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Southern Iowa
Electric Cooperative
A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

NOVEMBER 2016

Win a boxful of assorted LED lightbulbs and figure out which kind you like best! ▶ See page 5

Meet SIEC's
**new general
manager**

Is nuclear power an
**overlooked
energy
source?**

Start your day with
a family-favorite
breakfast!

This winter,
make your
**energy dollars
work harder**

Outage Report

September 2016

Providing and distributing safe, reliable and affordable electricity is the goal of SIEC, but there are times outages occur for a variety of reasons. Each month, SIEC records the numbers and causes of outages that occur on our lines. Our crews work hard to keep this number low to ensure we keep the lights on.

Power Supplier (NEP)	0
Equipment Failure	2
Maintenance	1
Weather	3
Animals	1
Public/Customer	0
Unknown	1



Southern Iowa Electric Cooperative

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

Our mission is to serve our members and community by safely providing reliable and environmentally responsible power and other services efficiently and at a competitive price to benefit members and improve the quality of life in the areas that we serve.

Office: 22458 Highway 2, P.O. 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 – Iowa One Call: 800-292-8989

Website: www.sie.coop

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Closed Saturdays, Sundays and holidays

Management

Greg Proctor, CEO/General Manager
Jo Altheide, CFO/Key Accounts Manager
Lori McAllister, CCO/Member Services Manager
Lindsay Smith, Office Manager
Ross Hunter, Systems Analyst

Board of Directors

Darrell Downing, President	Travis Harris
Paul Wells, Vice President	Beth Sullivan
Joy Evans, Secretary	Earl Trachsel
Dave Yahnke, Treasurer	Ben Koellner
	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: 641-664-2277 or 800-607-2027.

Service Charges

ACH (Electronic Payment).....	No Charge
Bill Collection	\$50
Meter Tampering	\$150
Overtime Service Call.....	\$150
Disconnect.....	\$50
Posting.....	\$50
Returned Check	\$30
Reconnect.....	\$75
Trip Charge	\$50

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Co-op Connections Card

Keep flashing your Co-op Connections

Keep your Co-op Connections Card handy to save money at the participating local businesses listed below. For more detailed listings, please go to

www.connections.coop. Click on Co-op Deals at the top of the page, enter your ZIP Code and select the co-op's name in the pop-up window. On the

Addie May Fudge & Antiques

10% off in shop
(excludes fudge)

AJ's Art & Hearts

10% off \$50 or more

Allen Custom Design

Chip Flooring
Get \$100 off min. 500 sq. ft. job

Avon – Melissa Devereaux
15% Discount

Bailey's BBQ Barn
Get FREE large bag of kettle corn with \$20 food purchase

Bare Root Natural Essentials – Mona Fowler
Buy 4 products, get 1 bar of soap FREE

Barn Wired
15% off purchase of \$25 or more

Bircher Body Products
Buy 1 bar of soap, get 2nd bar of equal value FREE; buy 1 lotion, get a FREE lip balm

Blackboard Printing Company
25-cent color copies – no minimum, no maximum

Bloomfield Communications
\$3 off 1-year *Bloomfield Democrat* subscription (print)

Bloomfield Greenhouses
10% off 1 shade tree. Discount does not apply to delivery and planting.

Bloomfield Main Street
\$5 off bronze individual or \$50 off bronze business investment

Bloomfield Rent-All
\$5 off any equipment rental over \$25

Bluesongbird
10% off purchase of \$50 or more

Brewer Pottery
10% off purchase of \$50 or more

C&K Vinyl Designs
Buy 1 sign, and get 1 personalized sign 25% off

Cakes by Schelyce
\$5 off \$25 purchase

Citizen's Mutual
5% off merchandise (not in combination with any other offer)

CJ's Restaurant
Buy 2 meals and get FREE drink (excludes shakes)

Clearview Animal Hospital
\$5 off Heartworm Test or \$5 off Feline Combo Test

Clever Container – Wendi Lemmon, consultant
Buy 1, get 1 50% off (equal value)

Cobblestone Inn and Suites
10% discount – Bloomfield location only

Country-'Tique
10% off purchase of \$50 or more

Courtyard Gallery
5% off Jeanne Dixon Jewelry or jewelry classes

Davencorp Welding & Fabrication, Inc.
\$3 off regular-priced DC Mustang sign

Davidson Construction, LLC
5% off Cambria or Klondike Countertop order

Davis County Tire
\$5 off any alignment

Dawn's Couture Cakes
Buy 1 dozen cupcakes, get 3 cupcakes FREE on first dozen

Day's Heating & Air
Get FREE Desuperheater with the purchase of any air-source heat pump

Decorating by Brenda
10% discount

Designs by Dawna
10% off purchase of \$50 or more

Diamondz Pizza
2 large single-topping pizzas for \$22 – Fri. & Sat.

