

NEWS & VIEWS

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OF HENDRICKS POWER COOPERATIVE

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AROUND TOWN

Calendar of Events

APRIL 13
Lineworker Appreciation Day
We appreciate our dedicated lineworkers! Thank you!

APRIL 20-24
Work Zone Awareness Week
Slow down and stay focused when in work zones!

APRIL 25
Gardening for All Ages
Hendricks Co. 4-H Fairgrounds 9am-4pm
There will be free seeds and trees, gardening presentations, gardening-related vendor booths, children's activities, and more.
Learn More:
hendricksgardeners.com

MAY 1
Applications Due - Camp Kilowatt
HPC sponsors current sixth-grade students for a chance to attend Camp Kilowatt at Happy Hollow Children's Camp in Nashville, IN, July 26-29, 2026.
Learn More:
hendrickspower.com/camp-kilowatt

MAY 2
Dancing with the Hendricks County Stars
Hendricks Co. 4-H Fairgrounds 6-9pm
Enjoy a night of dancing to support the Hendricks Co. Historical Museum.
Learn More:
hendrickscountymuseum.org

JULY 23
Annual Meeting & Member Appreciation
Save the date & stay tuned for additional details!

RATES AND RELIABILITY



Indiana's Energy Price Inquiry: Why Co-ops Stand Apart

You may have seen headlines about the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) investigating rising energy prices. This inquiry focuses on for-profit, investor-owned utilities (IOU's), so Hendricks Power is not part of the investigation.

While regulatory oversight plays an important role in the energy industry, our cooperative model provides a built-in system of accountability. As a not-for-profit governed by a democratically elected board of directors - member-owners just like you - we maintain accountability directly to the people we serve. Our rates are approved by our local board of directors.

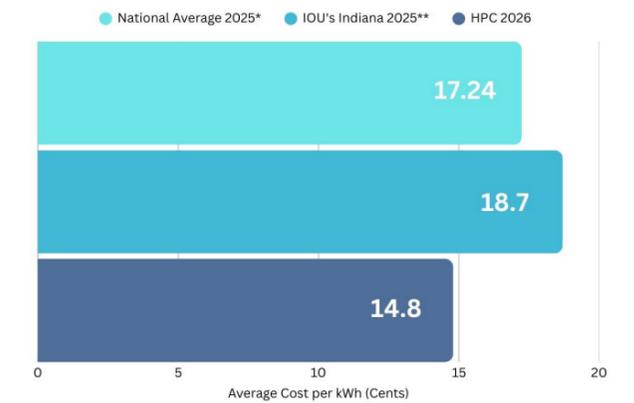
Hendricks Power approved a rate update to better reflect the true cost of providing reliable, affordable power. Even with this adjustment, our rates remain among the most affordable compared to national averages and investor-owned energy providers per kilowatt hour.

As a cooperative, our responsibility is to offer transparency and support for our members. If you have questions about your bill, need to arrange a payment plan, or would like a free energy audit for your home, please call us at (317) 745-5473.

Comparison Chart

INVESTOR-OWNED UTILITY (IOU)	FEATURE	ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE (REMC)
Outside shareholders/investors.	OWNERSHIP	Member-consumers.
Generating profit for shareholders.	PRIMARY GOAL	Providing reliable service at cost.
Corporate board, focused on shareholder value.	GOVERNANCE	Local board, 1 member= 1 vote.
Distributed as dividends to investors.	MARGINS	Returned to members as capital credits.

Cost Per Kilowatt Hour (kWh)



Sources: *U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), *Electric Power Monthly*, Table 5.6.A.
**Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC), 2025 Residential Bill Survey, average residential bill based on 1,000 kWh usage as of July 1, 2025.

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What's Inside:



LINEWORKER APPRECIATION DAY

WORK ZONE AWARENESS



Lineworker Appreciation Day & No Lost Time in 2025

As Lineworker Appreciation Day approaches on April 13, it is an opportunity to recognize the dedication and professionalism of our lineworkers who work every day to keep the lights on safely for members. In an industry where employees regularly work around powerful and unpredictable elements, safety is more than a priority; it's a commitment. In 2025, Hendricks Power operated without a single lost-time incident. This reflects a culture built on safety awareness, teamwork, and continuous training.

