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**EMPOWERING  
A NEW ERA**

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# Taking Control Of Your Costs

## Learn About Our Single-Phase Time-Of-Use Rate

Did you know that electricity costs are higher during high-demand hours? For example, most people get home from work around 5 or 6 p.m. and start cooking dinner, doing laundry and maybe relax by watching television all while charging their phone or computer. Cost goes up during these high-demand hours because people are at home enjoying the convenience of electricity at the same time.

However, if you decide to switch to our **Single-Phase Time-of-Use (SPTOU) plan**, you can save money on your bill with just a few minor changes. These days, many appliances are programmable, and you can program these appliances to run during our super off-peak hours from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.

If you normally run your dishwasher before bed, consider holding off on starting it until 11 p.m. Do you usually charge your devices the second you get home? Hold off until you head to bed. Minor changes like these can help you save money each month. If you'd like to save more with our SPTOU plan, you can program your thermostat to avoid heating or cooling your home during the few hours that make up higher cost times.

We strongly recommend our SPTOU plan for electric vehicle (EV) drivers. While it can be tempting to start charging your EV when you get home from a day of driving, consider charging your vehicle from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. to maximize recharge savings, all while ensuring you have a charged vehicle for the next day.

Interested in switching to SPTOU? Fill out the authorization form at [jcremc.com/savings/time-of-use](http://jcremc.com/savings/time-of-use). To learn more about SPTOU and if it's right for you, call our Energy Advisor Shane Neher at (317) 736-6174.

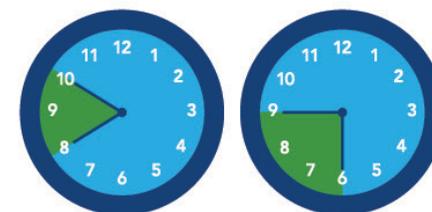
**On-peak summer and winter hours only represent 6% of the total hours in the year.**

**On-Peak Summer**



**June - August**  
 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
 Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)  
 Monday - Friday.

**On-Peak Winter**



**December - February**  
 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
 Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)  
 Monday - Friday.

**Super Off-Peak**



**Every Month**  
 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.  
 Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)  
 Every Day.

## COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE

### Nomination and Credentials Committee Information

The Nomination and Credentials Committee for Johnson County Rural Electric Membership Corporation has been appointed for the Annual Meeting to be held on April 18, 2026. Committee members are listed by district alongside each district's current director.

In accordance with the bylaws, the Nomination and Credentials Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 9th, 2025 to consider and nominate the director candidates to be on the ballot for the 2026 Annual Meeting. Candidate applications are due no later than 10 days prior to the advertised date of the Nomination and Credentials Committee meeting and can be found at [jcremc.com/leadership](http://jcremc.com/leadership).

## 2025 Nomination and Credentials Committee

**DISTRICT 1\*** - Burke Admire  
 Current Director: Glenn McAlpin

**DISTRICT 4\*** - Ken Bradley  
 Current Director: James Meredith

**DISTRICT 7** - Linda Haggard  
 Current Director: Ron Barnett

**DISTRICT 2** - Clay Fulkerson  
 Current Director: Seth Brown

**DISTRICT 5** - Lynn Gray  
 Current Director: Lee Ann Wilbur

**DISTRICT 3** - Jeff Dannemiller  
 Current Director: Dennis Stewart

**DISTRICT 6** - Jerry Haver  
 Current Director: Stephen Watson

\*District up for election in 2026

## Board of Directors Information

The business affairs of JCREMC are managed by a seven-member board of directors, one director for each of the seven districts in the service area of JCREMC. Director elections are open to all eligible JCREMC members. Elections are held during the Annual Meeting of the Membership, and each member has a single vote. For more information about the board of directors and each of the seven JCREMC districts visit [jcremc.com/company/board-of-directors](http://jcremc.com/company/board-of-directors).

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## JCREMC: Empowered With Possibilities

John Sturm, CEO of JCREMC, addresses the members at the 2025 Annual Meeting: “JCREMC is continuing to make strides this year to increase reliability while keeping costs low. While we can’t control all costs, there are things we can do to help mitigate costs during high-demand times.

“As you may know, we changed our relationship with Hoosier Energy to allow us more energy independence. While we appreciate our long-term partnership with them, we needed the flexibility to grow and evolve. As your local electric cooperative, we value you and want to provide you with the best, and most reliable service possible. This change creates more possibilities than we ever had before. We have some projects on the horizon that we’re excited to share.”

## How We Are Improving Our Distribution System

JCREMC is committed to keeping costs as low as possible. For that reason, we’re currently building a new solar array near Honey Creek and Tracy Roads. These solar panels will help generate enough electricity to power approximately +1,000 homes annually. When sunlight hits the 15,300 solar panels, the energy the light produces turns into an electrical current.

These projects can increase our reliability and we’re not stopping there! In addition to these new projects, we’ll also be planting a field full of colorful wildflowers near our solar array. Beyond their beauty, these wildflowers will increase pollination and create a wonderful area for local birds and butterflies to thrive.

We’ll also be installing a new utility-grade battery to work in conjunction with the panels. Battery energy storage systems (BESS) help store electricity for later use, all to provide increased reliability and cost savings to our members. The BESS can also help us balance energy supply and demand and support renewable energy efforts.

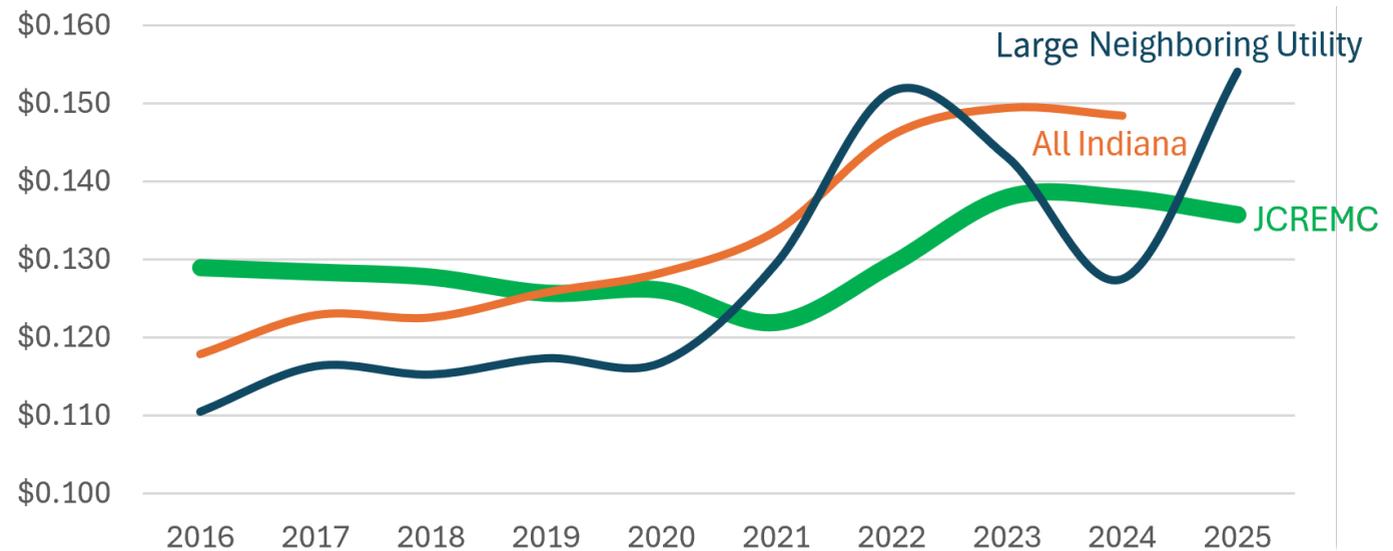
# Entering A New Era

## CEO Updates Members At Our 2025 Annual Meeting

John Sturm highlighted how these projects are already helping stabilize our costs for our members. JCREMC once had higher residential rates than other electric utilities. This has changed! Since 2021, our average rates have been lower than the statewide average, and these results show how our diligent efforts are working to maintain rate stability. We plan to continue these efforts to add resources that allow us to maintain the lowest rates possible. Sturm also shared his vision with members:

**“To be the most efficient, customer-service oriented and forward-thinking utility possible.”**  
- CEO John Sturm

### Average Residential Cost Per kWh



## JCFiber Updates From The Annual Meeting

Sturm also shared our success with JCFiber during the meeting. We completed our initial residential buildout for JCFiber, which helped us accomplish our goal of bringing fiber internet to underserved local rural homeowners who did not have a high-speed internet option.

We’re expanding our service area to downtown Franklin and bringing commercial services to the county buildings. While we’re excited to grow, we’re doing so responsibly, since JCFiber is owned and operated by JCREMC. We encourage you to see if you’re eligible to sign up for JCFiber by heading to our website or calling us at (317) 736-6174.

**Save the Date**

**April 18th, 2026**

We’ve got plenty more work to be done this year, and we’re excited to share more during the 2026 Annual Meeting, which will be held on April 18 at Franklin Community High School. Save the date in your calendar now!

