.com**

The world of technology has virtually exploded, giving us the online ability to do, buy and act on almost anything. But sometimes we get lost in that world and yearn for a human interface to answer a question, provide information, or just guide us in the right direction.

Midwest Energy offers many options for members to contact us, and one of our newest features is our 'Live Chat.' It's a tool you can use through our website (TeamMidwest.com) and allows you to engage in a real-time, online conversation with a member of our expert customer care team. Whether you want to report an outage, get information about your recent bill, or learn more

about an upcoming energy education program, 'Live Chat' offers you the flexibility to engage from the privacy of your own computer and get your answer fast.

'Live Chat' is staffed regularly Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you want to make contact outside of those hours, you will have the option to leave your contact information and a message, and a member of our team will be back in touch during regular business hours. For more urgent needs, please call us after hours at 800-492-5989. This line is staffed 24/7 for handling emergency after-hours outage calls and other situations in a more immediate way.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR THE CUSTOMERS OF MIDWEST ENERGY COOPERATIVE CASE NO. U-17099

- Midwest Energy Cooperative requests Michigan Public Service Commission approval to use a power supply cost recovery factor of \$0.00746 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) to compute its member-customers' bills for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2013.
- The information below describes how a person may participate in this case.
- You may call or write Midwest Energy Cooperative, 901 East State Street, Cassopolis, Michigan 49031, (800) 492-5989 for a free copy of its application. Any person may review the application at the offices of Midwest Energy Cooperative.
- The first public hearing in this matter will be held:

DATE/TIME: December 5, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. This hearing will be a prehearing conference to set future hearing dates and decide other procedural matters.

BEFORE: Administrative Law Judge Thomas E. Maier

LOCATION: Constitution Hall, 525 West Allegan, Lansing, Michigan

PARTICIPATION: Any interested person may attend and participate. The hearing site is accessible, including handicapped parking. Persons needing any accommodation to participate should contact the Commission's Executive Secretary at (517) 241-6160 in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

The Michigan Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold a public hearing to consider Midwest Energy Cooperative's (Midwest) September 28, 2012, application to implement a power supply cost recovery (PSCR) plan and PSCR factor of \$0.00746 per kWh to compute its member-customers' bills for the 12-month period January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2013. Midwest's requested PSCR factor is based on the \$0.07772 per kWh allowance for the cost of power supply included in base rates requested in Midwest's pending Times Interest Earned Ratio (TIER) ratemaking docket, in Case No. U-16426-R.

All documents filed in this case shall be submitted electronically through the Commission's E-Dockets website at: michigan.gov/mpscedockets. Requirements and instructions for filing can be found in the User Manual on the E-Dockets help page. Documents may also be submitted, in Word or PDF format, as an attachment to an email sent to: mpscedockets@michigan.gov. If you require assistance prior to e-filing, contact Commission staff at (517) 241-6180 or by email at: mpscedockets@michigan.gov.

Any person wishing to intervene and become a party to the case shall electronically file a petition to intervene with this Commission by November 28, 2012. (Petitions to intervene may also be filed using the traditional paper format.) The proof of service shall indicate service upon Midwest's attorney, Shaun M. Johnson, Dykema Gossett PLLC, Capitol View, 201 Townsend Street, Suite 900, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

Any person wishing to appear at the hearing to make a statement of position without becoming a party to the case may participate by filing an appearance. To file an appearance, the individual must attend the hearing and advise the presiding administrative law judge of his or her wish to make a statement of position. All information submitted to the Commission in this matter becomes public information: available on the Michigan Public Service Commission's website, and subject to disclosure.

Requests for adjournment must be made pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure R 460.17315 and R 460.17335. Requests for further information on adjournment should be directed to (517) 241-6060.

A copy of Midwest's request may be reviewed on the Commission's website at: michigan.gov/mpscedockets, and at the office of Midwest Energy Cooperative, 901 East State Street, Cassopolis, MI. For more information on how to participate in a case, you may contact the Commission at the above address or by telephone at (517) 241-6180.

Jurisdiction is pursuant to 1909 PA 106, as amended, MCL 460.551 et seq.; 1919 PA 419, as amended, MCL 460.54 et seq.; 1939 PA 3, as amended, MCL 460.1 et seq.; 1982 PA 304, as amended, MCL 460.6h et seq.; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 et seq.; and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, as amended, 1999 AC, R 460.17101 et seq.

October 11, 2012

Preferred Contractors Meet Cooperative Quality Standards

Choosing qualified and reputable contractors can be difficult. As a service to our members, we have compiled a list of Midwest Energy Cooperative Preferred Plumbing Contractors. As part of the qualification process, we researched, interviewed and checked references on a regional pool of contractors, and included on our final list only those that we feel confident will provide the level of service that you have come to know and expect from your cooperative.

