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Rebate Program Rewards Members for Energy Efficient Appliances

Holiday bills are arriving and the economy is questionable, but you need to buy a new electric water heater or dishwasher.

Indian Electric can help ease the financial impact of that purchase with our electric appliance rebate program.

The program gives you a rebate for purchasing energy-efficient electric water heaters, room air conditioners, clothes washers, dishwashers, ground and air source heat pumps, and air source heat pumps with electric backup heat.

The rebates range from $50 per appliance to $150 per ton on the heat pumps. The program is a combined effort between IEC and IEC's generation and transmission co-op Associated Electric.

"The purpose of the rebate program is to encourage members to use energy efficient appliances," says David Wilson, IEC's manager of member services. "We are supporting Associated Electric's emphasis on using electricity efficiently so it can delay, as long as possible, having to build new power plants, which would increase the cost IEC pays for electricity."

Wilson says members who want to participate in the program need to complete the co-op's

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Electric Water Heater – $50. Unit must have an efficiency rating of .90 or higher and cannot replace gas.

Room A/C unit – $50. Applies to the purchase of any Energy Star unit.

Clothes Washer – $100. Applies to purchase of a new Energy Star unit. The unit must be connected to an electric water heater.

Dishwasher – $50. Applies to the purchase of a new Energy Star unit, which must be connected to an electric water heater.

Ground Source Heat Pump – $750 per ton.

Air Source Heat Pump with Gas Backup Heat – $150 per ton. Installation of a 14 SEER heat pump with gas backup heat.

Air Source Heat Pump with Electric Backup Heat – $150 per ton. Installation of a 15 SEER heat pump with electric backup in new construction or replacing electric resistance heat.

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Be Heard on Capitol Hill

Although over 1,540,000 messages have now been sent to Capitol Hill, the **Our Energy, Our Future**™ campaign is not yet over. A responsibility to continue spreading the message is now more important than ever.

Oklahoma now ranks 22nd among state responses; up from 28th, just a short time ago. Almost 7,000 responses have been e-mailed to Oklahoma members of Congress for all three questions. Interest appears to be growing in the overall campaign, with an even stronger commitment being sought in 2009.

As House and Senate members convene for the 111th Congress, now is a good time to remind them of the importance of the affordability of electricity. Those of the Oklahoma Congressional delegation, who were up for re-election this year, were all re-elected for another term. So, we must remind them to continue the fight as a voice for the electric cooperative industry and co-op members.

"It's important for us to send our requests, so those representatives can use the number of communications they receive from their constituents to support their debate with those Congressmen who may not understand. Without giving Oklahoma Congressman this tool, it is possible legislation could be passed with no regard for the end costs to the consumer," says IEC General Manager Jack Clinkscale.

To make it easy to contact our Congressmen, there is a NRECA-developed Web site that will send an e-mail for you. Go to *www.ourenergy.coop* and enter your address, which will help direct your e-mail to the representatives and senators who serve your particular area. You will also be asked to select your cooperative.

The question you should ask your legislators now is: ***What will you do to keep electricity rates affordable?***

"Across the country, cooperatives are working together to continue asking questions of our elected officials about what they are doing to solve the electricity crisis our country faces," says Clinkscale. "We must work to ensure Congress reconciles the realities of the nation's electricity needs while working on energy and climate change goals," he added.

"As electric cooperatives, we are already helping members with energy efficiency and other programs to minimize the cost increases we are being forced to confront. We are informing consumers about the electricity crisis and we are helping them make their voices heard on Capitol Hill as decisions about their future are made," Clinkscale noted.

The **Our Energy, Our Future** consumer campaign in 2008 laid the groundwork for a more substantial effort to engage our consumers this year in the policy decisions that profoundly affect them and their electric cooperatives' ability to serve them affordable and reliable power. Please help keep the pressure on and the momentum building.

Among the issues and priorities that the **Our Energy, Our Future** campaign will focus on in coming months include further action for clean coal technology, renewable energy, transmission, carbon capture and storage and the development of nuclear power. A growing awareness of energy efficiency is also becoming increasingly necessary as prices rise.

Far too many Americans' electric bills are already unaffordable. "We must make sure Congress recognizes our nation's electricity crisis," Clinkscale noted. "Please help IEC do its part in making Congress aware of future potential needs in the cooperative utility industry."

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On February 17, federal law requires all full-power television broadcast stations stop broadcasting in analog format and broadcast only in digital format.

