

# Watt's New

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## Vernon Electric Cooperative

### Get More Renewable Energy for as Little as \$1 per Month

#### Evergreen Price Reduced

If you are interested in protecting our environment and getting more of your electricity from renewable resources, your electric cooperative has the program for you. And now, we've made it even more affordable.



Evergreen is a voluntary renewable energy (green power) program available to your home, farm or business through Vernon Electric Cooperative. Evergreen is for you if you are willing to pay a little bit more to get some or all of your electricity from renewable energy resources. In addition to your normal monthly electric bill, you pay a small charge each month to offset the additional cost it takes to support renewable energy.

Evergreen comes from solar, wind and waste-to-energy renewable resources. Your participation in Evergreen enables your cooperative to secure additional renewable energy resources above and beyond government requirements.

And now, even better, we've reduced the price. For as little as an additional \$1 per month, you can help support the generation of renewable energy and a cleaner environment. Evergreen costs \$1 per 100 kilowatt hour (kWh) block, giving you the option to cover a portion or all of your home's energy usage. For example, assuming an average home using 800 kWh per month, you can cover all of your home's usage with green power for an additional \$8 per month participation in Evergreen.

For more information, or to sign up for Evergreen, contact Vernon Electric, or visit [www.vernonelectric.org/content/evergreen](http://www.vernonelectric.org/content/evergreen).

"Information for our member-owners."

**PLEASE MOVE OVER FOR EMERGENCY AND UTILITY CREWS**

If you see police, firefighters, utility crews or other emergency personnel on the side of the road, please slow down and move over when possible.

Together, we can keep our crews safe.

#### Please make room for roadside crews

When the power goes out, so do Vernon Electric's line crews. Lineworkers are the first to respond after an outage occurs, and they work tirelessly to restore power to the communities we serve.

If you're traveling and see one of our crews on the side of the road, we kindly ask that you slow down and move over if possible and give them a little extra space to work. We deeply care about the safety of all, and this extra precaution ensures just that.

There's plenty of room for all. Let's work together to keep everyone safe on our local roadways.

#### Statement of Nondiscrimination

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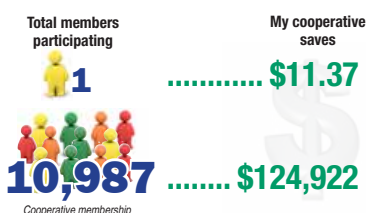
- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

**WASH EARLY OR WASH LATE**

**You Can Make A Difference!**

Cooperative members can help keep electric rates affordable for everyone. Just shift energy use to before 11 a.m. and after 7 p.m. summer weekdays.

- Shift use of dishwasher and washer/dryer
- Turn up air conditioner thermostat a few degrees



**Do the Summer Shift**



# VEC's Most Wanted List

The following individuals are owners of outstanding checks that have not been cashed. Please call our office at 608-634-3121 or 1-800-447-5051 with your current address so we can update our records and see that you receive your checks.



