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EPA POWER PLANT RULE THREATENS ELECTRIC RELIABILITY



As a consumer-member of Miami-Cass REMC, keeping the lights on at a cost you can afford is the focal point of everything we do. Transparency is one of our core values, so in addition to sharing co-op successes, I believe we also have a responsibility to tell you about the challenges.

In May, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a rule that impacts energy production from power plants. The power plant rule will challenge access to reliable electricity for our local community and communities across the country.

The rule constrains existing coal and new natural gas plants by requiring them to install carbon capture and storage (CCS) — a technology that has potential but has not been proven to be viable as required. No power plant in North America currently uses CCS at the scale and levels mandated by EPA. When power plants cannot comply with EPA's CCS requirements, they will be required to shut down, significantly limit operations, or switch fuels. These unrealistic standards will force the unnecessary and early shutdown of many power plants that currently provide reliable electricity 24/7.

The timing of the power plant rule is equally troubling. Utilities are facing a surge in electricity demand — driven by the onshoring of manufacturing, the growth of the American economy, and the rapid expansion of data centers to support artificial intelligence, e-commerce, and cryptocurrency. This growth in demand requires more

reliable generation to ensure power is available to homes and businesses 24 hours a day.

It's also no secret that costs go up when demand is high and supply is low. We're concerned about threats to reliability and cost increases to our members.

I don't say all of this to worry you, but I want our members to understand the challenges ahead. As we've always done, we will look for solutions that serve our members best. We are joining electric co-ops across the country to challenge these regulations, and we are working with our local elected officials to help them understand the consequences this would have on all Hoosiers.

Co-ops are no strangers to innovation, and we're taking proactive steps to address today's energy challenges and tomorrow's energy needs. We have led the charge on industry endeavors and will continue exploring new technologies and strategies that bolster reliability and our local grid.

Electric cooperatives like Miami-Cass REMC deliver power to 42 million Americans. Our top priority is meeting our members' energy needs, and we must have reliable electricity available to do that.



ROB SCHWARTZ
CEO



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We are doing things a little different this year!

MEMBER *Appreciation* DAY at McCLURE'S



Please join us for a night of
family fun at McClure's Orchard

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH
5 PM - 8 PM**

**FOOD | TOUCHSTONE HOT AIR BALLOON RIDES
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VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING IS SEPT. 24

Please mark your calendar to join us for our virtual Annual Meeting on Sept. 24. Information about how to join the meeting was in the August issue of Indiana Connection. Remember to return your registration card that was in the August issue to receive a bill credit and be eligible for the prize drawing.

CONGRATULATIONS!



LOGANSPORT BERRIES FOR WINNING OUR 3RD ANNUAL BUCKET TRUCK PULL

JUNE BOARD MEETING

1. Counted seven board members attending. Attorney J. Michael Deweese also attended via teleconference.
2. Jim Savage presented the WVPA monthly report.
3. Deweese presented monthly legal report.
4. Rob Schwartz presented monthly CEO report.
5. Minutes from previous board meeting were approved.
6. May monthly operating, member services, human resources, and safety reports were reviewed and approved.
7. Monthly financials reports were reviewed and approved.
8. Set next board meeting for Tuesday, Aug. 27, 6 p.m. at the REMC Headquarters.



OVERHEAD LINE SAFETY

WHEN IN DOUBT, LOOK UP AND OUT!

FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES TO PREVENT THE MOST COMMON MISTAKES MADE NEAR POWER LINES.

When working on an outdoor project, stay at least 10 feet away from overhead lines. If your ladder or piece of equipment touches an overhead line, both you and the equipment can become a path for the electricity. Look up and out in front of you before using a ladder, large machinery, or a pool cleaning net. Even non-metallic ladders and equipment can conduct electricity. If power lines are present, always carry ladders and long poles horizontally.

Using large tools or machinery can make it harder to avoid overhead power lines. Always consider where power lines are before you begin a project.

Scanning the area should be part of your plan from the start.



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