

# NEWS & VIEWS

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### Page Day Applications Available

Page Day with the Indiana Senate gives students an opportunity to learn about their state government and how bills become law. Highlights include a Statehouse tour, mock bill activity, speakers and other educational activities. Learn More & Apply: [goiec.org/2023pageday](https://goiec.org/2023pageday)

NOVEMBER 8

### Indiana General Election

Have your voice heard! Get out to vote on Nov. 8! Voting is critical to a healthy democracy. Support your local electric cooperative by voting for candidates who support policies that strengthen rural Indiana and the continued provision of safe, reliable, and affordable energy. Learn More: [indianavoters.in.gov](https://indianavoters.in.gov)

NOVEMBER 11

### Veteran's Day

Thank you to all of our brave men & women who have served our country; we salute you.

NOVEMBER 24 & 25

### Thanksgiving Holiday

Wishing our members a cozy and gracious Thanksgiving holiday. Our office will be closed in celebration.



TIME OF USE

## Shift into Savings

As a member of Hendricks Power, we've encouraged you to use energy wisely and make smart energy choices to save money. But did you know that *when* you use electricity can be just as important as how much you use?

Throughout the day, energy use fluctuates based on member demand. Typically, most households use larger amounts of electricity in the morning while getting ready for their day, and in the evenings, upon return from work while cooking dinner, doing laundry, and watching television.

During these times of higher energy use, called "peak" hours, the cost of purchased power also increases because of the demand for electricity. Monitoring your peak hour consumption will help you take steps to better manage your load and flatten out your usage.

By shifting some of your energy use to hours when demand is lower, also known as off-peak hours, you can save money on your energy bills and help keep rates lower for our community.

Here are a few easy ways you can shift energy use to off-peak hours:

- Adjust your thermostat. During summer months, raise the thermostat a few degrees during peak hours.
- Wash full loads of clothes in cold water during off-peak hours.
- Run the dishwasher before you go to bed, or air-dry dishes by opening the dishwasher instead of using the heated dry cycle.
- Turn off lights and electronics when not in use. (Try to make this a daily habit, whether during peak or off-peak hours.)

There are many ways to save energy and money by making a few minor adjustments to your daily routine. We're here to help and encourage you to monitor your on and off peak usage. Stay tuned for different usage and energy-savings strategies in the months to come! Call us at (317) 745-5473 if you have questions about your energy bill. For additional energy-saving tips, visit [hendrickspower.com](https://hendrickspower.com).





# We Want to Hear From You!

You may receive an email from us in November or December asking to participate in a survey of residential co-op members. Formerly, this survey was done via telephone but has now changed to an email survey. The survey helps our power supplier, Wabash Valley Power Alliance, determine how much power we'll need in the near future. Please take the time to fill out this survey as it helps the Cooperative and our members. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact us at (317) 745-5473 Thank you!

ENERGY NEWS

# Understanding Peak Pricing and Purchasing

Many members know that Hendricks Power provides them with reliable electricity, no matter the day or night. Some members may even know that we offer discounted rates on off-peak hours. But do you know why or how we can offer you savings?

You may not think you need to have an understanding of energy demand and purchasing, but do you ever look at your energy bill and wonder what it all means? If your answer to that question is "yes," then you might be interested to learn how demand impacts your utility bill.

To start, it is important to understand how electricity is made and how it is delivered to your home.

Before Hendricks Power can send electricity to your home, that electricity needs to be generated by a Generation and Transmission cooperative (G&T). In this case, Wabash Valley Power Alliance. Once the electricity has been generated, it travels over high-voltage transmission lines to substations, where the voltage is reduced to a safer level. The electricity then travels over distribution power lines and finds its way into your home. So, while you pay your bill to us – your electric distribution cooperative – we don't actually generate the electricity you use. That is the job of the G&T.

Hendricks Power helps to determine how much electricity our members need to power their homes and businesses, and you play a big part in determining how much electricity the G&T needs to create to keep the lights on in our community. That is where these terms "consumption" and "demand" come in.

Demand is measured in kilowatts (kW). Consumption is measured in kilowatt hours (kWh). A light bulb "demands" a certain number of watts – let's say 100 watts (or 0.1 kW). If that light bulb stays on for 10 hours, it "consumes" 1 kWh. Now, if you turn on 10, 100-watt light bulbs in your home for one hour, you are still consuming 1 kWh. However, you are demanding the utility to have 1 kW available to you over the course of one hour, instead of 0.1 kW over the course ten hours. This requires the generation and transmission plant to produce more power in less time to meet your demand.

