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Official Notice

EASTERN ILLINI ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 2018 Annual Meeting

June 7, 2018

Thursday, June 7, 2018
Paxton-Buckley-Loda (PBL)
Junior/Senior High School
Paxton, Illinois

Registration: 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Business meeting: 7 p.m.

Notice is hereby given that the 31st Annual Meeting of Members of Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative will be held Thursday, June 7, 2018, at 7 p.m. at the PBL Junior/Senior High School, 700 West Orleans Street in Paxton, Illinois. Registration will begin at 3 p.m. and will close at 7 p.m. The meeting will be called to order at 7 p.m. and action will be taken on the following:

1. The reports of officers, directors, and the President/CEO.
2. The election of three directors, one each from Directorate Districts 3, 4, and 6. In connection with the election of directors, the following candidates have been nominated - Directorate District 3: Joel Hastings, Loda and Steve Meenen, Melvin; Directorate District 4: Bruce Ristow, Cissna Park; and Directorate District 6: Brad Ludwig, Fithian.
3. To consider and transact all other business which may properly come before said meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

Dated at Paxton, Illinois this 24th day of April 2018.

Bradley J. Ludwig
Secretary

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To receive the \$25 attendance credit at the annual meeting, any person representing a business or other organization (non-residential) must present a letter from the proper officials of that entity (preferably on company letterhead) designating that person as the official representative.

Your Touchstone Energy®
Cooperative 

Annual Meeting: Board of Directors Election

EIEC's Board of Directors is made up of co-op member/owners - just like you. They are tasked with setting the policies and guidelines that Eastern Illini's management team then carries out. Each year, three of the nine positions on the board are up for election. Board terms are for three years.

Directorate District 3

Joel Hastings, Loda, Candidate



Joel Hastings is General Manager of Operations at Nexstep Commercial Products. He has responsibility for overseeing manufacturing and distribution for O-Cedar products. Hastings has over 30 years of business experience in transportation, distribution and warehousing. He has worked for SuperValu Distribution Center, ACE Building Center, CX Roberson and Prairie Farms Dairy.

Hastings is a member of the Paxton First United Methodist Church and served on the Pastor Parish Board. He also served on the SuperValu Credit Union Board.

Hastings is a graduate of McKendree University. He is the son of Dave and Judy Hastings of Paxton and the brother of Cliff Hastings. Hastings, and his wife, Mary, reside near Loda in Ford County. They have two daughters - Asti is a senior at McKendree University and Jolee is a sophomore at PBL High School.

Directorate District 3

Steve Meenen, Melvin, Incumbent



Steve Meenen has served on the EIEC Board of Directors since 2006. He is currently District 3 Director and assistant secretary/treasurer. He received NRECA Credentialed Certification in 2008. He sees serving EIEC members as a privilege. He has served on many EIEC committees: executive, audit and finance, land use and facilities, and policy, regulation, member and public relations.

These experiences have given him a solid background to help implement decisions for EIEC. Meenen believes cooperatives are one of the best ways to do business. He believes in the philosophy of servant leadership for the common good of the whole. He sees giving back to his community as a way to enrich his life and to help build better organizations.

Meenen is a farmer, a DuPont Pioneer Hi-Bred seed sales representative and a highway commissioner in Wall Township. He resides near Melvin in Ford County, with his wife, Kimberly and sons, Mitchell and Spencer.

Directorate District 4

Bruce Ristow, Cissna Park, Incumbent



Bruce Ristow was elected as a director of EIEC in 2006. He received the NRECA Credentialed Certification in 2008 and Board Leadership Certification in 2017.

Ristow cares about his neighbors and his community and wants to do all he can in decision making to provide the best electrical service to EIEC members while being fiscally responsible.

He is active in his church as Sunday school teacher and has served on the board of Eastern FBFM and 30 years as Fountain Creek Township trustee and clerk.

Ristow farms and is a DuPont Pioneer Hi-Bred seed sales representative. He and his wife, Pam, reside near Cissna Park in Iroquois County.