Congress mandated the conversion to all-digital television broadcasting, also known as the digital television (DTV) transition, because all-digital broadcasting will free up frequencies for public safety communications (such as police, fire, and emergency rescue). Also, digital is a more efficient transmission technology that allows broadcast stations to offer improved picture and sound quality, as well as offer more programming options for consumers through multiple broadcast streams (multicasting). In addition, some of the freed-up frequencies will be used for advanced commercial wireless services for consumers.

For more information about the DTV transition, go to www.dtv.gov, which also provides links to several other informative Web sites, or contact the FCC's Consumer Center by e-mailing dtvinfo@fcc.gov; calling 1-888-CALL-FCC (1-888-225-5322) voice or 1-888-TELL-FCC (1-888-835-5322) TTY

WINTER STORM SAFETY

Living in Oklahoma, we know snow and ice storms are an inevitable part of the winter season, and that they can lead to downed power lines and outages. Remember the following tips to stay safe and warm should you find yourself in the dark after a severe winter event:

- Never touch a fallen power line, and assume all wires on the ground are electrically charged. Call Indian Electric at 358-2514 or 1-800-482-2750 to report it immediately. Avoid contact with overhead lines during cleanup and other activities.
- In the event of an outage, an alternate heating source – such as a fireplace, propane space heater, or wood stove – may be used. Extreme caution should be taken.
- Plan to stay in an area of the home where the alternate heat source is located.
- Fuel- and wood-buring heating sources should be vented. Be sure to follow manufacturer's directions.
- Make sure carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors are working properly.
- Do not use a gas-powered oven for heating. A gas oven may go out or burn inefficiently, leading to carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Do not use a gas or charcoal grill inside the home. Do not use charcoal briquettes in the fireplace.
- If you use a portable generator to power a heating source, be sure the generator is located outside your house for proper ventilation. Do not use a generator in an attached garage. Follow manufacturer's directions for operating the generator.
- Take special care not to overload a generator. Use appropriately sized extension cords to carry the electric load. Make sure the cords have a grounded, three-pronged plug and are in good condition.
- Never connect generators to power lines. The reverse flow of electricity can electrocute an unsuspecting utility worker.

Just a Reminder...

Youth Tour and Energy Camp essays are due by noon, Tuesday, February 10.

Feeling Green this Valentine's Day?

Move over, red. Green is the new color of Valentine's Day.

Saving energy and the environment is newly romantic, and retailers are stocking up with Earth-friendly gifts.

Here are some tips for an energy-conscious love-fest:

- Save on gas and reduce emissions by staying home and cooking a meal for your sweetie on Valentine's Day.
- To save electricity and time, prepare your romantic dinner in a crock-pot. The smaller appliance uses less energy than an oven.
- Or, experiment with dishes you can cook in the microwave or toaster oven.
- If you opt to use the stovetop, choose pans to fit the burners, keep the lids on and turn off the burners shortly before the food is finished cooking.
- Dim the lights and eat by candle-light. A light that's dimmed by 75 percent will use about 20 percent less energy than one burning at full brightness. And it will last about four times longer.
- Give sustainable sustainable gifts, like greeting cards printed on recycled paper or long-lasting potted plants rather than fresh-cut flowers.

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rebate form, and provide the sales receipt for the appliance along with the brand and model number. If the new appliance is replacing an appliance, then the brand and model number for the old appliance is also required. Wilson says the rebate forms are available at IEC, and members can send the completed forms and required information to him at P. O. Box 49, Cleveland, OK 74020.

The forms need to be submitted within 60 days of installing the new appliances.

Once Wilson receives the rebate forms and required information, a rebate check will be mailed to the member.

RECIPE

Halftime Chili

3 Tbsp. olive oil
1 1/2 cups chopped onion
8 large garlic cloves, chopped
2 lbs. ground chuck
1 envelope taco seasoning or 1/4 cup taco seasoning
1 tsp. dried basil
1/2 tsp. dried oregano
1/2 tsp. dried thyme
1 15-oz. can tomato sauce
3 cups chicken broth or vegetable broth
1 6-oz. can tomato paste
2 15- to 16-oz. cans of kidney beans (drained)

Heat oil in heavy saucepan over medium-high heat. Add onions and garlic. Saute about 8 minutes or until onions are translucent. Add chuck and cook until brown, breaking up meat with a spatula as it cooks. Add taco seasoning, basil, oregano, and thyme. Stir 2 minutes. Mix in tomato sauce, chicken broth and tomato paste. Simmer until thickened to desired consistency, stirring occasionally, about 1 and a half hours. Mix in beans. Simmer for 5 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Keep your fireplace damper closed unless you built a fire. An open damper allows as much warm air to escape as a fully open window. If you never use your fireplace, plug and seal the chimney flue.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy