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Customer service charge.....\$15 per month

Energy charges:

First 500 kilowatt-hours (kwh)

.....\$0.0736 per kwh or 7.36 cents

Next 500 kilowatt-hours (kwh)

.....\$0.0650 per kwh or 6.50 cents

Over 1,000 kilowatt-hours (kwh)

.....\$0.0600 per kwh or 6.0 cents

Power cost adjustment

.....\$0.02925 per kwh

Security light charge (100-watt high pressure sodium)

.....\$9 per month (plus tax)

co-opNews Information from your electric cooperative

CEO COMMENTS — MONTE EGOLF

The winds of Washington, D.C.

As we enter the month of March, we look forward to spring and, of course, the accompanying more southerly winds that come with it, brisk as they may be.

Winds of a different sort — political winds — seem to be blowing in a different direction, too. At the time of this writing, a Massachusetts senatorial election changed the landscape for health care reform and maybe “cap and trade” — formally titled HR 2454, the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, also known as the Waxman-Markey bill.

For months, rural electric cooperatives have been communicating the importance of being aware of “cap and trade,” and the financial impact — as proposed — it was going to have on electric rates and many other energy costs for Hoosiers. After all, 90-plus percent of electricity generated in the state of Indiana is produced from coal. The coal industry and coal power plants have a target on their backs.

But for now, it appears the legislative gun barrels may not be locked on that target because of the political changes we referred to earlier. Make no mistake though, there will be carbon legislation at some point.

We rely heavily on the legislative staff of the Indiana Statewide Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association for their ex-

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pertise in information dissemination and their lobbying effort on behalf of Noble REMC and our consumers: you!

In their estimation, cap and trade is stalled. Their indications and the president’s State of the Union message suggest the Obama administration is going to focus on the economy and producing jobs for the American people.

Some believe this could put cap and trade on the back burner, yet political pundits forecast a push for “green” initiatives and jobs creations

through them.

Whatever the case, we encourage you, our members, to continue to be in tune with what Congress might be doing with environmental legislation and how it impacts you and your pocketbook.

We want to make it clear that we along with our state and national associations are not against taking responsible and financially sensible steps toward improving air quality. We do have a problem with states like Indiana having to carry a disproportionate amount of the cost.

“Our Energy, Our Future®” and Fair Energy Now Web sites would be good to check with now and again to watch for updates and information you might not get on the nightly news. They can be accessed via www.nobleremc.com. We have updates here from time to time as well.

Fleet of landfill gas-to-energy sites expanded

Electric generation and transmission (G&T) cooperative Wabash Valley Power Association, Noble REMC’s power supplier, has added another landfill gas-to-energy (LFGTE) generating plant to its power supply portfolio. Liberty II is located at Waste Management of Indiana’s landfill located near Buffalo, Ind., in White County, and is the second such plant at the landfill.

The completion of this project brings the G&T’s total LFGTE generating capacity to 36 megawatts (mw). Via an exclusive arrangement with Waste Management of Indiana, Wabash Valley now owns 12 generating facilities at seven landfills throughout the northern half of the state. Wabash Valley is also beginning construction on a five mw LFGTE plant in Elkhart County. Each plant uses Hoosier-manufactured Caterpillar engine-generators.

“Facilities like Liberty II produce enough electricity to power 3,500 homes,” reported Keith Thompson, vice president of power production

for Wabash Valley Power. “The decomposition of garbage creates landfill gas, which is over 54 percent methane gas. In most landfills, that gas is burned off, but with today’s technology, we’re able to transform that into electricity,” he explained.

In 2009, Wabash Valley became the first Indiana company to participate in Green-e Energy by offering a certified renewable energy option. According to CEO Rick Coons, “We pursue renewable generation whenever it makes good economic sense, because it’s simply the right thing to do. By adding a Green-e certified product to our program, it further demonstrates our commitment to our members, to the environment, and to our industry.”

Wabash Valley Power provides wholesale electricity to 28 electric distribution cooperatives, including Noble REMC, and its more than 800,000 customers in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri and Ohio.

Do we owe you money?

Recognize any names on this returned patronage capital list?

Noble REMC is trying to locate former members who have patronage capital refund checks due to them. These unclaimed checks from our recent refund (patronage capital checks were mailed in December 2009) are for members who were served by Noble REMC in the years 1983 and 2008.