Directorate District 6

Brad Ludwig, Fithian, Incumbent



Bradley J. Ludwig was elected as a director of Eastern Illinois Power Cooperative in 1985 and has served EIEC as chairman, vice chairman and is currently serving as secretary/treasurer. Ludwig has received the NRECA Credentialed Certification, NRECA Board Leadership Certificate, and the NRECA Director Gold Certificate.

Ludwig also serves as Director for Prairie Power, Inc. and is finance committee chairman. Ludwig's goal is to keep electric rates reasonably priced while providing excellent electric service to members. He takes his fiduciary duty very seriously.

Much like his commitment to EIEC, Ludwig values the opportunity to belong to organizations where he can impact the community and people associated with it. He is a farm owner/operator and an insurance agent. He and his wife, Sally, reside near Collison in Vermilion County.

2018 Annual Meeting Sample Ballot and Proxy

Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative

JUNE 7, 2018
PAXTON, ILLINOIS

For Director from Directorate District 3 (3-year term)

VOTE FOR ONE

☐ Joel Hastings

☐ Steve Meenen

For Director from Directorate District 4 (3-year term)

VOTE FOR ONE

☐ Bruce Ristow

For Director from Directorate District 6 (3-year term)

VOTE FOR ONE

☐ Bradley Ludwig

After reviewing the bylaws, affidavits, and qualifications of the potential candidates, the EIEC 2018 Credentials Committee has determined that the candidates are eligible to serve as directors of EIEC.

Cooperative Principle:

DEMOCRATIC MEMBER CONTROL

Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their member/owners, who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions. Elected representatives are accountable to the membership. Cooperative member/owners have equal voting rights-one member, one vote.

At each annual meeting of the members, directors shall be elected by secret written ballot by the members present in person or represented by proxy. One director, and one only, shall be elected from each directorate district. Voting for directors shall be by the membership of the entire Cooperative at large and shall not be restricted to districts.

1. Designate the EIEC member to whom you are assigning your proxy vote. Write that member's name where it says **INSERT NAME**;
2. Date and sign the proxy;
3. Print your name and address;
4. Give the proxy to your designate to bring to the annual meeting.

PROXY

2018 ANNUAL MEETING

EASTERN ILLINI ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

As a member/owner of Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative, an Illinois Corporation, I, the undersigned, hereby assign to member/owner (INSERT NAME) _____ my proxy to vote in my stead at the 2018 Annual Meeting of Members to be held at the PBL Junior/Senior High School, Paxton, Illinois on June 7, 2018. This proxy is unlimited as to matters on which it may be voted.