Hendricks Power purchases kilowatt hours from Wabash Valley based on the average demand of our members. Peak demand refers to the time of day when the demand for electricity is highest. Typically peak demand occurs when families return home from work or school, prepare dinner and use multiple appliances. This is typically during the evening when families return home from work or school and having dinnertime when using the most appliances. Using electricity during this peak demand period often costs more to both Hendricks Power and our members.

Demand is the reason your electricity bill fluctuates season to season and even year to year. Generating and distributing power can be a tricky and complicated business, but rest assured Hendricks Power will always meet the necessary demand to provide safe, reliable and affordable electricity to your family.



# Hendricks Power and its Employees Support Veterans and Indy Honor Flight

"I never imagined the level of support we received from our members and professional partners when I began this project," says Steve Luckey, Manager of Construction Services at Hendricks Power.

Through RELITE, a rigorous two-year leadership program sponsored by Indiana Electric Cooperatives, Luckey was tasked with one last assignment before graduation - a capstone of his choosing to benefit his community.

"Because my father and I are both veterans, I chose to focus my efforts on raising funds and awareness for the Indy Honor Flight. It's a cause I've always been passionate about. I was able to visit the Vietnam War Memorial with my father through Indy Honor Flight, and it was a life-changing experience. I knew I wanted more veterans to have that opportunity," Luckey says, reflecting on the inspiration for his project.

Indy Honor Flight is one of four state-wide hubs of the Honor Flight Network. The organization sponsors local veterans on a one-day flight to Washington, D.C., to visit veteran memorials. Participation in an Honor Flight allows veterans the chance to share the trip with other veterans, remember friends and comrades lost, and share their stories and experiences.

While Luckey's initiative was granted \$2,500 from the Hendricks Power Cooperative Operation Round Up program, he thought there was more he could do. In addition to getting a digger truck wrapped with custom branding to honor veterans, he raised an additional \$6,000 for his cause.

"I wanted to gain exposure for the organization and its great work, so I started asking around. In my role at Hendricks Power, I work directly with many contractors and vendors, and once I started talking about my project, folks were happy to support the cause and other veterans," says Luckey.

Luckey also had a banner made to coincide with the truck graphics, in which he asked community members to "sign" in support. Hendricks Power partners, including Altec, J&J Electric, Power Line Supply, Helebo (HTI), Brownstown Electric, and Fleece Performance, committed to donations. Some even agreed to donate one dollar for each signature Luckey could collect on banners at local events.

"The timing really couldn't have been better. I knew our annual meeting was coming up at the Hendricks Co. 4-H Fair and that it would be the perfect place to connect with our members and let them know about Indy Honor Flight and its great work. We were even able to go out and collect signatures at the Putnam Co. 4-H Fair, too," says Luckey.

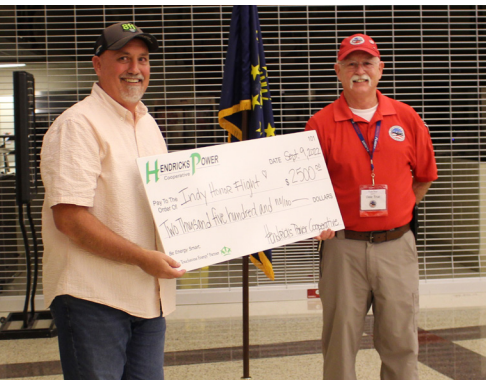
"Steve did a great job bringing our community together to benefit a cause near and dear to our hearts here at Hendricks Power. I'm proud of him and his dedication to the project," says Greg Ternet, CEO of Hendricks Power. "One of our Cooperative Principles is Concern for Community, and Steve has led by example by embodying that value and making a difference."



Luckey brought banners to the Hendricks and Putnam Co. 4-H Fairs to collect signatures in exchange for donations from local partners



Luckey had a custom wrap designed for a digger truck used in the field



Luckey presenting the Hendricks Power sponsorship to Indy Honor Flight of Plainfield

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

# Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Is your home heating system ready for the winter chill? One of the easiest ways to keep your system running efficiently is to regularly replace filters. If your central air system has a furnace filter, it should be replaced about every 90 days.

If your home is heated through warm-air registers, baseboard heaters or radiators, remember to clean regularly to boost efficiency.