This month's issue will include returned checks with last names beginning with the letters A-C. Please look in future issues of *Electric Consumer* for more names.

Any unclaimed amounts will be turned over to the corporation after two years and will be reallocated to the current members. Claims will be denied after these amounts have been reallocated.

We would appreciate your assistance in helping us return these patronage refunds to their proper owners. We will only attempt to contact former members for whom we have a current address.

Due to the number of names listed, it's not possible, nor would it be economical, for us to spend hours attempting to locate someone to return a small check.

If you recognize anyone named in this listing, please call our office at 260-636-2113 or 800-933-7362 and give us their current address. Our office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thank you for your assistance!

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ACKER, PENNY K.
ADKINS, PAM
AICHELE, RICHARD L.
ALBRIGHT, MARK
ALCO
ALEXANDER, PAUL
ALLEN, EDWARD K.
ALLEN, JAMES MICHAEL
ALLMAN, DOROTHY J.
ALPAUGH, EDWIN L.
AMBROSE, RICHARD P.
AMELL, RICHARD E.
AMERICAN INSURANCE INC.
ANCIL, BERNICE
ANDREWS, JAMES M.
ANDREWS, WALTER
ANGEL, JOSEPH A.
ANGLIN, LELAND P.
ANTAL, MIKE J.
ANTCLIFF, EDWARD F.
ARCHER, HOWARD W.
ARCHIBALD, RAYMOND E.
ARCO PIPELINE CO.
ARMSTRONG, SCOTT R.
ARNOLD, CHRISTINE MARIA
ARVEN, VICTOR D.
ASHBAUGH, WAYNE
ATKINSON, DACIA
ATKINSON, MANFORD
ATTEBERRY, ALLEN
AUER, MRS. M.
AUGHINBAUGH, LAWRENCE
AUMAN, J.
AUSDERAN, GUSTAVE
AUSDERAN, RONALD A.
AUSTIN, GARY
AVERY, CHARLES
AYALA, RAQUEL
BAALS, KARL L.
BAILEY, BRIAN K.

BAKER, ROLAND L.
BALES, WILLIAM H.
BALL, GARY L.
BANGERT, GREGORY J.
BANISTER, WILLIAM M.
BANKERT, BRYAN
BARBER, EUGENE
BARHYDT, DELBERT
BARHYDT, RACHAEL RENEE
BARHYDT, SHANE O.
BARKER, DANIEL
BARKER, IDA M.
BARKER, JIM
BARNARD, GERALD C.
BARNETT, JIMMY K.
BARRETT, GAIL
BARRICK, KENNETH A.
BARRON, LARRY
BASTON, F.S.
BAUER, LOIS
BAUGHMAN, FRANK
BEAL, NORMA
BEAMAN, JIM
BEARD, JOHN R.
BEAUDRIE, LAWRENCE
BECKER, GLENNA
BECKER, MRS. O.
BECKLEY, ARTHUR T.
BECKLEY, DONALD
BECKNER, NORMAN E.
BEELER, HOWARD P.
BEELER, TROY
BELCHER, GILBERT G.
BELL, LEWIS
BELL, TIM E.
BENDER, LERA L.
BENNER, ROD
BENNETT, GERHART
BENNETT, WILLIAM J.
BENTLEY, MIKE E.
BERGHOFF, ROSEMARY L.