Please feel free to contact any of these contractors with confidence if you are interested in more information about their services.

Southwest Michigan Territory:

Advantage Plumbing Inc.

2400 North 5th Street
Niles, MI 49120
269-687-7192

Aqua Plumbing Services

4508 E. Milham
Portage, MI 49002
269-720-1364 or 269-903-AQUA (2782)

City Plumbing & Heating

407 State Street
St. Joseph, MI 49085
269-983-6595

Southeast Michigan Territory:

Heritage Plumbing & Heating

3286 North Adrian Highway
Adrian, MI 49221
517-263-4300

Shoemaker Heating & Plumbing

5310 US Hwy 223
Palmyra, MI 49268
517-263-9940

Whitcher Plumbing & Heating

1500 W. Maumee Street
Adrian, MI 49221
517-265-1389

NOTICE OF ACCESS TO RULES AND RATES

This notice of access to rules and rates is published pursuant to the rules established by the Michigan Public Service Commission as set forth in the Consumer Standard and Billing Practices for Electric and Gas Residential Services, R460.2146 and 2149.

As a member-customer (member) of Midwest Energy Cooperative, please be advised that the following information is available to you from the cooperative, upon request:

- 1) Complete rate schedules;
- 2) Clear and concise explanation of all rates that the member may be eligible to receive;
- 3) Assistance from the cooperative in determining the most appropriate rate for a member when the member is eligible to receive service under more than one rate;
- 4) Clear, concise explanation of the members' actual energy used for each billing period during the last 12 months.

What Causes Blinking Lights?

A blink is an outage that usually lasts for 1 to 2 seconds. Midwest Energy members may experience more than one blink in a short period of time, depending on weather conditions and other factors.

Your lights may blink for several reasons. The power line device that causes the lights to blink is an oil circuit recloser (OCR), designed to automatically shut the power off for 1 or 2 seconds when a problem exists. OCRs help shorten outage times because most blinks are the result of temporary problems, including the following:

Trees – A tree branch brushes the line. The branch may only make contact when the wind blows from a certain direction, or it may be growing into the line.

Lightning – Lightning injects a large amount of current into the lines that normally lasts a very short time. When lightning strikes a line, a surge arrester typically “takes the charge” and the OCR blinks.

Animals – Squirrels and birds are the usual culprits. They sometimes touch the energized

lines and cause a short circuit, which may cause the OCR to blink.

Failing Equipment – Infrequently, equipment on the power line distribution system will begin to malfunction, but will not completely fail. These are the most difficult problems to track down and remedy. An example would be a cracked or damaged insulator that may only cause problems when damp or wet conditions exist.

Distribution Automation

Equipment – Automated equipment restores power quickly, preventing many members from experiencing a much longer outage. Power may be off for only seconds while the equipment is operating. Located within a substation, a distribution automation device can detect and confirm an outage and radio commands to switching equipment. Smart grid-enabled devices open and close on the main lines and redirect power from a neighboring substation to the outage area. This automated switching technology saves time during an outage because it limits the need for crews to travel to various



locations on our system and perform the switching operations themselves.

Actual Outages – Normally, a full outage at one location will cause the lights to blink for a larger group of members in neighboring areas. This usually occurs when a tree falls on the line. The OCR likely will blink several times before the fuse protecting the line blows. The blinks generally affect a larger group of members than those subsequently affected by the outage.

How many blinks are normal?

It's normal to experience up to three or four blinks a month. If there is one every other day, that is not normal. If you do experience frequent, non-weather related blinks, please contact Midwest Energy's office at 800-492-5989. We will log the information and relay it to our line crew.

Please remember that blinking often can be expected when lightning, major winds, ice storms and other severe weather conditions exist.

Are All Fires the Same?

Where there's smoke, there's fire. And while all blazes may look similar, they should not be treated equally. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) notes that over 26,000 electrical home fires result in property damage, injuries, and even death every year. To help you stay safe, remember the acronym F.I.R.E.:

F ind the source before it starts.

Old or faulty wiring is often the main cause of electrical fires. Heat from the wiring or an overloaded system can provide the strike that leads to a fire, but there are often warning signs before a fire even starts.

I nvestigate the signs.

Flickering lights, recurring trips in a circuit breaker, a telltale sizzling noise around wiring and hot light switches may indicate a fire hazard, and it's now time to call a qualified electrician.

R emedy the problem.

If you find any signs of a pending fire or have worries about old wiring, again, contact a professional electrician, but there are some precautions you can take, as well:

- Use bulbs of the correct wattage to prevent overheating of lamps and other fixtures.
- Do not use appliances in wet areas.
- Check all appliances routinely for damage or overheating.
- Check extension and other cords for fraying, cracks or cuts.

E xit the building and learn to extinguish properly.