doTERRA Essential Oils
FREE shipping with any order and host an Introductory to Essential Oils Class and receive a FREE Oil

Double C Cowboy Country
10% off purchase of \$50 or more

Elegance by Design
10% discount off any purchase

Elena's Ice Cream Shop
10% off any purchase

Epic Defense
20% off AR-15 targets and stands

Essential Massage and Spa
10% off your first visit

Express Builders – Clayton Eakins
5% off custom woodworking order of \$200 or more

Fence Post to Fence Post
10% off purchase of \$50 or more

Fetcho Family Chiropractic
\$1 off Biofreeze

Fox River Turnings
5% off any purchase or 10% off purchase of \$100 or more

Froggy Bottom Shop
10% off purchase of \$50 or more

Grandma's Spoons & Grandpa's Stuff
10% off purchase over \$25

Green Mountain Grills
2 FREE bags of wood pellets with the purchase of a grill

Hairy Nations Antiques
Discount card for antique buttons

Hastings Meat Processing
Buy 10 lbs. hamburger, get 1 lb. FREE

Hershey's Honey
10% discount on purchase over \$30

Hird's Crafts
5% off any purchase or 10% off purchase of \$75 or more

INa+Pod
15% discount on all single float purchases

Iowa Wind and Solar
\$500 off any solar PV system 5 kilowatts or larger

Iron & Lace
10% off purchase of \$50 or more

J's One Stop
Buy 1 slice of pizza and get FREE 20-oz. fountain drink

Jamerry Nails – Jodie Atkinson
FREE shipping

Jessica Wilcox Strand – Author Rodeo Chicken
children's book for \$10

Keep Collective – Cecil Reed
FREE shipping

Long Term Medical Supply Corp. – Bloomfield location
10% off retail products (limit \$50 savings)

Look, Buy & Enjoy
Buy 3 books and get the 4th FREE or get 10% off total purchase

Maggie's Avon
10% off purchase

Main Street Donuts
10% off purchase

Making Memories Flowers and Gifts
10% off \$50 purchase

Mary Kay Cosmetics – Charity Gooden
10% off any purchase

Card to save money!

next page, click the Local button. If you don't have access to the Internet, call Lori at 800-607-2027, and she'll be happy to mail you a copy of the latest list. ⚡



Massage Works
10% off your first visit

**Mechanics
Gems by RS**
Purchase a pendant, get a FREE SS chain or get 10% off 2 or more pendants

Mikels Inc.
10% off any automotive mechanical service over \$50

Misty's Malt Shop
Purchase full meal, get small ice cream cone FREE

Morgan's Ice Cream Parlor & Candy Confectionery
20% off merchandise

Moulton Locker
Buy 5 months meat locker rental, get 6th month FREE

Mystique Vintage & Unique
15% off purchase of \$25 or more

Naoma's Embroidery
10% off purchase of \$25 or more

Neebz Graphix
\$10 off purchase of \$100 or more (excludes fundraisers)

Nerium International – Michelle Matthews
FREE gift with purchase/Host a party, receive an additional incentive

Norwex – Heather Boas
FREE shipping on orders of \$35 or more

Norwex – LuAnn Beacom
FREE shipping on orders of \$35 or more

Not So Prim and Proper
\$10 off purchase of \$100 or more

Nursery Rags
10% discount

Ottumwa Radio
10% off all prepaid advertising

Pampered Chef – Katie McDonald
10% off all orders

Paparazzi Accessories – Franny Zotz
Buy 4 pieces, get 1 FREE

Perfect Touch Wellness Center
10% off spa packages for 4 or more people

Pickle Creek Herbs
Buy one 8.5-oz. bottle of infused oil or vinegar, and receive a FREE 2-oz. bottle of infused oil or vinegar

Pine Ridge Retreat & Lodging
\$25 off large cabins/\$15 off family cabins, with a 2-night minimum

Plexus – Emily Hill
FREE shipping on first order

Plunder Designs – Tammy Loerzel
FREE earrings up to \$12 value with a \$40 min. purchase

Premier Designs – Marybeth Jackson
Buy one, get one item (most expensive) half off

Pulaski Lumber
15% off any purchase of tools and accessories – cash and carry

Rancho Centinela
\$1 off entrée

Riverbend Pizza and Steakhouse
FREE drink with dinner purchase (no alcohol)

RLD Construction Services
20% discount for first-time client services

Rodan + Fields – Megan Pickens
\$20 off your first order of \$150 or more

Scentsy – Dana Batterson
FREE shipping with qualified order

Shawn Shirk Cabinetry Design
FREE sink base with purchase of full kitchen

Shoot Me Now Photography
Spend \$75 in prints, receive 1 FREE half-hour session

Signature Homestyles – Priscilla Patterson
FREE shipping

Signature Homestyles – Shanon Claussen
FREE Shipping

Silpada – Jennifer Johnston
\$25 hostess credit for cardholder

Simply Said – Amy Moorman, Designer
10% off purchase \$35 or more

Sinclair Tractor
10% discount on home and workshop products

Slayton Polaris
\$25 off any accessory with the purchase of a new ATV or Ranger

Sorority Sewing
10% off purchase of \$50 or more

Subway – Bloomfield
50 cents off any 6-inch sub, \$1 off any foot-long sub, or \$5 off any Party Platter or Party Sub – Bloomfield location only