Date

Signature of Member/Owner assigning proxy

Your Name: _____

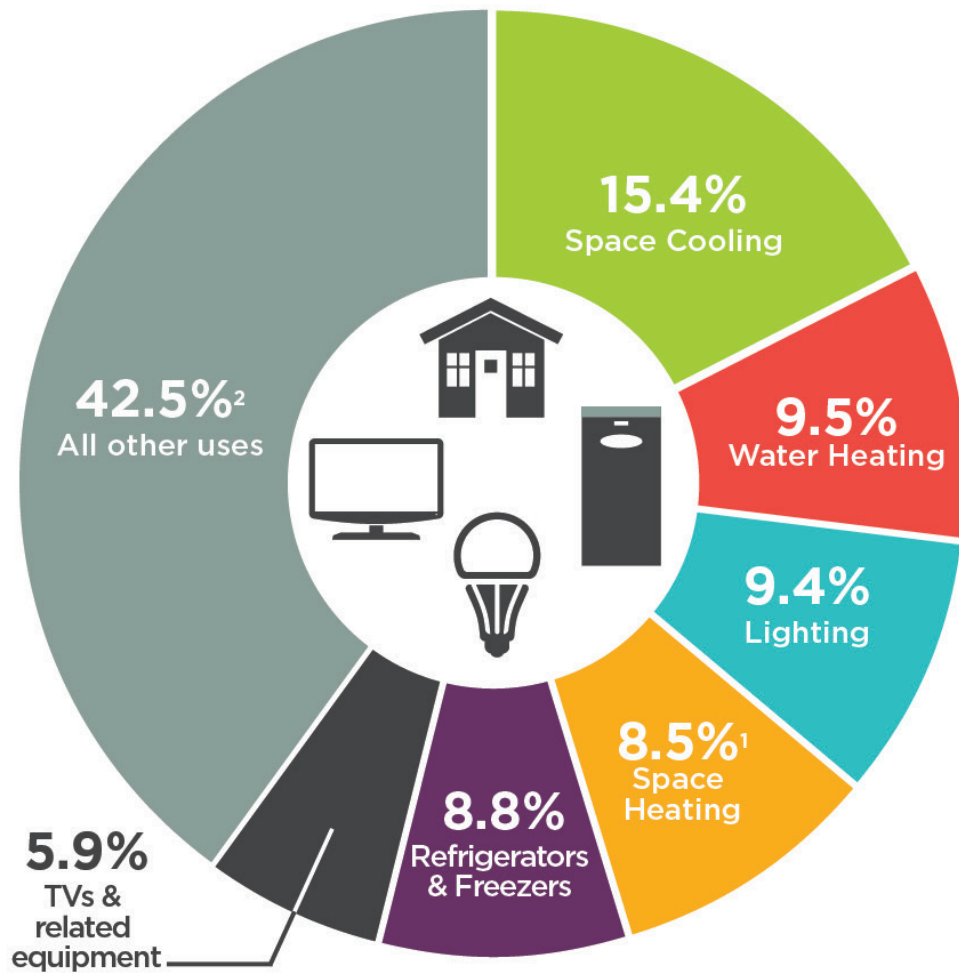
Your Address: _____

Under the bylaws, no member/owner may vote as a proxy for more than three member/owners and the presence of a member/owner at the meeting revokes a proxy heretofore given. A proxy shall not be valid nor voted at any meeting of member/owners unless it designates the name of the member to whom the proxy is assigned.

How Americans Use Electricity

Electricity is an essential part of modern life. Last year, the use of electricity in the U.S. was 13 times greater than electricity use in 1950.

The latest data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration shows the combined use of clothes washers and dryers, computers, dishwashers, small appliances and other electrical equipment accounts for 40 percent of electricity consumption in American homes.



Source: EIA, Annual Energy Outlook 2018.

¹Includes consumption for heat and operating furnace fans and boiler pumps. ²Includes miscellaneous appliances, clothes washers and dryers, computers and related equipment, stoves, dishwashers, heating elements, and motors.

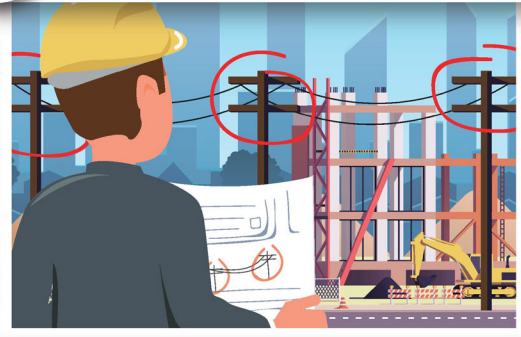


**AMERICA'S ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVES**

OVERHEAD POWER LINE SAFETY

1

Locate all overhead power lines.



2

Keep self and equipment 10 feet away from all overhead power lines.



3

Do not touch anything that is in contact with the power line.



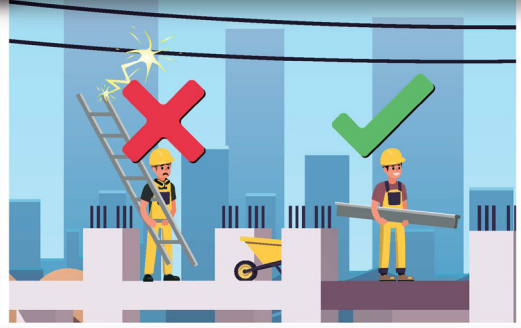
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Beware of fencing near power lines.



5

Carry ladders and other equipment horizontally.



6

Lower equipment apparatus before driving.



7

Never spray water near power lines.



8

Stay at least 35 feet away from fallen power lines.



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