Tell EPA Ohio can’t afford higher electric bills

We’ve written before about how the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has proposed to limit carbon dioxide at new power plants. On June 18, the EPA released its proposed rules for power plants already in operation.

We’re not 100 percent certain how this will affect electric co-op consumers in Ohio, but early estimates show electric bills could increase by $40 a month or more, if the rules are implemented as written.

Now, more than ever, North Western Electric members must band together and stand up for the right to affordable, reliable electricity. The EPA’s rules will do little to affect global carbon dioxide emissions while unfairly putting the burden on the shoulders of electric cooperative consumers like you.

North Western Electric is part of a national network of electric cooperatives that are strenuously advocating on your behalf, but you can help, too. You can tear out the postcard in this issue of Country Living, fill it out and drop it in the mail, which allows us to make a comment to the EPA on your behalf, or you can visit www.Action.coop to send a comment electronically.

You can also help by sending the link to your friends and family, or pick up some extra postcards at our office to share.

Together, we must take a stand and urge the EPA to use common sense in rulemaking and remember consumers at the end of the line. Will you add your voice to the conversation?

North Western to host Rep. Latta

North Western Electric, in conjunction with Paulding Putnam Electric, will host a breakfast with Rep. Bob Latta as the featured speaker on Aug. 19 in Defiance.

Cooperative members who are currently participating in the ACRE Co-op Owners for Political Action® group will receive an invitation in the mail with more details. Reservations will be required, so please respond promptly with your request.

Want to join us but aren’t yet a member of ACRE Co-op Owners for Political Action? Contact us today to join. Learn how you can help your cooperative and have your voice heard in today’s political world by becoming a member of the group.
Summer employees

New employees Phillip Richmond (left), Jacob Brown and Ryan Guilford joined the NWEC team this summer. They are assisting the line crews and performing facility maintenance.

Employees Brody Flegal and Megan Shilling returned for the second summer in a row to work with our team. Brody is again assisting the line crews and performing facility maintenance. He will be returning to his studies at University of Akron in August.

Megan is continuing her work as the business recruiter for the Co-op Connections® Card program again this year. As part of the shared services agreement with Paulding Putnam, she is also helping that co-op with expanding its program.

Megan graduated from Bowling Green State University in May and will start her teaching career at Jonathan Alder Local Schools in Plain City, Ohio, in August.

Brown joins NWEC team

James Brown is the newest member of the NWEC team. James accepted the position of groundsman in July. He was formerly employed at Menards Distribution Center, concrete plant.

“I am very excited for this opportunity,” James says. “I am an NWEC member at my own home, so I am familiar with what a great organization the co-op is.”

He is a Defiance County native but currently resides in the Cooney area of north Williams county. James and his wife, Amy, have one daughter, Kailyn. They are expecting their second child in November.

Join us in welcoming James to our team!
Tour Cardinal power plant Sept. 10

Our power supplier, Buckeye Power, owns Cardinal Generating Station, which is among the cleanest coal-fired plants in the world! And now the EPA is threatening to shut down plants like ours. Join us on Wednesday, Sept. 10, for an up-close look at the generation of your electricity and to learn why it is so important to keep powerplants like ours operating.

Travel with NWEC by charter bus to Cardinal, located along the Ohio River near Brilliant, Ohio. The tour will be conducted by employees of Buckeye Power.

The tour is free, but seats are limited, North Western Electric, Paulding Putnam Electric and Tricounty Rural Electric Cooperative are sharing a bus for the one-day trip.

- Air-conditioned bus with restroom facilities will leave the NWEC parking lot on Wednesday, Sept. 10, at 6:30 a.m. and will return about 9:30 p.m.
- Lunch will be provided by the co-op prior to arriving at Brilliant.
- You are responsible for your own evening meal (at a fast food restaurant).
- Bottled water will be available on the bus.

Tour guidelines:

- Should the Office of Homeland Security threat level become Orange or Red, the tour will be cancelled.
- Tour participants must be at least 12 years old.
- There will be a lot of walking, descending several flights of stairs and going through some hot and dusty areas, so members with health problems or who require assistance with walking should not take the tour.

Complete the reservation form below then return it to NWEC to reserve a seat. Seats will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis, with preference given to those who have never traveled on the tour before. Those members who are selected to join us on the tour will be notified by mail.

Deadline for reservations is Friday, Aug. 15. For more information, call Pearl Rakes at 419-636-5869 ext 113 or 1-877-636-5869 ext 113.

Cardinal Power Plant Tour
Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Please print clearly.
Number of seats requested _____ (Limit 2)

Member name: _______________________________________

Name of your guest: ____________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________

Telephone: ______________________ Account number:______________

Return form by Aug. 15 to: North Western Electric • Attn: Pearl Rakes
P.O. Box 391 • Bryan, OH 43506
North Western Electric Cooperative surveyed businesses participating in its Co-op Connections® Card program. Those who completed the survey were entered into a drawing for a quarter-page ad in News and Views.

Co-op Connections Card: Featured business

Receive a FREE pre-filter with the purchase of 10 salt bags during monthly salt sale dates only.

Unity Water Conditioning, Inc.

UPCOMING SALT SALE DATES

West Unity          Wauseon
Aug. 7 & 8         Aug. 1 & 2
Sept. 11 & 12      Sept. 5 & 6

115 S. Liberty St., West Unity
138 W. Linfoot St., Wauseon

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Hidden Jackpot

We are pleased to announce that there was one winner from the June issue of Country Living. Judith Abbot of Montpelier reported finding her location number, and as a result, she won $20!

Unfortunately, location number 02-21B-6213 did not!

Keep reading your magazine! It could mean money in your pocket!

NWEC sponsors students on trip to D.C.

Tyler Frantom of Edon and Claire Caryer of Hicksville, pictured at right and on the front cover of this issue, were among 40 high school winners from Ohio and West Virginia who visited Washington, D.C., June 13-19. The weeklong Youth Tour was sponsored by North Western Electric Cooperative and Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc.

The annual trip was highlighted by visits to the U.S. Capitol and other historic landmarks. The high school students also attended a performance at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and took a ride on the Potomac River.

Tyler and Claire were awarded the tour in a scholastic competition and joined about 1,600 of their peers who represented electric cooperatives in 43 states.

Tyler is the son of Jim and Heather Frantom, and Claire is the daughter of Joe and Jenn Caryer.

To view more photos of Tyler and Claire’s trip, visit: http://photos.youthtour.org/2014-Youth-Tour/Ohio/