

What's Happening

June 14
Flag Day

June 20
Father's Day

June 20
Summer Begins

June is National Safety Month

National Safety Month is celebrated to encourage awareness of the importance of safety and to promote the safety culture. It is organized by the National Safety Council and celebrated every year in June.

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Capital Credits Distributed on Members' May Statements

On your May Rock Energy Cooperative billing statement, you will notice one of the many benefits of your co-op membership. Your May statement shows your share of the co-op's 2020 earnings, as well as your percentage credit for the current and past years' allocations.

Unlike other utilities, your co-op exists to make sure your energy needs are always met, not to make a profit. As a member, you share in the profits in the form of capital credits.

The co-op works hard every day to keep your rates as low as possible. But it's sure nice to know that when there are profits, they go back to you. Capital credits are based on usage, so the more energy you purchase, the more capital

credits are allocated and eventually returned to you.

In 2021, Rock Energy is distributing more than \$1.1 million in capital credits to current members on their May statements and about \$300,000 to past members. Since it was founded 85 years ago, more than \$22 million has been paid back to past and current members.

The statement also shows your capital credits balance, which represents your equity in the co-op. That money is used to maintain and upgrade the system and repay associated indebtedness.

HOW DO CAPITAL CREDITS WORK?



REC tracks members' electricity usage and how much money members pay for it throughout the year.



At the end of the year, REC determines if there is excess revenue, called margins. Margins are allocated to members as capital credits (based on energy usage).



When REC's financial conditions permit, the REC board of directors decides to retire (pay) the capital credits.



Eligible members see their capital credit amounts applied as a credit on their bill.

Rock Energy operates at cost, any excess revenues, called margins, are returned to members in the form of capital credits.

UNCLAIMED CAPITAL CREDITS

REC does everything it can to ensure that former members get their retired capital credits. Each fall we publish a list of unclaimed capital credits. Any money that isn't claimed is placed in the Wisconsin Electric Cooperatives' Federated Youth Foundation and used for educational purposes, including scholarships and youth programs in both Wisconsin and Illinois.

LOOK OUT

FOR POWER SOURCES



Do not get within 10 feet (in any direction) of a power line.

Be aware of power lines when working on the roof.



Do not trim branches or limbs near power lines.

Be careful when carrying long or tall objects such as ladders or poles.



Before you dig, call 811 to have underground utilities marked.



Do not dig near padmount transformers or other utility equipment.

SafeElectricity.org

WORK ZONE SAFETY

Slow Down, Protect Workers

Sometimes utilities must put trucks and personnel in roadways to make repairs or install new equipment to keep power on at your home and business.

Workers in these situations might already be facing the hazards of dealing with high voltage, and they increase their risk when establishing a work zone in the roadway. No matter how big the work zone, it requires drivers to pay attention to avoid a crash.



Pictured above is a Rock Energy work zone along Highway 67 in Clinton, WI (summer 2020).

Keeping a safe distance between your car and the construction workers and equipment, driving the posted work zone speed limit, and using your four-way flashers when stopping or traveling slowly can help reduce accidents in work zones.

When you are making travel plans, keep in mind that many states also provide road construction information on their respective department of transportation websites that can be consulted before starting a trip. If you know that you are going to be traveling through a work zone, giving yourself a little extra time to get to your destination can also help.



Rock Energy offices will remain closed and REC personnel will be out on Monday, July 5, in observance of the 4th of July. 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 Road. Even though our offices are closed, standby crews are available. If you need to report a power outage, please call 866-752-4550.

The National Work Zone Safety Information Clearing House has developed a list of ways to stay safe in work zones:

- Never use a cell phone or text while driving.
- Stay alert. Expect the unexpected.
- Slow down.
- Don't tailgate.
- Pay attention to the signs.
- Obey the flaggers.
- Be patient and stay calm.
- Know the road rules for work zones.

