



Emergency work plan implemented for Hurricane Irma

Twenty-one Illinois cooperatives sent a total of 123 linemen to help restore electricity in Georgia and North Carolina. Hurricane Irma caused extensive damage to Georgia's electric infrastructure. In addition, approximately 5,000 cooperative workers from 25 states assisted in the restoration efforts. There were more than 760,000 co-op outages in Florida, 535,000 in Georgia and 100,000 in South Carolina.

In advance of Hurricane Irma, RECC's Travis Boylen and Sean Koen were sent to North Carolina. Surry-Yadkin Cooperative had requested that crews arrive before the storm and remain on stand-by until needed. After the storm shifted to the west, they were relocated to Covington, Ga. This time, it was Snapping Shoals EMC. The crews assisted in the restoration effort until they were released. Once it was determined that enough resources were in the impacted area, RECC's linemen were back on the road to Illinois.

Trying to predict exactly where a storm is going to strike can be quite challenging, especially three days in advance. The idea is to get the crews in the general vicinity and reposition them as needed. Fortunately, Irma did not advance as far north as predicted.



Travis Boylen says goodbye to his son Brady before heading to North Carolina.

"I wanted to say thank you for assistance with restoration efforts during Irma. We could not have accomplished what we did without your help. Please be sure to thank each crew member for their hard work and their willingness to travel to Georgia to help us out. Thanks again!"

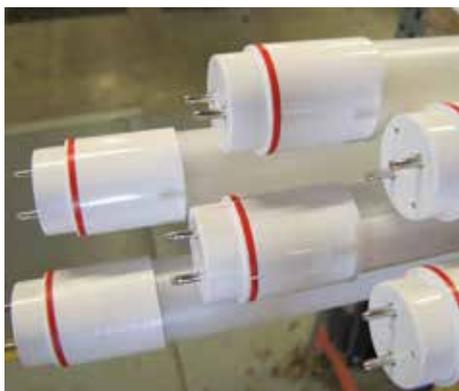
*Don Ritchey, Manager of Operations
Snapping Shoals EMC
Covington, GA.*

RECC is upgrading to LED lights

The time is right to convert to LED. We will be replacing all standard T-8 florescent bulbs with direct drive LEDs. Converting to direct drive LEDs requires the removal of the ballast and some rewiring, but not having a ballast will be one less thing to maintain in the future. The prices have dropped dramatically in the past few years and the efficiency is now incredible. Manufacturers are squeezing more lumens out of a standard size bulb while simultaneously reducing the wattage. The deciding factor for the lighting upgrade was the Electric Efficiency Program offered by Illinois Municipal Electric Agency (IMEA). Their program allows RECC to receive a rebate based on the total amount of wattage reduced per bulb. Dave McMarty and Stephan Sporrer will be replacing over 600 bulbs before the end of the year



Custodian Stephan Sporrer removing an old ballast.



New direct drive LEDs are advertised as "Shatter Proof Coated" and use 12.5 watts.



Retired T-8 florescent bulbs are glass and use more than 28 watts.



Warehouseman Dave McMarty installing new LED bulbs.

Listen to
Doug Rye
Home Remedies
Saturday mornings
at 9:05 a.m. on
1540 WSMI.



Cosponsored by
Rural Electric
Convenience Cooperative
Your Touchstone Energy® Partner



Rural Electric
Convenience Cooperative

3973 W. State Route 104
P.O. Box 19 • Auburn, IL 62615
(217) 438-6197
e-mail: recc@recc.coop
www.recc.coop



Board of Directors

Mel Repscher, Chairman
Chris Wilcox, Vice Chairman
John A. Beatty, Sec.-Treasurer
Cassie L. Eigenmann, Asst. Sec.-Treasurer
Jimmy L. Ayers
Clayton Bloome
Andy Goleman
Thomas Hart
Lou Weitekamp

President/CEO

David Stuva

Editor

Jeff Lancaster



*David Stuva
congratulates
Dana Smith on
his retirement.*



Choose your payment option!

- At our office front desk or outside drop-box
- Mail to: PO Box 19, Auburn IL 62615
- Set up recurring bank draft or credit card payments
- Online, with Pay Now from our website
- Use SmartHub portal, online or mobile app
- By phone to our office, using credit card or checking account
- By phone using automated payment (217) 438-6197

See our web page for monthly
Board meeting reports.

Your Touchstone Energy® Partner

Office closings

RECC will be closed during two holidays in November.

Crews will be on standby for any outages or emergencies, and our dispatch service is available round-the-clock at 217-438-6197.



Veterans Day
Friday, November 10



Thanksgiving
November 23 & 24