Sweet Pea Boutique – Floris
15% off purchase of \$50 or more

T and L Market and Deli
\$1 off any large pizza

Tastefully Simple – Regenia Bradley
10% off any purchase

Terra Signal Satellite
New customers get \$50 cash with qualifying offer

The Green Leaf Place Bed and Breakfast
10% off regular room rates

The Junk Parlor
Get \$10 off \$100 purchase

Thirty-One – Michelle Matthews
10% off order of \$35 or more/Host a party and receive an additional incentive

Tom's Tree Service
10% off tree trimming or stump grinding

Trimble-Parker Guest House/Bed and Breakfast
20% off entire house rental

Trophy Ridge Taxidermy
\$5 discount on each order

Tupperware – Tracy Diehl
10% off order

Upholstery and Sew Forth
10% off quilting fabrics

Usborne Books & More – Susan Smith
FREE shipping on order of \$50 or more

Vintage 412
FREE key fob with purse purchase

Watkins Products – Betty Sue Bennett, Manager
10% off sales of \$50 or more

Wild Flour Bakery
15% off purchase

Younique Cosmetics by Sara
Purchase mascara, get an eye shadow half off

From the Board

Meet SIEC's new general manager

Southern Iowa Electric Cooperative, Inc., is pleased to announce Greg Proctor, the co-op's previous operations manager and COO, as its next CEO/general manager, effective Oct. 3, 2016.



Greg has been working for the cooperative since 2012. Prior to joining SIEC, Greg worked in architecture and construction. He has a bachelor's degree in architecture and is working toward his masters in business administration. Greg is a long-time resident of Davis County and is looking forward to continuing to serve his community and the members of the cooperative.

The Board of Directors is pleased to have the opportunity to hire an individual who's already familiar with SIEC, its employees, members and mission. The Board looks forward to working with Greg in this new leadership role. ⚡

Editor's Choice Contest

Win \$125 in LED lightbulbs!

This month's prize package includes a variety of energy-saving 60-watt equivalent LED bulbs, including soft white, daylight and some you can adjust for color preference. We're also including a holiday bonus: two 66-foot-long strings of decorative outdoor LED lights and a heavy-duty 24-hour timer. Complete the online entry form at the *Living with Energy in Iowa* website (www.livingwithenergyinowa.com) by Nov. 30, 2016. ⚡



Co-op VIPs

Directors earn national recognition



Showing their commitment to the cooperative and its member-owners, SIEC directors Earl Trachsel (*left*) and Travis Harris (*right*) have successfully completed the Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) program through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. The CCD curriculum consists of five courses on topics such as strategic planning and financial decision making, designed to provide essential knowledge and skills required of cooperative directors. ⚡

Office Closings



**Thanksgiving:
Nov. 24-25**

About Energy

Solar garden not in members' best interest at this time

For the past year, SIEC has been diligently working through the long process of analyzing the viability of building a Community Solar Garden. The estimated cost for a 500-kilowatt solar garden project was \$1.7 million.

Your cooperative's purpose and goal is to provide the most affordable, reliable power that's within our control. In line with this commitment, we did several things in an effort to lower the final cost per panel to our members, such as applying for State Production Tax Credits.

For example, SIEC applied for a \$63,500 REAP Grant for this project and was notified last month that our request was not selected for funding. We also applied for a \$500,000 CDGB Grant, which required that we complete a Low to Moderate Income (LMI) survey. Eight months later, we found out that the LMI requirements for the



grant only would allow low to moderate income households to benefit from the resulting reduction in panel costs. Additionally, more survey data was required to establish LMI eligibility, which still was not a guarantee of funding.

So, the decision has been made to not proceed with the additional survey requirements. SIEC's board of directors and management team has determined the solar project is not a viable project or in the best interest of our member-owners at this time. ⚡

Operations Update

What's that number?

Have you ever noticed a set of numbers on your transformer pole and wondered what they meant? Well, that's how our linemen find you.

It's called your **location number**, and it also appears on the second page of your bill in the upper left-hand corner (just under your account number). Our linemen put that number on a transformer pole when each service is built, and then they use it to locate your service for an outage or service call.

Our service territory is divided into

43 map numbers, each map is divided into section numbers, and each service (meter) is given a number. So let's say you have the location number 505-12-4. Our lineman would go to map number 505, look up section 12, and then find service 4. Once they get to your service, they can glance at the number on your transformer pole to confirm they're at the correct place. ⚡



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