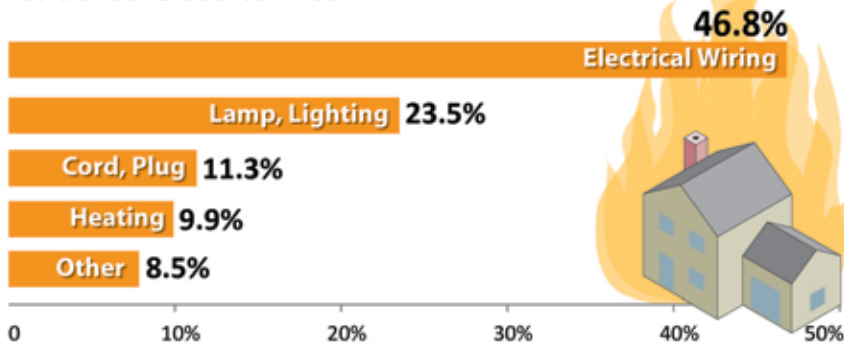
If you are faced with an electrical fire, have everyone exit the building, and call 911 immediately. If you must face a small fire, know the proper way to approach it.

- Never use water on an electrical fire. Water conducts electricity, so it will not douse the fire and may lead to electrocution.
- If the circuit breaker does not trip in the area on fire, shut off the main breaker, if possible. Be sure to approach the breaker only if the fire is not nearby and your hands are dry.
- Never use a Class A extinguisher on an electrical fire. Use a Class C or multi-purpose ABC model. If there is no extinguisher available or the class is unknown, baking soda may help smother the flames.

— Sources: U.S. Fire Administration, Electrical Safety Foundation International

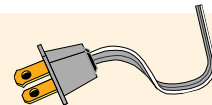
Electrical Fire Culprits

About 26,000 household electrical fires occur in the U.S. every year. Following are the top five pieces of equipment that ignite residential electrical fires.



Source: U.S. Fire Administration National Fire Incident Reporting System; Residential Building Electrical Fires Volume 8, Issue 2; 2010 USFA Fire Estimate Summary

Stay Warm Safely



Space heaters and electric blankets can keep you cozy, but they can be fire and safety hazards, too. Stay both warm and safe with these additional tips.

Use heating correctly:

- ▲ Make sure space heaters are in good repair and lab-certified (CSA®, UL® or ETL).
- ▲ Do not use an extension cord to power a space heater. Make sure the circuit can handle the heater's power demands and any other appliances plugged into it.
- ▲ Keep space heaters 3 feet away or more from flammables (drapes, papers, upholstery), and out of reach from kids and pets.
- ▲ Never use heaters as drying racks.
- ▲ Space heaters should have an automatic shut-off in the event they tip over.
- ▲ If the heater runs on fuels like gas, kerosene or wood, follow manufacturer instructions carefully. Make sure carbon monoxide detectors are installed, and keep chimneys and flues free from corrosion or blockages.
- ▲ Make sure electric blankets are undamaged. Do not put anything on top of it (including pets) or tuck it under a mattress.

Use electrical cords properly:

- ▲ Avoid using damaged extension cords or running any cords through walls, under rugs or furniture, or across doorways.
- ▲ Do not overload outlets or extension cords. If a cord feels warm, it could be a fire or shock hazard.
- ▲ Never try to repair a damaged extension cord with electrical tape.
- ▲ Never cut off the ground pin to connect a 3-prong appliance cord to a 2-wire extension cord or receptacle. Instead, use a national lab-certified (CSA, UL, etc.) adapter.
- ▲ Replace older extension cords if one of the prongs is not "polarized" (wider than the other).
- ▲ Avoid placing cords where someone can accidentally pull them down or trip.
- ▲ Cover unused outlets on the extension cord to prevent kids from getting a shock.
- ▲ Before buying any extension cord, check that it's lab-certified.
- ▲ Outdoors, only use extension cords and appliances approved for such use.
- ▲ Select the right cord. Larger appliances and power tools use cords with three prongs.

Energy Efficiency Rebates Help Holiday Budget

This is a great time of year for shopping deals, and the same goes for energy efficient appliances and equipment. As a member of Midwest Energy Cooperative, you can receive cash-back incentives through their Energy Optimization (EO) program.

Residential Rebates

Since 1992, ENERGY STAR has been the gold standard for reliable, high-quality energy efficient products, and its label is found on over 60 categories. Your electric co-op offers rebates on the items listed here, with details and forms available at michigan-energy.org.

Not only will you receive a convenient energy efficiency rebate, but you will continue to save energy for years to come and feel more comfortable in your home well after your holiday guests leave.

Commercial & Industrial Options

There are savings opportunities for business owners, too. Energy use is the largest operating cost in commercial buildings, potentially representing 33 percent of an operating bud-

get. Reducing the amount of energy a business uses has significant financial and other benefits.

With the EO program, your small business, farm or industrial facility can take affordable energy efficiency measures.