What Is Lost Time?

Lost time occurs when an employee experiences an injury in the field or office that results in missed workdays. In the electric utility industry, where linemen regularly work around energized lines, heavy equipment, and evolving weather conditions, the risk of injury can be significant. Because electricity cannot be seen, it presents unique hazards that require constant attention and preparation.

Strong Commitment to Safety

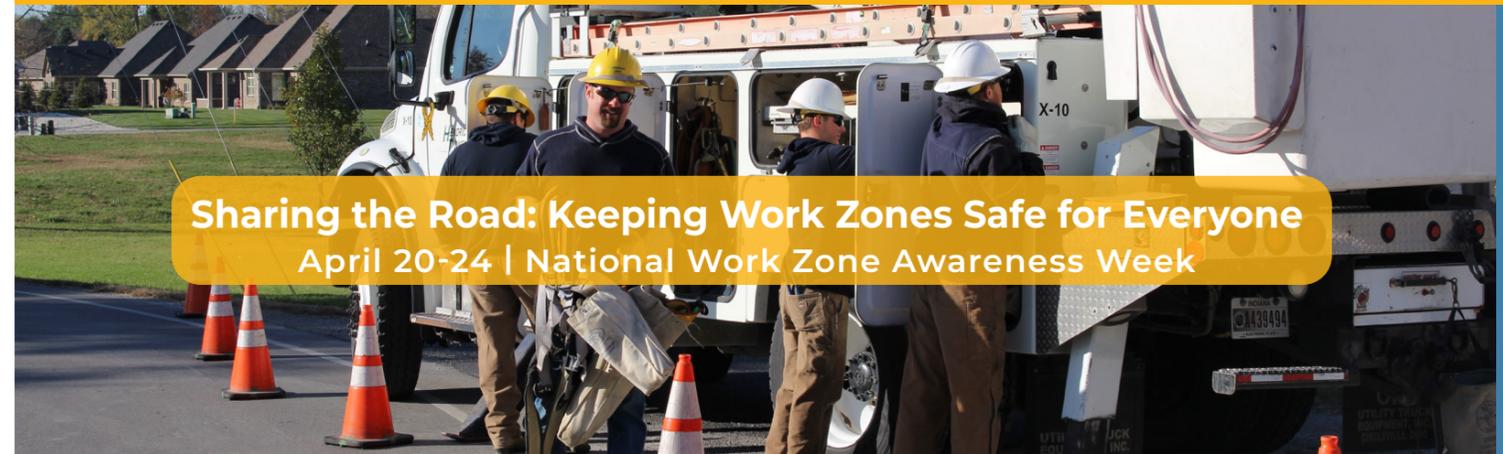
Hendricks Power Cooperative has implemented standardized operating

procedures to ensure employees follow safe practices on every job. While safety equipment and training programs require significant investment, the cost of an accident, both financially and personally, is far greater.

To strengthen safety culture, Hendricks Power works closely with organizations such as Indiana Electric Cooperatives and Wabash Valley Power Alliance to provide additional training opportunities. This training helps employees recognize hazards, follow proper safety procedures, and respond effectively to potential risks. By going beyond standard requirements, the cooperative ensures employees are well prepared for the challenges they may face in the field.

Recognizing Lineworkers

HPC wants to recognize our linemen who work on the front lines of the electric industry. They often work in challenging weather conditions and at all hours of the day or night to restore power and maintain the electric system. We appreciate you!



Sharing the Road: Keeping Work Zones Safe for Everyone April 20-24 | National Work Zone Awareness Week

Work zones are among the most dangerous areas on the road. Data from the Indiana Department of Transportation shows that 269 people have died in work zone crashes over the past 10 years. In 2023, 33 people were killed, and more than 1,750 were injured in INDOT work zones.

Work zones are not limited to highway construction—they also include utility crews working along the roadside to build, maintain, and repair electric infrastructure. These crews may be working around the next bend, over a hill, or during overnight hours.

"Our crews already face dangerous conditions in their work," said Kurtis Doll, Manager of Operations, Safety & Compliance. "We ask drivers to slow down, stay alert, and give them space to return home safely."