# JCFiber: Controlling Your Connection

**Did you know JCFiber offers a free app that allows you to be in complete control of your home Wi-Fi network?**

With myJCFiber, customers can tailor their Wi-Fi experience to fit their needs and preferences. You can create profiles for people, places and devices using your WiFi. You can set individualized schedules and control when and how your Wi-Fi is being used. Customers can also run bandwidth tests with the myJCFiber app and receive updates on their devices.

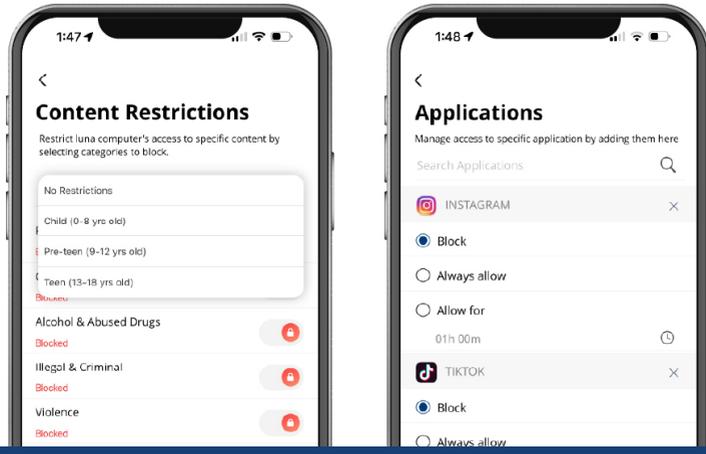
## More ways our app can add value and control to your life

JCFiber customers have the chance to add enhanced features to their myJCFiber app for an additional cost. With ExperienceIQ, parents and guardians are able to set advanced controls for their children and users by adding content restrictions to certain profiles. With this add-on, parents can set screen limits and schedules for profiles.

JCFiber customers can also add ProtectIQ, which is a network-level security service that protects all your devices! With ProtectIQ, users can receive real-time threat protection for all their devices. ProtectIQ blocks intrusions, threats, viruses and malware before they can make it to your connected devices. If it's connected, it's protected.



ExperienceIQ and ProtectIQ are each available for \$5 per month and can be bundled together for \$8 per month.



## Buildout Complete: How you can sign up for JCFiber

JCFiber has brought high-speed fiber internet to many residents in portions of Johnson, Morgan, Brown and Shelby counties that didn't have a high-speed internet option. Beyond great internet, JCFiber is operated by JCREMC, which has been trusted in the community since 1935.

JCFiber also serves plenty of businesses, offering reliable internet, IT services, hosted phones and more. **To see if JCFiber is available for your home or business, go to [JCFiber.com](http://JCFiber.com) and click [Check Availability](#) or call our office at (317) 736-6174.**

# 2025 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

This year at our annual meeting, JCREMC awarded three \$2,000 academic scholarships to local high school seniors who will attend an in-state college, university or trade school. Meet the 2025 recipients:

Jackson Cope is a 2025 graduate of Whiteland Community High School and plans to attend Indiana State University to study pre-physician assistance.

Russell Dean is a 2025 graduate of Center Grove High School and plans to attend Purdue to study engineering.

Elizabeth Worland is a 2025 graduate of Franklin Community High School and plans to attend Ball State University to study nursing.

Learn more about the JCREMC Academic Scholarships at [jcremc.com](http://jcremc.com) by clicking "Academic Scholarships" under the "Community" tab.



Each spring and fall, the JCREMC Community Fund awards project-based Operation Round-Up grants to local non-profit charitable organizations in the communities JCREMC serves. Operation Round-Up is funded by JCREMC consumers who opt to round-up their monthly electric bills to the nearest whole dollar. The average amount a participating consumer contributes in a year is about \$6. Applications for fall 2025 grants will be available October 1 – 31. Learn more at [jcremc.com/community/operation-round-up](http://jcremc.com/community/operation-round-up).

During the spring 2025 cycle, the fund dispersed \$56,500 to 13 organizations.



- **Amity Community Volunteer Fire Department:** Equipment Lockers
- **City of Franklin Fire Department:** Exercise Equipment
- **Franklin Community High School Choral Booster:** New Piano
- **Greenwood Education Foundation:** Mental Health Shirts
- **Indian Creek High School:** Wireless Headsets
- **Indiana FFA Foundation:** ADA Compliant Furnishings
- **Indianapolis Crimson Knights Football:** Helmets & Shoulder Pads
- **Joshua Center:** Hope Care Kits
- **Resources of Hope:** Hope for the Holidays Program
- **Tara Treatment Center:** Sober Living Program
- **Town of Prince's Lakes:** Community Garden
- **Trafalgar Volunteer Firemen, Inc:** Particulate Hoods
- **Whiteland FFA Chapter:** Tractor for Fundraising

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