

# REA Energy Cooperative, Inc.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 



One of 14 electric cooperatives serving Pennsylvania and New Jersey

## From the President & CEO



### Working with local legislators

By Chad Carrick, MBA, CFP, *President & CEO*

“ALL POLITICS IS LOCAL.” This observation by the late Thomas P. “Tip” O’Neill Jr., former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, means that even national politics have a local impact, and people care most about issues that directly affect them.

At REA Energy Cooperative, Inc. (REA Energy), we think it’s critical to develop and cultivate relationships with local legislators because they craft, introduce, and vote on legislation that impacts the local business climate, the environment, and quality of life for our community. That’s why we work closely with our local elected officials. After all, our purpose is to provide safe, reliable and affordable energy, but our mission is to help our community thrive.

REA Energy is a local business that helps power economic development and prosperity for our region. As a cooperative, we have deep roots here, and we listen closely to our members to better understand the needs of the community. Our leadership, board members, and employees live and work right here in the community we serve.

We strive to be an advocate for our community, ensuring that local legislators know, understand and act on the issues that are important to our area.

#### Providing industry guidance and expertise

Today’s energy landscape is increasingly complex, covering not only the traditional engineering and

vegetation management aspects of the industry but also technology, cybersecurity, the electrification of the transportation sector, and more.

Because we’re involved in economic development and we know local community leaders, we can provide insight on how issues and policies under discussion might impact our region.

#### Co-op as a liaison

In addition, we periodically invite legislators and their staff to the co-op for tours so they can see firsthand how we operate and can view our operations center, substations, outage restoration programs, and equipment.

#### Representing your best interests

We strive to be a trusted resource on energy issues. Because of our deep roots in the community, we have a firm understanding of local issues and needs. We will continue looking after the long-term interests of our consumer-members. This means we are able to cultivate and foster positive, productive relationships with legislators who know and trust us because we’re advocating on behalf of the community we serve.

We’re proud to power your life and bring good things to the community. We hope you’ll continue to advise REA Energy on matters of importance so we can continue to advocate on your behalf and improve the quality of life for all. ☀

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## Are you saving with your Co-op Connections Card?

In May 2012, members received their Co-op Connections Card, allowing them to save money locally, nationally and online. Great discounts are also available on prescription drugs at more than 60,000 pharmacies nationwide. In fact, since receiving the cards, REA Energy members have saved more \$42,000 on prescriptions. Recently, the Cash-Back Mall program has been added to the Co-op Connections Card. This allows members to not only save with their online purchases but also get money back.

### Shop local and save

One of the ways that REA Energy supports small businesses is through the Co-op Connections Card program. Currently, there are more than 100 local discounts that members can take advantage of when shopping throughout the area. We hope local businesses participating in the program benefit from increased traffic from REA Energy members. With the card, you can save on many different products and services, including dining out and home decor and just about everything in between.

Even better, the Co-op Connections Card is accepted at nearly 23,000 businesses nationwide. But that's not all: There are many more opportunities to save online as well. To search for discounts or find out more about your card, visit [reaenergy.com](http://reaenergy.com) and click on the Co-op Connections Card link or call us at 724-349-4800.

### Save on everyday prescriptions

Perhaps one of the biggest benefits of the Co-op Connections Card is the prescription discounts you can receive on your next trip to the pharmacy. With your card, you'll be able to get anywhere from 10% to 85% off prescription drugs at more than 60,000 locations, including national and regional pharmacy chains. Many local, independent pharmacies also accept the card. In the past year alone, REA Energy members have saved nearly \$2,800 at the pharmacy just by showing their card.

For more information or a list of providers in our area, visit [reaenergy.com](http://reaenergy.com) and click on the Co-op Connections Card link or call our office at 724-349-4800.



# IMPORTANT NOTICE!

## New Ebensburg district office hours

**Effective Dec. 27, 2021, the front lobby of REA Energy's Ebensburg district office will be closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The office will be open for walk-in business on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and closed on major holidays.**

**Please call 800-211-5667 with any billing questions. Payments can also be placed in the mailbox at the office or made online through the Member Portal or in person at the Indiana office on the days the Ebensburg office is closed.**

## Have you signed up for REA Energy's Member Portal yet?

Members can now download a mobile app to make REA Energy payments for FREE on the go with our Member Portal!

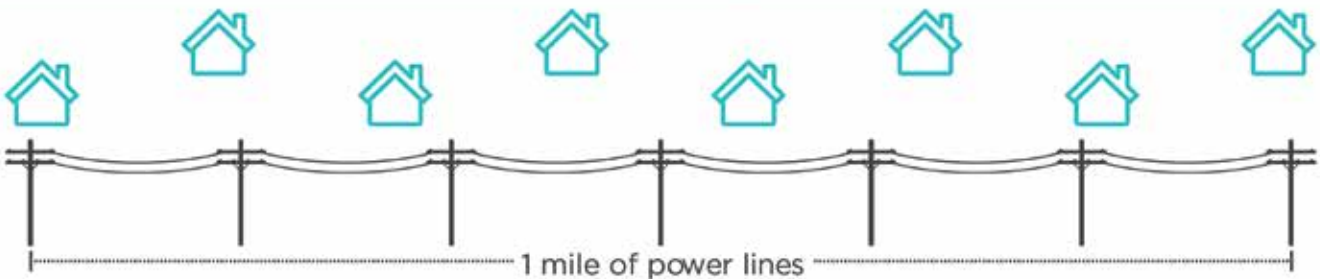
To access the convenience of the Member Portal, members must initially register on a desktop computer. Once the sign-up is complete, members are offered many exciting features.

To sign up today, visit [reaenergy.com](http://reaenergy.com) and click on the green, square "Member Portal" button. After signing up, members can simply log into their account each month on their computer or the app, which is available on Google Play or the App Store.



## GOING THE EXTRA MILE | Did you know electric co-ops power fewer consumers per mile of line compared to other utilities?

**ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES**  
Serve 8 consumer-members per mile of line



**OTHER ELECTRIC UTILITIES**  
Serve 32 consumers per mile of line

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**Right-of-way management news**

REA Energy contractors will be completing tree trimming work in the following areas during January:

- ▶ Contractor crews from Penn Line Tree Service will be trimming the rights-of-way of the Belsano, Reese, Smithport and Wilmore substation areas in addition to emergency maintenance areas.

Members in the areas affected will be notified. Contractors will perform all right-of-way work per REA Energy specifications. All contractor employees will carry identification cards, and their vehicles will display their company name. If you have any questions, call 724-349-4800 or view the specifications at [reaenergy.com](http://reaenergy.com).

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