

What's Happening

November 6
Daylight Saving
Time Ends

November 8
Election Day

November 11
Veterans Day

November 24
Thanksgiving —
REC Offices Closed
Thursday, Nov. 24, and
Friday, Nov. 25

Higher Energy Bills Expected This Upcoming Winter

Coming off a summer that brought higher cooling bills, many families are now bracing for increased costs from winter heating. According to the National Energy Assistance Directors Association (NEADA), the cost of cooling for the average family increased from \$450 to \$600 this summer.

According to the Energy Information Administration's (EIA) latest Short-Term Energy Outlook, the residential price of electricity will go up significantly from 2021. Higher retail prices "reflect an increase in wholesale power prices driven by rising natural gas prices," the report said.

Natural gas prices, meanwhile, will hit the highest level in 14 years this winter as global consumption remains high and inventories stay low, according to the EIA. The natural gas spot price will reach a monthly average of \$9 per million British thermal units (MMBtu) this quarter—the highest inflation-adjusted monthly average since 2008.

Source: WECA

WINTER ENERGY SAVING TIPS

To help off-set the rising cost of energy, check out Rock Energy's Winter Energy Saving Tips on our web site:

www.rock.coop/winter-energy-saving-tips

Energy Assistance

To apply for energy assistance in Wisconsin or Illinois, you'll need to complete an application and provide information on each household member and their income, as well as records of your energy costs.

Illinois Assistance Contact Info:

- Winnebago County: 844-710-6919
- Boone County: 815-544-3144
- Stephenson County: 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111
- McHenry County: 815-338-7752

Wisconsin Assistance Contact Info:

- Rock County: 608-363-9200
- Green County: 608-328-1111
- Walworth County: 262-427-8505
- Dane County: 608-267-8601

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2023 Rock Energy Scholarships Available



Rock Energy Cooperative again is offering scholarships of \$1,000 to graduating high school seniors who enroll at an accredited school. Students who live on REC lines and whose parents or guardians are active members of REC are eligible.

Our scholarship committee will judge applicants based on general merit, cooperation, leadership abilities, financial need, and class ranking.

Since 1989, Rock Energy has awarded more than \$152,000 in financial aid to deserving students. The on-line application is available at www.rock.coop. Just go to the Community & Youth tab and click on Scholarships. **The deadline for submitting applications is Jan. 10, 2023.**

If you have any questions, please contact Jonas Berberich at 866-752-4550, or jonasb@rock.coop.

IEC MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In addition, scholarships of \$2,000 will be awarded through the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program. These scholarships are available to high school seniors who are the sons or daughters of an Illinois electric cooperative member receiving service from the co-op.

Applications must be completed on-line by Dec. 31, 2022. Go to www.rock.coop and then to the Community & Youth tab and click on Scholarships.

87th Annual Rock Energy Annual Meeting to Take Place April 24, 2023



Please join us on **Monday, April 24, 2023**, for the 87th Annual Meeting of Rock Energy Cooperative. The 2023 meeting is being moved back to a spring-time date, after the previous three annual meetings were held in September due to COVID-related issues.

The 2023 event will take place at the Eclipse Center in Beloit.

On the day of the event, registration will open at 4:30 p.m. Members are welcome to participate in the business meeting, which will begin at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be served afterward.

Further details about the 2023 meeting will be released in upcoming issues of the co-op magazine, in this newsletter, and through email correspondence.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday, April 24.

Unclaimed Money Held for Former Members

Utilizing unclaimed capital credits, Rock Energy Cooperative holds unclaimed capital credit funds for some former members. A list of those who have unclaimed money can be viewed on our web site at www.rock.coop/unclaimed.

The money will be forfeited and paid to the Wisconsin Electric Cooperatives' Federated Youth Foundation for educational purposes unless claimed by Dec. 31, 2022. You may send claims to Rock Energy Cooperative's headquarters at P.O. Box 1758, Janesville, WI 53547, or call 866-752-4550.



Happy Thanksgiving!

Rock Energy Cooperative offices will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24, and Friday, Nov. 25, in observance of Thanksgiving. We will reopen at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 28.

Members can make payments in the drop boxes at both offices throughout the holiday weekend and at the payment kiosk outside our South Beloit office, 15229 Willowbrook Rd.

Even though our offices are closed, standby crews are available. If you need to report a power outage or natural gas incident, please call 866-752-4550.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP

Christmas Lights

When it comes to decorating with lights this holiday, make sure to use LED (light-emitting diode) lights. They are the most efficient type of lights and last longer than regular incandescent bulbs. LEDs use up to 90 percent less energy and may last 10 times as long as standard Christmas lights. For outdoor displays, look for LED icicle lights that have an "Energy Star" label on the package — these are far more efficient than traditional icicle lights.