BERKES, CAROLYN
BERKEY, F. DALE
BERRY, MICHAEL R.
BERRY, THOMAS M.
BHERNS, ORVAL L.
BIGLOW, WILBURN O.
BILLS, MARTY L.
BINDER, JAMES S.
BIRCH, JANIE
BIRKEY, JOHN D.
BIRKMIRE, DAVID C.
BISHOP, WILLIAM C.
BIXWOOD INC.
BLACK, GIL
BLACK, JOHN E.
BLOOM, RICK
BLOSSOM, NATHAN
BOBIK, ANDREW J.
BODENSCHATZ, S.J.
BOITET, DAVID A.
BOLEY, W.W.
BOLING, EDWIN F.
BOLINGER, MARK
BOLTZ, DEAN E.
BONAR, JON
BONAR, TERRY L.
BOND, JUDITH
BOOKMILLER, VIRGINIA
BORAM, FLOYD
BORDNER, DAN D.
BOREN, KENNETH
BOREN, MICHAEL
BORROR, WILLIAM D.
BOSTON, CURTIS T.
BOSWORTH, ELDO
BOTCHUCK, BARBARA
BOWER, DAVID
BOWERS, ALICE R.
BOWMAN, HAROLD E.
BOWMAN SR, ROBERT
BOYER, CLAUDE
BOYLES, TRACY
BRADDOCK, CHARLES E.
BRADLEY, BRIAN B.
BRADSBURY, MICHAEL
BRAMAN, WARREN C.
BRANSON, JAMES E.
BRANSTETER, CHARLES
BRANSTRATOR, ROBERT H.
BREINFALK, GEORGE
BRENDAS BEAUTY SHOP
BRENNAMAN, KAREN
BRENNER, CAROLYN
BREWER, DIANNA L.
BREWER, FAYE H.
BRIDGE, VERA M.
BRIGHT, TAD
BRINK, WALTER
BROCK, KATHERINE
BRONSTETTER, JOHN H.
BRONSTETTER, OTIS
BROWN, DENNIS C.
BROWN, DONALD G.
BROWN, IVAN J.
BROWN, KENNETH R.

BROWN, LOUIS
BROWN, ROSEMARY
BROWN, TERRY L.
BRUNDIGE, RONALD C.
BRUNNER, RICHARD L.
BRUSS, ROBERT D.
BRYAN, FOREST E.
BRYANT, JOHN A.
BUCHER, ANNA
BUCKLAND, HERBERT L.
BUDD, ROBIN K.
BUDDE, JANE E.
BUESKING, VIOLET
BUHR, SHARON
BULLERMAN, MIKE
BULMAHN, CARL F.
BURCHAM, ROCKY
BURDICK, MELVIN
BURELISON, TIM
BURGAUER, EDWARD
BURILL, RONALD L.
BURKETT, HAZEL C.
BURKHART, SUSAN K.
BURNETTE, DEXTER D.
BURNS, KRISTA
BURRESS, CHARLES
BURRIS, MERLE L.
BUTLER, BRUCE
BUTLER, DOROTHY
BYERLEY, ARLENE E.
BYRD, BETTY
CADY, ISABELLE
CAIN, DEVIN
CALVARY REDEMPTION CTR,
CAMPBELL, JOHN
CAMPBELL, RICHARD
CAMPBELL, RILEY
CAMPBELL, RONALD
CAMPBELL, STEVE E.
CANNADAY, LEON
CARLEY, IDA
CARLIN, KEITH
CARNEY, ROBERT
CARPENTER, DAVID
CARPENTER, LESTER
CARPER, RUSSELL
CARR, JACKIE R.
CARR, ROBERT F.
CARRIZALES, ROGELIO
CARTEAUX, JOSEPH E.
CARTER, ARTHUR W.
CARTER, CAROL J.
CARTWRIGHT, CYRIL C.
CARUNCHIA, JAMES
CASEY, KENNETH D.
CASS, HERBERT
CASTETTER, DONALD
CERVANTES, RUBEN
CHAR-ANNS STYLING SALON
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CHRISTAL, ADELINE
CHRISTIE, THOMAS E.
CHRISTLIEB JR, DAVE
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CLEMONS, LUCILLE
CLEDENIN, E.L.
CLIFFORD, HARRY
CLIFTON, ANTHONY B.
CLOUD, SHERRY A.
COBURN, DONALD E.
COCHARD, DALE D.
COE, ROBERT P.
COFFIN, ROBERT D.
COGDILL, TIM
COIL, JOHN A.
COLE, JOHN H.
COLE, KEITH
COLEMAN, JUDY
COLEMAN, MARK K.
COLESTOCK, RUTH G.
COLLET, STUART E.
COLLINS, ARLENE
COLLINS, GEORGE B.
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COMPTON, OZEMA
CONRAD, EGGY P.
CONRAIL
CONTRERAS, JUAN
COOK, ROBERT G.
COOKSEY, KEVIN
COON RIDGE ARCHERY CLUB
COOPER, THOMAS F.
COOPER, WILLIAM
COPLEY, MELISSA
CORKWELL, ROBERT G.
CORN, JAMES S.
CORONADO, JUAN C.
CORSON, DALLAS
COSBY, DAVID
COTTRELL, ORLA N.
COUCH, DAVID
COUGHLIN, JAMES
COULTER, EARL
COULTER, EDWARD L.
COUNTRY STORE
COVELL, ROGER
COVERSTONE, JOHN J.
COVERSTONE, MICHELLE
COVERSTONE, ROGER A.
COX, MYRON W.
COX, RAY
COY, DOROTHY B.
CRAGER, SUSAN
CRAIB, GEORGE
GRANDALL, CORVIE E.
CREECH, NORMAN
CREEK, JAMES
CROFT, SAMUEL
CROWLEY, CHERI L.
CROWLEY, NORM N.
CROZIER, CLOYCE G.
CUMMINGS, ROBERT W.

