



Tim Stewart, CEO/Manager

Community Solar Project Under Consideration

The Clark Electric Cooperative Board of Directors is in the process of considering construction of a solar generation project. The project, based upon member interest, would be a 100–150 kilowatt (kW) community solar garden to be located next to the cooperative's new headquarters facility. By taking advantage of economies of scale, we hope to offer a highly competitive solar product to our membership.

While a lot of the details need to be worked out, the general concept is designed for those members interested in an affordable option to purchase renewable solar

energy. Members will have the opportunity to purchase a subscription unit and receive credit equal to their share of the array's output on their electric bill.

By utilizing a solar garden approach, issues such as inadequate space for solar panels near your home, too many trees that would block the sun at your residence, cost of a small PV (solar) array, installing panels on your rooftop, insurance, and interconnection of the PV system to the grid all go away. In addition, all operation and maintenance issues would be handled by Clark Electric Cooperative. Any residential/seasonal member, regardless of whether you own or rent your home and where you live, who pays a monthly electric bill to Clark Electric Cooperative, could be a potential candidate for participating in the community solar project.

We don't currently have all the details finalized but hope to in the upcoming months. Right now we are attempting to gauge member interest in such a project. A participation unit would probably sell for between \$500 and \$1,000. If you would like to get more information about Clark Electric Cooperative's community solar project, please give us a call or complete the form at left and return it to our office (including it with your electric bill is fine). We will contact you when we have finalized the details and are ready to take commitments for participation in the project. ■

Yes, I would like more information about Clark Electric Cooperative's community solar project.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Return this form to Clark Electric Cooperative, 124 N. Main Street, P.O. Box 190, Greenwood, WI 54437

Our office will be closed
Thursday and Friday,
November 27 and 28,
for Thanksgiving.



Don't Forget to Fall Back November 2

If you're on our Time-of-Day Rate, you probably have a time clock controlling devices. Remember to switch the time clock on these devices back one hour as Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 2. By resetting your time clocks, you will avoid using electricity during peak times, resulting in a higher-than-normal electric bill.

Clark Electric Cooperative's Time-of-Day Rate can save you money; however, you must be willing and able to shift your electric usage around so that you can utilize the lower cost electricity.

For more information on incentive rates such as Time-of-Day or special heating rates, contact our office or visit www.cccoop.com. ■

Energy Assistance Available for Qualifying Households

The winter heating season has now begun. It's important for you to make every attempt to keep current on your electric bill. We understand that things do happen that put financial burdens on people. Certain government organizations can offer heating assistance or point you in the direction of a group that can help.

The Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) administers the federally funded Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Public Benefits Energy Assistance Program. LIHEAP and its related services help more than 230,000 Wisconsin households annually.

ELIGIBILITY

You may be eligible for weatherization services if:

- You received benefits from Wisconsin's Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) or your gross income for the last three months is equal to or less than 60 percent of Wisconsin's state median income (SMI) for your family size.
- Your dwelling/apartment has not been weatherized before.
- Your household meets certain priorities that may include a high energy burden or use, an elderly or disabled member or a child under six.

Income Guidelines For The 2014-2015 WHEAP Heating Season

60 PERCENT OF STATE MEDIAN INCOME GUIDELINES

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTH	ANNUAL INCOME
1	2,096	6,288	25,151
2	2,741	8,223	32,89
3	3,386	10,157	40,628
4	4,031	12,092	48,367
5	4,676	14,027	56,106
6	5,320	15,961	63,844
7	5,441	16,324	65,295
8	5,562	16,687	66,746

For more information and application details, please contact your local office:

Clark County 715-743-5233
Department of Social Services

Chippewa County 715-726-7862
Department of Human Services/Economic Support

Marathon County 715-842-3111
Energy Services, Inc.

Taylor County 715-748-6123
Human Services Department

Wood County
Department of Social Services
Wisconsin Rapids Office..... 715-421-8600
Marshfield Office 715-387-6374

Jackson County 715-284-4301
Department of Health & Human Services

For more information or to locate your local agency, call toll free 1-866-HEATWIS (432-8947) or visit homeenergyplus.wi.gov. Other Resources for Energy and Weatherization Programs—**CEC Website:** www.cecoop.com, click the Bill Payment Tab and then the energy assistant link for more information; **Focus on Energy Targeted Home Performance with ENERGY STAR®:** 1-800-762-7077 or visit www.focusonenergy.com; **Keep Wisconsin Warm Fund – Bill Pay Assistance:** 1-800-981-WARM (9276) or visit www.kwwf.org. (Source: Wisconsin Department of Administration Brochure) ■

Clark Electric Cooperative Gift Certificates Available

Need ideas about what to get that someone special for the holidays?

We all have someone on our shopping list who seems to have everything. How about giving them the gift of energy with a gift certificate from Clark Electric Cooperative? If they receive electric service from Clark Electric Cooperative, contact our Billing Department at 715-267-6188 or 1-800-272-6188 to learn how to obtain a gift certificate.



Clark Electric Crew Responds to ROPE (Restoration Of Power in an Emergency)

Two Clark Electric Cooperative linemen responded to a call to assist Jump River Electric Cooperative after a severe storm ripped through the cooperative's service territory early Thursday morning, September 4. It was around 10 a.m. that morning when Clark Electric received a call that Jump River Electric Cooperative needed help restoring power to its members after the storm. Scott Bailen and Mike Hackel volunteered to head north to



Clark Electric linemen Scott Bailen (left) and Mike Hackel helped Jump River Electric Cooperative crews restore power after a recent severe storm.

assist Jump River Electric in restoring power to their members.

ROPE, or Restoration Of Power in an Emergency, is a very unique program of co-ops helping co-ops. It is administered by Dairyland Power Cooperative on behalf of all of its member cooperatives. When a major storm rolls through a cooperative's service territory and causes extensive damage to its distribution system, that co-op can call Dairyland Power Cooperative and activate the ROPE program. Dairyland Power will then go to work to find crews from other cooperatives unaffected by the storm to help restore power to the cooperative in need of assistance.

"Electric cooperatives typically have large service territories with a limited number of linemen to cover them, so it's nice to know help is just a phone call away through the ROPE program," says General Manager and CEO Tim Stewart.

Clark Electric Cooperative has sent crews to a number of other cooperatives in recent years, including Washington St. Tammany Electric Cooperative in Franklinton, Louisiana, after Hurricane Katrina. While Scott and Mike volunteered to respond to the latest call for help at Jump River Electric, every one of our linemen at Clark Electric has been involved with assisting another co-op through the ROPE program through the years. ■

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If you have any questions, please contact our office at 715-267-6188 or 1-800-272-6188. ■



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Rebate Reminder

Have your home-improvement projects included any energy-saving measures? Perhaps you've updated your appliances with energy efficient models, or replaced any remaining incandescent light bulbs to CFLs or LEDs.

If so, be sure to check the energy rebates available to our members. Go to www.cecoop.com to see which Energy Star products qualify for a rebate. Items must be purchased and installed in 2014 to qualify.

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