

REA Energy Cooperative, Inc.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 



One of 14 electric cooperatives
serving Pennsylvania and New Jersey

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Monday, Wednesday and Friday
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A Balanced Team for Reliability



STACY HILLIARD

THE WINNINGEST BASKETBALL TEAMS IN HISTORY are consistent and have players with varying abilities. Some are better at shooting three-pointers, some excel at defense. Having a balanced mix of skills makes the team a powerhouse on the court. The way to ensure electricity is reliable is a bit like that, too.


The power team first requires a foundation of consistent resources that can be put in the game any time they're needed. Having enough "always-available" fuel, like natural gas and coal, can ensure consistent power generation.

Just like a team needs different players for different situations, our power grid requires multiple sources to keep the grid running. Relying solely on one player to win every game is not an effective strategy — what happens if they get injured? Similarly, using a single fuel source for electricity generation poses a significant risk to energy reliability. Natural disasters, geopolitical tensions and unforeseen disruptions can severely impact the supply chain of a particular fuel. A diverse mix of energy sources acts as a safeguard, ensuring the grid remains operational even in the face of unexpected challenges. REA Energy's current energy source mixture is 57% nuclear, 8.7% hydro, 34.2% open market purchases (a mix of coal, natural gas, nuclear, and oil), and 0.1% consumer-member interconnections (solar, wind, hydro, and biomass).

A diverse energy mix also enhances grid flexibility by accommodating the intermittent nature of renewable energy sources like solar and wind. Think of solar power like a team's inconsistent three-point shooter. It's awesome when the sun is shining bright, but what if it's nighttime or a cloudy day? That's where the other players, like wind, hydro, nuclear, natural gas and coal, can step up and keep the team scoring.

Diverse fuel sources contribute to the stability and reliability of the electric grid. The different sources have varying characteristics, including generation patterns, responsiveness and storage capabilities. This diversity allows for a more balanced and resilient energy system that can adapt to fluctuating demand and unforeseen circumstances. Having a mix of these energy sources is like having a team with different skills to handle various situations and scenarios.

A diverse set of energy sources is essential, but that's not the only thing we need to have reliable electricity — or a winning team. Basketball teams are always trying new plays or training rookies to create a versatile lineup. Similarly, electric cooperatives are constantly innovating to maintain reliability for tomorrow. But creating new ways to make our power sources more efficient and reliable takes time, money and advances in technology that aren't necessarily ready yet.

As we continue to work on the innovations of tomorrow, the key to keeping our electricity reliable right now is ensuring a diverse "team" of fuels. Each one brings something special to the table, and together, they ensure we have the power we need, whenever we need it. 

STACY HILLIARD, CCC, CKAE
COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING MANAGER

Petitions for Director Candidates Due by June 21

STACY HILLIARD, CCC, CKA, COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING MANAGER

The REA Energy Cooperative, Inc. Board of Directors is made up of nine cooperative members elected to four-year terms on a rotating basis.

In 2024, Districts 3 and 4 are up for re-election.

District 3 includes: Armstrong County — Kiskiminetas, Plumcreek, and South Bend townships; Indiana County — Blacklick, Burrell, Conemaugh, and Young townships; and Westmoreland County — Derry and Loyahanna townships.

District 4 includes: Cambria County — Cambria, Jackson, and Munster townships; and Indiana County — East Wheatfield and West Wheatfield townships.

Qualifications

To be eligible for director candidacy, individuals must meet the following criteria and all other guidelines listed in the cooperative's bylaws:

- ▶ Be at least 18 years old;
- ▶ Signed and submitted an application for service at primary residence;
- ▶ Received electric service at primary residence continuously for the past year;
- ▶ Not employed by, or financially interested in, any business in competition with REA Energy;

- ▶ Never been an employee of REA or any electric cooperative or association;
- ▶ Not a close relative of a director or employee of REA;
- ▶ Have paid all balances due to REA within 90 days of billing during the previous one-year period;
- ▶ Have not been convicted of theft of services from REA; and
- ▶ Have not been convicted of, or pled guilty to, a felony or crime of moral turpitude.

Complete director qualifications are detailed in the cooperative's bylaws in Article III, Section 2(a). Packets containing all the necessary information and forms are available at the cooperative's offices or by emailing reaenergy@reaenergy.com.

Important dates to remember

Members can begin submitting petitions to run for director March 22. To register as a candidate, you must reside in District 3 or 4. Applications must be received at the cooperative by 3 p.m., June 21.

Information containing the names of all the nominees will be mailed to members in Districts 3 and 4 in early August. Election results will be announced at the REA Energy Cooperative Annual Meeting Sept. 19. 📍



Staying Focused with Cam-Ron Video

KAYLA KING, MARKETING AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

WHEN PONDERING CINEMATOGRAPHY, one naturally thinks of the big Hollywood studios, blockbuster films or the famous NFL Super Bowl commercials. Perhaps you think of our hometown celebrities, such as Charles Bronson, Chris Columbus or Jimmy Stewart. But did you know there is a professional video and cinematography production company in our backyard?

