



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
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

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:

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| 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.

SIEC busy with School Safety Demonstrations

Linemen Brian Roberts and Mike Gerritson of SIEC assisted Northeast Missouri Electric Power Cooperative in presenting safety demonstrations for the 4th-5th grade students at Cardinal Elementary, Moulton-Udell Elementary and Davis County Elementary. The students learned about the invention of electricity, the history of rural electrification, and electrical safety. Students also learned valuable life-saving information so they will know what to do if there is an accident with downed power lines. If you are in a vehicle with downed lines, always stay in the vehicle until the electric company says it's safe to exit; and if you come up on an accident like this, do not run up to the vehicle. Instead you must stay back until the area is cleared as safe from the utility. Electricity is deadly, you can't see it, hear it, or smell it; always assume downed lines are energized!

Pictured below Left: SIEC Lineman Mike Gerritson and Jesse Gerritson, Jesse is the daughter of Mike and Andrea Gerritson of Bloomfield. Right: Logan Carter and SIEC Lineman Brian Roberts, Logan is the son of Wes Carter of Moulton.



Did you know?

In accordance with Iowa Code 476.6A the owner of any alternate energy production facility (solar, wind, etc.) that is attached to the Cooperative lines is required to provide written notification to the Cooperative of the intent to install the facility at least 30 days prior to construction. The appropriate Interconnection Agreement must also be completed and signed by the member and the Cooperative before installation on Cooperative lines occur. Please feel free to call us at 1-800-607-2027 if you have any questions.

Office Closing Notice

SIEC's office will be closed on Monday December 24th and Tuesday December 25th for Christmas; & Tuesday January 1st for New Year's Day

Board Approved \$400,000 for Patronage Refund

The SIEC Board of Directors approved payment of patronage dividends in 2018. The refund includes dividends allocated by SIEC to members for the years 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2017. The total payment was \$400,000. The retirement of capital credits is the tangible demonstration of your ownership in Southern Iowa Electric Cooperative. This refund was distributed to you on September 1st in the form of a bill credit for all active members of the Cooperative. Former members received a check in the middle of September. Capital credit distributions from member-owned, not for profit utilities, such as SIEC, are somewhat similar to the dividends paid to shareholders of investor-owned utilities. The difference is that a co-op's "shareholders" are also the members that it serves and the "dividends" (capital credits) are distributed to the co-op's member owners. Even if you move off the Cooperative lines you will still receive the capital credits that you have earned; however, your check will be issued when the general refund is made to all the other members who have earned capital credits for that same period. Therefore, it is very important that you keep us updated with your current address so we can mail your capital credits to you. Should the member of record pass away, capital credits are refunded to the surviving spouse or heirs. Before distributing the capital credits, SIEC Directors must consider the financial condition of the cooperative, the need for capital funds and the availability of loan funds. With this distribution, members will have received a total of \$8,788,086 in patronage dividends and refunds. SIEC directors and employees would like to thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to serving you.

Another Great Turnout for Southern Iowa Electric Cooperative's 7th Annual Christmas Co-op Connections Expo!

SIEC's seventh annual Christmas Co-op Connections Expo was held on Monday, November 12th from 4:30-8:00 pm at our headquarters in Bloomfield. We had 58 area businesses participate in the Expo, all of whom participate in our Co-op Connections Program and offer special discounts to SIEC Members year round! The event was open to the public for a night of shopping, food and prizes. A Free LED light bulb was given to the first 200 attendees. The Expo had items of interest for everyone...firearms and ammo for the men; jewelry, home décor, gifts, and beauty for the women; and books and toys for the kids. Of course, the Expo also satisfied everyone's taste buds with delicious plate dinners, cookies, cupcakes, and fudge.

Don't miss out on these local discounts...you no longer have to remember to carry your co-op connections card with you, as there is now a free app for your phone! Just go to the App Store on your phone and search for Co-op Connections. Install the free app, then you will need to Register if you haven't already done so previously. Once you are on the Home screen, click on the image of a shopping cart at the top of the page. This will take you to all the local businesses offering discounts to cooperative members. Now you can click on a business that you are interested in, and click on the offer. It's that easy! If you have any questions on the Co-op Connections App feel free to call us for help.

We are proud to offer our Co-op Connections card to our members. Another benefit SIEC's Co-op Connections card provides, in addition to discounts from participating local businesses, are discounts on prescriptions. By using your Co-op Connections Card you can receive a 10% to 85% discount on prescription drugs at over 60,000 national and local pharmacies. They also offer Cash Back online shopping at over 3,000 retailers! The Co-op Connections Program is free to all members of participating cooperatives. One of SIEC's core values is commitment to community, we would like to thank all of our participating businesses and all those who came out to the Expo!