These rebates include:

- Light bulbs and fixture replacements, \$8 to \$50 per item.
- Low-energy livestock waterer, \$50.
- Variable frequency drives on pump or fan motors, \$60 per horsepower.
- Circulation or exhaust fans, \$2 per blade-inch.
- Milkhouse electric water heater, \$250 per unit.

Custom Projects

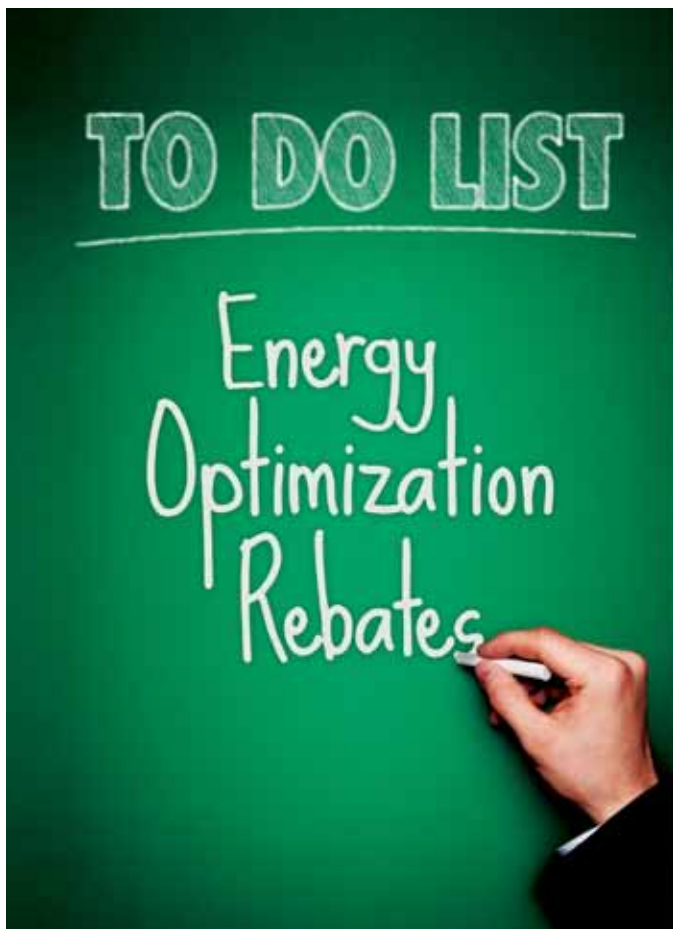
You can also work with program engineers on customized energy-related projects to suit

your unique business needs. Visit michigan-energy.org or call 877-296-4319 for help in getting started. Up to 40 percent of your total project cost may be covered.

Act now. Save now.

Before 2012 closes, read about all of your electric co-op's EO programs. And, you don't have to camp-out or brave a crowded mall to take advantage of them.

Sample Energy Efficiency Products	Rebate
Compact Fluorescent (CFL) Lightbulbs	<i>In-store discounts</i>
LED Lightbulbs	\$10
ENERGY STAR Ceiling Fan (w/light kit)	\$15
ENERGY STAR CFL Fixture	\$15
ENERGY STAR LED Fixture or Downlight kit	\$20
Smart Power Strip	\$20
ENERGY STAR Room Air Conditioner	\$20
ENERGY STAR Dehumidifier	\$20
CEE Tier 2 or 3 Electric Clothes Washer	\$50
Electric Clothes Dryer (w/moisture sensor)	\$25
CEE Tier 1 Dishwasher	\$25
ENERGY STAR Refrigerator	\$20
Low Flow Aerator Kits	\$10



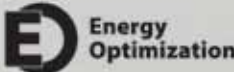

ACT NOW

There are REBATES with your name on them.

There is still time to save! Our Energy Optimization programs help businesses and residents save energy. **Cash-back rebates** are available for ENERGY STAR® appliances, efficient farm equipment, lighting replacements and more. Your to-do list: 1) View rebates online. 2) Decide what energy-saving actions to take. 3) Claim your savings.

ENERGY TIP: You can get 30% energy savings per year with ENERGY STAR.

Online: michigan-energy.org Phone: 877.296.4319

Energy Optimization programs and incentives are applicable to Michigan service locations only. Other restrictions may apply. For a complete list of participating utilities, visit michigan-energy.org.



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Michigan Electric Cooperatives Oppose Proposal 3

Your electric co-op supports a clean, affordable and reliable energy future, and we're already working towards achieving Michigan's 10 percent renewable energy requirement by 2015. That's why we oppose Proposal 3, which would lock a 25 percent renewable energy standard into the state constitution, costing Michigan families and small businesses an additional \$12 billion.

**We urge co-op members to vote NO
on this costly ballot proposal.**

Visit CAREforMich.com to learn more.



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