Motorists should:

- Watch for orange work zone signs, flaggers, and vehicles with flashing lights.
- Slow down and be prepared for sudden stops.
- Avoid sudden or unnecessary stops in the roadway, which can increase the risk of rear-end collisions.

Indiana's "Move Over" law requires drivers to move over for stopped vehicles with flashing lights. If it's not safe to change lanes, drivers must slow to at least 10 mph below the posted speed limit. The law applies to emergency vehicles, highway crews, tow trucks, utility vehicles, and others with flashing or hazard lights.

Do your part to protect lives. Slow down, stay alert, and give roadside crews plenty of space every single time you approach a work zone. Take these steps to help ensure everyone goes home safely.

OUTAGE NOTIFICATIONS



Don't miss important outage alerts. Get timely notifications when they matter most.

You can choose to receive text messages, emails, or both by opting in for notifications from your SmartHub account. Start by checking your contact methods to confirm your cell phone number is listed. If it isn't, add it before continuing. Log in to SmartHub then select More > Settings > Manage Notifications > Service and choose the notifications you want to receive. These options now include Planned Power Outage, Power Outage, Power Outage Restored, and Power Outage Update. Simply click on each one to enroll for text messages or emails and turn on the toggle. Questions? Call Hendricks Power at (317) 745-5473.

RESIDENTIAL RATES



2026 Residential Rates

Providing safe and reliable electricity requires an ongoing investment in the equipment and technology that power our communities. From maintaining power lines to upgrading infrastructure, HPC is committed to providing quality electric service while managing rising costs.

Several factors influence rates, including: wholesale power costs, prices for materials and equipment, investments in technology and reliability, and ongoing maintenance of the electric system.

Updated Time-of-Use Rates

HPC uses a Time-of-Use rate. Rates reflect changes in electricity demand throughout the day. Electricity costs more when demand is higher and less when demand is lower due to the wholesale costs of energy.

The updated residential rates are:*

	Previous	New
Super Off-Peak	\$0.0594/kWh	\$0.0594/kWh
Off-Peak	\$0.1062/kWh	\$0.1083/kWh
On-Peak	\$0.2106/kWh	\$0.2491/kWh

Use Our Rate Calculator to Estimate Your Bill

Visit hendrickspower.com/rate-update to use our calculator to estimate your monthly bill based on your usage and time-of-use. If you have questions, our team is here to help at (317) 745-5473.

*Super Off-Peak 11:00 pm – 4:59 am; Off-Peak 5:00 am – 4:59 pm and 8:01 pm – 10:59 pm; and On-Peak 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm, excluding weekends and New Year's Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. Off-Peak rates will apply from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm on weekends and these holidays.



Rate Calculator

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH



HPC and Operation Round Up Donations Support Community Initiatives

Hendricks Power and Operation Round Up are proud to invest in local nonprofits that empower first responders, inspire youth, and strengthen the heart of the community.

As part of its commitment to the communities it serves, Hendricks Power recently awarded several donations to organizations making a meaningful difference across Hendricks County.

The A&A Township Volunteer Fire Department received a \$1,000 donation to help purchase training manikins. Serving Adams and Ashland Townships, the department will use the equipment to strengthen firefighter training and help meet patient care requirements for real-life emergencies. The manikins will also support community first aid demonstrations and joint training with neighboring departments.

Hendricks Power also awarded \$1,500 to the Danville-Center Township Public Library for Full STEAM Ahead, a monthly hands-on STEAM program for local youth and students in the Danville Community School Corporation. Each session features books tied to the month's topic, encouraging children to explore their curiosity and continue learning at home or in the library.

Through its Operation Round Up program, Hendricks Power also contributed \$2,000 to Danville's Little House to support renovations that will preserve the historic space for future generations. For 75 years, the Little House has served as a gathering place for Girl Scouts, where community members build leadership, friendship, and a spirit of service. Planned renovations include two meeting rooms, modern amenities, and full wheelchair accessibility.

"Hendricks Power is proud to support organizations that strengthen our community, create opportunities for youth, and enhance local spaces for everyone," said Emily Thomas, Marketing Manager at Hendricks Power. "By investing in first responders, education, and community spaces, we are helping our community remain strong for generations to come."