## 2017 Returned Capital Credit Checks

Ackerman, Donald I SR	Donskey, Tammy J	Johann, Nikki	Nelson, Dale	Schuttler, Richard S
Ames, Daniel A	Ellis, Richard E	Johnson, Alfred W	Newton, Paul	Schwem, Barbara
Ames, Verlyn F	Emerson, Collin J	Jones, Benjamin	Oberholtzer, Preston	Sebion, Suzanne
Amundson, David O	Eppers, Kenneth H	Jones, Patricia	Odeen, Bruce E	Sibby's Inc
Anderson, Rod A	Erickson, Bradley K	Jordan, Charles E	Oelke, Chris E	Simms, Joshua & Gloria
Anderson, Scott R	Fallon, John D	Kast, Andrew W	Olson, Alvin A	Sinkule, Christina
Aponte, David J	Fanello, Guiseppi P	Kavall, Cathy	Olson, John D	Skiles, Kirsten A
Aspenon, Joanna	Farber, Amberly K	Keller, Mary R	Paggi, Charles L	Slindee, Debra J
Atkinson, Betty L	Fawcett, George R	Kellum, Joel T	Pena, Leticia E	Smith, Joan G
Benish-Hall, Linda A	Finney, Jesse S	Kennedy, Joan M	Penshorn, Kent E	Soergel, Sharon
Becker, Marva L	Fisher, Alan J	Kent, Timothy J	Peters, Tera J	Stankovich, Chelsea
Bernett, Robert L	Ford, Zack	Kirvan, Richard B	Peterson, Craig J	Stark, Jay
Bernstein, Angie	Funk, Adam T	Klein, Allen J	Peterson, David R	Stebbins, Kelvin M
Betz, David J	Gardner, Jon S	Klein, Patricia C	Peterson, Roger D	Steiger, Randy M
Blair, Thomas	Gasper, Paul V	Koch, Randy S	Petrick, Scott	Stintzi, Scott C
Boardman, Michael R	Gilles, Gerald J	Kocimski, Joshua A	Petrizio, Joseph	Strait, Melanie & Robert
Boardman, Steve	Gilman, Earl JR	Kozminski, Kenneth J	Phelps, Rose	Strait, Melissa L
Boggs, Eva L	Goodman, John H	Krueger, Heather M	Plantz, Sandra A	Stuckey, Amanda R
Boggs, Timothy L	Gordon, Sherrill E	Krueger, Thomas R	Powers, Cecil H	Swenson, Josh L
Bohland, Leroy P	Grant, Fred A	Larson, Cheryl L	Psichalinos, James	Tenner, Jenifer M
Borntreger, Emanuel E	Gratz, Terri L	Leonard, Jane	Pugh, Robert A	Thomas, Kathy D
Boss, Robert E	Griffa, Rose	Litke, Trevor L	Rabb, Reggie	Thurk, Tom C
Brannan, Joseph	Gundlach, Jeffrey A	Litsheim, Art & Debra	Rahman, Becky L	Tjaden, John E
Braund, Steve K	Haase, Aaron M	Lucas, Scott W	Reimer, Bonnie S	Valley, Joseph J
Brown, Chris J	Hagen, Petra M	Lumi Inc/Romance Tavern	Richardson, Samantha J	Verbeten, David A
Brown, James A JR	Hardy, Sherman T	Martell, Jeremy D	Roberts, Steve A	Veterans Administration
Brown, Jonathon C	Harris, Norman L	Martin, Wayne C	Rodriguez, Nicole	Ward, Della M
Brown, Sandra	Haugen, Doris M	Mast, Daniel	Rosborough, Michael J	Watson, Craig
Cain, Rick A	Hegarty, Charles M	Mayberry, Marsha A	Runice, Ernest	Williams, Kathy E
Calhoun, Jackson E	Hegge, David B	Mc Grath, Matt	Rynes, Marie A	Williams, Eugene L
Carter, James D	Hendrickson, Henry D	Mc Intyre, Darby A	Sanford, Virginia M	Willison, Eugene L
Cassel, Sheryl L	Hochhaus, Norene M	Mc Kenzie, Patrick R	Sandvick, Cassie or Phillip	Wolfe, Pamela K
Compton, Robert C	Hoem, James	Merchlewitz, Britney A	Sargeant, Joseph M	Woodstock, Russell L
Coppernoll, Leslie R	Hill, Marilyn J	Miller, Chris	Scharlau, Nadine F	Yaun, Charlotte
Daines, David J	Hillsboro Farmer Co-op	Miller, Marcelle	Schindler, Jason B	Zawacki, Genevieve
De Lap, Bernard	Hinderberger, Elsie E	Mills, Janet L	Schroeder, Lavern	Zebell, Gerald
Dillaber, Eric G	Hysel, Donald L	Mills, William	Schuenemann, Jeannette	Zoerb, Kevin H
Diny, Cindy L	Jambois, Scott A	Mohrbacher, Sarah J	Schultenover, Dave	Zwart, David & Linda



## Vernon Electric Takes Message to Capitol Hill

**R**ichard Nemec, board member for Vernon Electric Cooperative, joined more than 2,000 other electric co-op leaders in Washington, D.C. last month. Nearly 80 were from Wisconsin.

The trip was part of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Legislative Conference. While at the conference, co-op leaders discussed priority issues with members of Congress and administration officials.

"The nation's more than 900 electric cooperatives play an important role in the communities they serve, and we're all committed to the same

fundamental mission - powering and empowering our consumer-owners," said Richard. "Advocating for our members doesn't stop at the edge of our service territory. It's critical that our elected officials in Washington hear from us as they make decisions that impact our ability to continue that mission."

Vernon Electric joined others in educating policymakers on the unique benefits of the locally-controlled, consumer-owned, cooperative business structure. Co-ops also called on lawmakers to support investments in rural infrastructure, reduce barriers to maintenance and expansion, and renew tax credits for geothermal heat pumps.

Co-op leaders from Wisconsin prepare to meet with one of their representatives in Washington D.C. Pictured are, from l to r, Mike Wade, CEO of Central Wisconsin Electric, Richard Nemec from Vernon Electric's Board, Larry Becker from the Adams-Columbia Electric Board, David Paudler from the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association Board, and Brian Rude from Dairyland Power.



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