Cam-Ron Video Productions LLC (Cam-Ron) in eastern Indiana County specializes in capturing Pennsylvania's special moments on film. Commercials recorded and edited by Cam-Ron feature many well-known entities, such as The American Heart Association, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown (UPJ) and Saint Francis University, as well as a famous Steelers running back. In addition to commercials and product videos, Cam-Ron creates works of art for weddings, religious educational programs and graduations.

Chris and Sara Cameron have been in the cinematography business for more than 20 years. Both showed an early affinity for the film business: Chris recreating "Saturday Night Live" skits in high school and a then-shy Sara deciding to go into broadcasting as

a career. Chris attended UPJ, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts and attended the Pittsburgh Filmmakers Art Center. He has worked on various national productions, including "Cupcake Wars," AOL web videos, the web series "Café Mom" and the TV pilot for "Ghost Hunters," among others.

Sara attended Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Ind., and has a Bachelor of Arts in broadcast journalism. Sara started her broadcasting career at WHLT in southern Mississippi. She then moved to Pennsylvania in 2002 to join the team at WJAC-TV. She has been on-air and behind the scenes at WJAC-TV and WWCP. Sara now hosts the television show "Kaleidoscope" on FOX 8 and ABC 23 out of Johnstown. The program is filmed and edited by Cam-Ron.

"Kaleidoscope," a 30-minute weekly news show featuring the good things happening in west-central Pennsylvania, is an advertiser-sponsored production. The pair also film and edit the religious show "Proclaim" for the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese. These shows are their pride and joy, and they hope to develop more shows in the future.

Not only are Chris and Sara a fantastic working team, but they have

also been happily married since 2005. They initially met in 2002 through friends, and with their mutual love of broadcasting in mind, Chris proposed to Sara on the set of the "Today Show."

Cam-Ron also captures a large variety of live events, such as weddings, graduation ceremonies, dance recitals and theater productions. With their array of camera gear, Sara and Chris can create a multi-angle live video stream to broadcast on the internet or TV. They can even shoot in slow-motion for instant replays at sporting events. They're well versed in adding graphics, like a scorecard at a sporting event or names of new graduates.

Cam-Ron aims to be a one-stop shop for all your video production needs. It offers a transfer service where your old home movies can be moved to DVD or Blu-ray. If you have a film of your own you want to publish on DVD or Blu-ray for distribution, the Camerons can handle that as well.

If you are interested in having Cam-Ron record and edit a special event in your life, want to produce a professional quality commercial or video for your business, or advertise through "Kaleidoscope," contact the Camerons at chris@camronvideo.com or 814-419-1319. 📞

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REA Energy offices
will be closed on
Friday, March 29
in observance of
Good Friday.

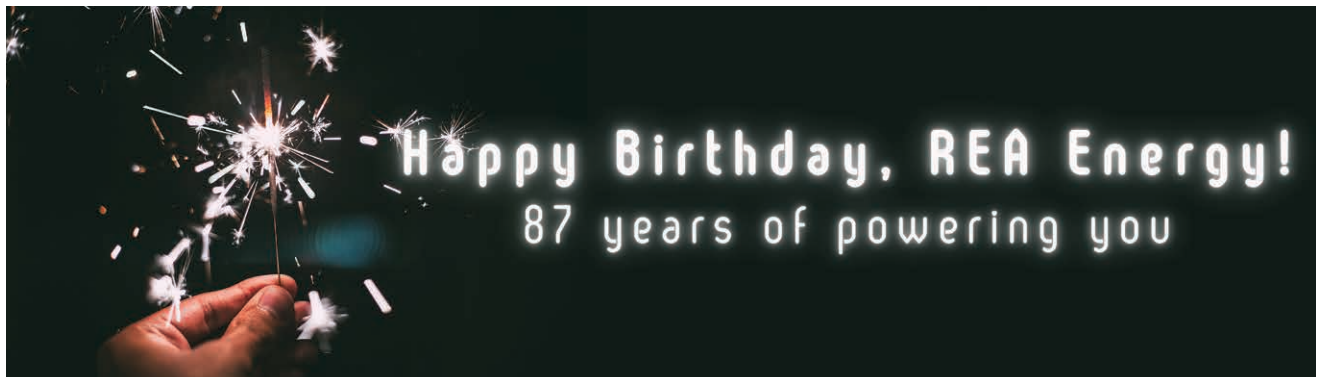
Power outages can
be reported by
calling
844-920-3395.

Indiana-Armstrong Builders Association



April 5-7, 2024
**Kovalchick Convention
and Athletic Complex**
711 Pratt Drive, Indiana, PA 15701

Meet with REA Energy Services to discuss your electrical needs! REA Energy Services offers generator installation, HVAC, electric contracting, tree trimming, and so much more! REA Energy Services is available to everyone, not just REA Energy members!



Right-of-Way Management News

REA Energy contractors from Penn Line Tree Service will be trimming the rights of way of the Indiana North and Parkwood substation areas, in addition to emergency maintenance areas in March.

Members in the affected areas will be notified. Contractors will perform all right-of-way work per REA Energy specifications. All contractors will carry employee 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.

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