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Energy Star appliance rebate program

Rebates totaling \$6.1 million available for energy efficient heating and cooling systems

The U.S. Department of Energy approved Indiana's Energy Star Appliance Rebate program, which began Feb. 1. The program will provide Hoosier homeowners with rebates up to \$500 when they purchase an Energy Star-rated furnace or heating, ventilation, air conditioning (HVAC) system. The rebate could be as high as \$1,000 if a geothermal heat pump is purchased.

A total of \$6.1 million has been made available to Indiana for the program, which is part of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act funding that is being administered by the Indiana Office of Energy Development (OED).

"Consumers can save more money and more energy by replacing a furnace than any other appliance in the home," said Brandon Seitz, Director of OED. "And it's the only appliance where replacing an older or worn out unit is also a safety issue."

Indiana's version of the rebate program is expected to give a boost to some Indiana manufacturing companies, including WaterFurnace, the Fort Wayne company that is the world's largest manufacturer of geothermal systems.

Many utility companies offer their own rebates

for purchasing energy efficient furnaces and HVAC systems. When other rebates exist, the addition of the new Energy Star appliance rebate will increase the total amount Hoosiers could receive for replacing their heating and cooling systems. In areas of the state where utility-based rebates are not offered, the Energy Star appliance rebate will stand alone.

The Energy Star program requires appliances have a certain minimum energy efficiency to gain the Energy Star seal. Energy Star has rated a variety of heating and cooling systems, including gas or oil furnaces and boilers, air source heat pumps and geothermal heat pumps.

Rebates will be based on documentation of the purchase and installation. The program is on a first come, first served basis and will be discontinued when the rebate fund has been exhausted. The program will not be retroactive, so any purchase must be made after Jan. 31 to be eligible for a rebate. Documentation will also be required showing the unit is Energy Star-rated.



For more information about the Energy Star-rating system, and for a list of Energy Star-rated heating and cooling systems, visit the Web site www.energystar.gov.

Now that Indiana's Energy Star Appliance Rebate program has been approved, administrative procedures will be ramped up. All the information about how Hoosier homeowners can apply for the rebate program will be posted on OED's Web site, www.energy.IN.gov, when available.

If you don't have access to the Internet, please contact our office for more information.

The Office of Energy Development (OED) was created in December 2005 as an extension of the Indiana energy office. Under the leadership of Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman, OED is responsible for the state's energy policy. For more information visit www.energy.in.gov or follow OED on Twitter, IndianaEnergy. For updates from the lieutenant governor and the agencies she oversees, please sign up at www.in.gov/ig/.

Proper insulation key to energy efficiency

One of the simplest ways to reduce your home's heating and cooling costs — and improve comfort — involves installing proper insulation. Doing so provides resistance to heat flow. The more heat flow resistance your insulation provides, the lower your heating and cooling costs.

Heat flows naturally from a warmer to a cooler space. In winter, heat moves directly from heated living spaces to adjacent unheated attics, garages, basements and even outdoors. It can also travel indirectly through interior ceilings, walls and floors — wherever there is a difference in temperature.

During the summer cooling season, the reverse takes place. Heat flows from the outdoors to the interior of a house.

To maintain comfort, heat lost in the winter must be replaced by your heating system. In summer, heat gained must be removed by your cooling system. Proper insulation, though, decreases heat flow.

Heat flow resistance is measured or rated in terms of its R-value. The higher the R-value, the greater the insulation's effectiveness.

When calculating the R-value of a multilayered installation, add R-values of individual layers. Installing more insulation in your home increases the R-value.

Insulation effectiveness also depends on how and where it's installed. For example, insulation that gets compressed will not provide its full-rated R-value. The overall R-value of a wall or ceiling will be somewhat different from the R-value of the insulation because some heat flows around the insulation through studs and joists. Therefore, it's important to properly install your insulation to achieve maximum R-value.

Fire extinguishers: Preparation can go a long way

House fires can happen in seconds: in one instant, you could go from whipping up dinner to watching flames spring up from the stovetop.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, 410,500 fires — or 78 percent of all reported structure fires — occur in homes. In the right hands, a household fire extinguisher can save lives and protect property should a small fire start.

"Every home should have at least one fire extinguisher, and you need the right type and you must know how and when to use it," said John Drengenberg, consumer affairs manager at Underwriters Laboratories (UL), the Chicago, Ill.-based not-for-profit firm that tests and sets minimum standards for electric-consuming items.

Fire extinguishers should be placed in easily-accessible areas of the home, close to where they might be needed (such as in a kitchen, garage, or bedroom). Some basic rules to keep in mind when using household fire extinguishers:

1. If the fire is not spreading and remains confined to a small area, use the appropriate type of extinguisher. Select a multi-purpose extinguisher (rated A, B, or C) with the UL mark that can be used on all types fires such as wood, cloth, paper, flammable liquids (gasoline,



Be sure to have a fire extinguisher rated for the type of fire at hand:
Class A fires are ordinary materials like burning paper, lumber, cardboard, and plastics;
Class B fires involve flammable or combustible liquids like gasoline and kerosene;
Class C fires involve energized electrical equipment, such as appliances, switches, panel boxes, and power tools.

oil, grease, oil-based paint), and energized electrical equipment including wiring, fuse boxes, circuit breakers and appliances.

2. Know both your limits and that of the fire extinguisher.

3. Periodically inspect your extinguishers to determine if they need to be recharged or replaced. Extinguishers need to be recharged or replaced after each use — even if you haven't used the entire extinguishing agent. Check the gauge on the fire extinguisher for this information.

4. When operating a fire extinguisher, stand at least six feet away from the fire and keep your back to a door so you can escape easily, if necessary. Remember the word PASS:

- Pull the pin, hold the extinguisher away from you and release the locking mechanism.
- Aim low, pointing the extinguisher at the base of the fire.
- Squeeze the lever slowly and evenly.
- Sweep the nozzle from side to side.

"Fire extinguishers for home use are not designed to fight large or spreading fires," stressed Drengenberg. "Rather than fighting the fire, your number one priority should be getting out safely."

Weathering the ‘perfect storm’

Our nation’s electric utility industry is heading into a “perfect storm.” While the amount of electricity we use everyday steadily increases, the capacity to generate and transmit that power is running short. In the past fossil fuel-fired power plants were the go-to option to meet growing new demand with proven technology, but looming federal regulations on carbon dioxide emissions is changing that. The cost of complying with new regulations could make electricity less affordable for everyone—a concern Noble REMC is fighting to voice.

In December, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), a part of the executive branch, declared that six key greenhouse gases from auto emissions, including carbon dioxide, are “endangering public health and welfare” of current and future generations. Emissions from motor vehicles of four of those greenhouse gases,

including carbon dioxide, were also said to contribute to dangerous air pollution.

The endangerment finding puts a foot in the door for EPA to issue sweeping new rules that could impose strict limits on carbon emissions, including those from power plants. The cost of generating electricity would go up, and in the end those costs would hit consumer pocketbooks.

Congress is mulling over its own set of carbon dioxide regulations, and we must continue to ask that any resulting legislation be fair, affordable, and technologically achievable. If passed, congressional legislation should also preempt use of any other existing laws, fixing a regulatory disaster that would only add to costs for consumers with a mess of overlapping regulatory red tape.

Whatever the political outcome, the honest truth is the change won’t come overnight. Fossil fuels

currently account for more than 70 percent of all electricity generated in the United States. New technology will be key to both keeping these traditional options up-to-date and refining new ways to affordably keep the lights on. Cleaner use of fossil fuels, an increased use of renewable energy, and a big commitment to energy efficiency will all be necessary.

Electric co-ops have a long history of providing safe, reliable, and affordable electricity to their members, and no “perfect storm” is going to keep us from continuing to do our job. Co-op research projects are already underway to expand the current limits of renewable energy, make coal- and natural gas-fired power plants cleaner and more efficient, and possibly even capture carbon dioxide from plant emissions before they go up a smokestack and store them deep underground to keep them out of the atmosphere.

The Arlington, Va.-based Co-operative Research Network, of

which our co-op is a member, was recently awarded a \$33.9 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy, which will support a wide-ranging “smart grid” research project. The effort brings together 27 electric co-ops in 10 states, which will match the grant money awarded to create a pool of nearly \$68 million for ground-breaking technology development. With a smarter electric grid, we’ll be able to deliver electricity to our consumers more efficiently — cutting the amount of emissions we’ll need to generate as a result.

Co-ops have stepped up to challenges in the past, and I will continue to do so. But we need your help in relaying to Congress just how important it is to keep climate change legislation fair, affordable, and technologically achievable. To make your voice heard, join the “Our Energy, Our Future®” grassroots awareness campaign at www.ourenergy.coop.

NOBLE NOTES

Director election petitions available

Noble REMC customers/members (whose name appears on the account) may seek a seat on the board of directors if the district in which they reside is up for election.

This year’s districts up for election are:

District 1: Perry Township in Noble County, Eden Township in LaGrange County and that part of Benton Township in Elkhart County.

District 3: Orange Township in Noble County and that part of Johnson Township in LaGrange County.

District 9: Washington Township in Noble County and those parts in Tippecanoe Township in Kosciusko County and Etna-Troy Township in Whitley County.

District 10: Noble Township in Noble County and that part of Thorncreek Township in Whitley County.

If you live in one of these four districts and would like to run for the board of directors, you must obtain 15 bona fide Noble REMC members signatures (name that appears on REMC account) on a petition provided by Noble REMC. The petition must be returned to us and have the members’ signatures verified no less than 60 days prior to the election. The election will be conducted at the Noble REMC Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 5; therefore, petitions are due April 5.

Anyone interested in seeking a director position may pick up a packet of information about the responsibilities of serving on the Noble REMC Board at our office at 300 Weber Road in Albion.

For more information concerning the election, please call the Noble REMC office at 260-636-2113 or 800-933-7362.

Financial hardship reminder

If you’re having trouble paying your electric bill, please call or come into the Noble REMC office and make payment arrangements. If you do this before the bill becomes delinquent, or past due, we can make arrangements that will make paying the bill easier for you. If you need an extension of time to pay your bills for whatever reason, please make arrangements before the disconnect date that appears on your monthly bill.

Third party notification

For whatever reason, some customers fail to pay their electric bills. Therefore, to help protect our customers from losing their electric service because of past due bills, Noble REMC offers third party notification. Copies of bills are mailed to any third party designated by the customer.

This extra notice doesn’t mean the third party must pay the bill. It simply informs the party of the past due bill so they can take the necessary steps to assure continued service.

If you’re interested in the third party notification for yourself or someone you think may benefit from it, please contact Customer Service Coordinator Pam Gardner at 636-2113 or 800-833-7362, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Round Up grant deadline, April 8

The Noble REMC Operation Round Up® Trust Fund is accepting grant applications until April 8 for the next grant cycle from the cooperative’s charitable trust. The rounded up money is placed in a charitable trust with oversight by its own volunteer board of directors.

Nonprofit community based organizations in Noble, DeKalb and adjoining counties, where the electric cooperative serves, are eligible to apply. Applications are available at the Noble REMC office on 300 Weber Road in Albion or downloaded from its Web site at www.nobleremc.com.

The grantees from the January distribution of the Noble REMC Operation Round Up Trust were:

- Noble County Community Concerts, \$1,000 for concert sponsor
- Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, \$1,000 for Noble County services
- Noble County Pride, \$2,500 for programs
- Purdue Extension (Noble County), \$1,000 for senior citizen health fair screenings
- Albion Elementary fifth grade, \$450 for incentive awards
- Black Pine Animal Park, \$1,000 for emergency veterinarian supplies
- Albion Fire Department, \$1,480 for rescue boat motor
- JE Ober Elementary, \$1,200 for kindergarten academic readiness