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STANDING TOGETHER

IEC DISTRIBUTES CAPITAL CREDIT CHECKS TO MEMBERS,
COORDINATES DISASTER RELIEF FUND COLLECTION

Indian Electric Cooperative will distribute \$413,411 in capital credit checks to nearly 15,000 members who received electricity from IEC during the years 1977 and/or 2000. The capital credit checks will be given out at IEC's annual meeting on October 20 at Cleveland High School. Checks will be available at the registration desk prior to the 10:00 a.m. meeting time. IEC members who do not attend this year's annual meeting will receive their checks through the mail.

IEC trustees voted at their monthly board meeting on September 27 to provide IEC members with the opportunity to donate their capital credit check to aid disaster victims in New York and Washington, D.C.

"We are deeply saddened by the tragic events of September 11, which have befallen our country," Board President LeRoy Meyer said. "We offer our prayers, sympathies, and condolences to the families, friends and co-workers in the areas that have been targeted."

"Cooperatives were founded on the premise of people helping people. With this cooperative spirit in mind, the IEC board of trustees has decided to provide an avenue in which we can all assist in the disaster relief effort," he said.

If you would like to donate your capital credit check to aid the disaster victims, you can write "void" across your capital credit check and give it back to IEC staff members at the annual meeting. Members not attending the annual meeting can return their contributions by mail. All IEC Members will receive a donation fund selection card with instructions along with a return envelope. You will be able to choose the American Red Cross, the New York United Way September 11 Fund, the New York Firefighters 9-11 Disaster Relief Fund, or the New York State Fraternal Order of Police WTC Fund. In addition to, or in lieu of capital credit donations, IEC members are welcome to make separate donations. All donations will be collected at the IEC office and will be dispersed to the selected disaster relief funds in time for the holidays. Donations will be collected through November 30, 2001.



Capital credits, or patronage capital, are unique to rural electric cooperatives and are one of the many benefits of being a member-owner of a co-op. Patronage capital is paid to cooperative members in much the same way dividends are paid to stockholders of investor-owned companies. Capital credits represent each member's investment in IEC and accumulate based on the amount of electricity used by each member.

Monies accrued in excess of the actual cost of providing electric service for the year are called margins and are used to cover the cost of maintaining the co-op's electric system. Instead of refunding this money immediately it is invested in wires, transformers, poles, property, new construction and other facilities needed to provide members with reliable, economical electric service.

Each year after careful review of the financial condition of the cooperative, IEC's board of trustees may vote to retire a portion of the capital credits to the membership.

Visit us at www.iecok.com to learn more about how you can help America Stand Together!

Give Yourself a Gift This Holiday Season ... Worry Free On-line Bill Payment!

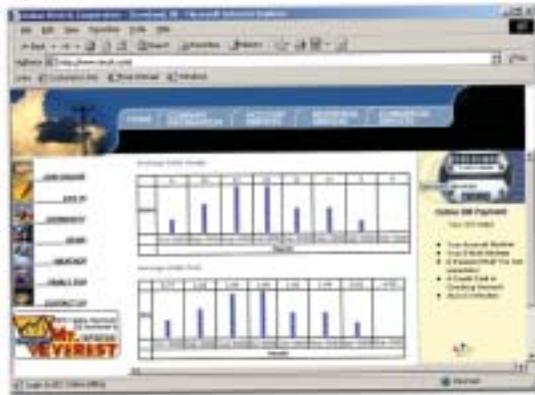
Attention snowbirds and Christmas shoppers! Planning to head out on an extended vacation or shopping trip during the holidays and want an easy and convenient way to pay your bills while you're gone? Just stop by the IEC website at www.iecok.com, click "Join Online" in the top left hand corner, fill in the blanks (you'll need your account number and an e-mail address) and hit "Submit". You're good to go. Even if you're staying home for the holidays, paying your bill online is still the easiest way to take care of your bill before hitting the malls.

Online payment gives you a simple alternative to paying your bills by mail—saving time, money, and the last minute scramble to find a stamp. Once registered, paying online is as simple as selecting your method of payment (electronic check, debit card or credit card, including Visa, MasterCard, and American Express), typing in your payment amount and hitting "Submit" (please do not click the "submit" button more than once, unless of course you actually INTEND to pay your bill a couple of times....).

Convenience not enough to convince you to give online billing a try? One lucky person who signs up on-line during November will receive \$100.

By registering on-line, you can also enter your meter readings as well as view your electricity usage and billing history over the past 12 months. You'll continue to receive a bill through the mail but registered members will also receive a convenient e-mail notification showing the balance due for the account and the date the bill was calculated. Provided by National Information Systems Cooperative (NISC), this e-billing software provides state-of-the-art security featuring the same kind of encryption used by banks to transfer money.

Want to find out more about this and other billing options at IEC? Drop by www.iecok.com or give a call at 918-358-2514.



TIPS

Weatherizing Your Home

If you have a fireplace, make sure it has a damper and that it closes tightly.

Make sure your dryer vent actually closes. Often, lint buildup prevents the flapper from closing so you have a 4-inch diameter hole to the outside all year long.

Hold a wet hand in front of outlets and light switches. If you feel a draft, install foam gaskets behind the plates to stop the leak.

Install weather stripping around exterior doors and along the threshold. If the gap at the bottom of the door is quite large, install a door sweep or a door shoe gasket.

For gaps around the edge of the register, seal with caulk to eliminate drafts.

If you have a window air-conditioning unit, remove it for the winter months to prevent heat from escaping through and around the unit. If it can't be moved, put a cover over it to prevent drafts.

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IEC's Disaster Relief Fund Collection Recipients

Members of IEC wanting to donate their capital credit check to aid Sept. 11 disaster victims may choose from one of the following disaster relief funds.

NY Firefighters 9-11 Disaster Relief Fund

In the wake of the September 11th tragedy, the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) is sending financial assistance to the families of all fallen firefighters and to coordinate efforts to assist fire and EMS personnel on the scene in New York City. This assistance is in the form of the New York Firefighters 9-11 Disaster Relief Fund.

For more information, visit their website at www.helping.org/wtc/iaff.adp.

NY United Way September 11th Fund

100% of all contributions to The September 11th Fund are being used to help the victims, families and communities affected by the terrorist attacks. Over the coming weeks you can check the United Way web site for updates on how The September 11th Fund is helping aid immediate and long-term recovery efforts.

For more information, visit their website at <http://september11fund.org>.

American Red Cross

As of Oct. 2, 18,582 volunteers and 280 disaster workers had helped the American Red Cross provide victims with food, shelter and counseling. The Red Cross opened shelters to house victims, provided over 4 million meals and snacks since Sept. 11, and established 13 Mobile Feeding Units and 48 Fixed Feeding Units to support emergency workers and the Greater New York community.

For more information, visit their website at www.redcross.org.

NY Fraternal Order of Police WTC Fund

The New York Fraternal Order of Police has created an *emergency relief fund* to offset the tremendous amount of financial assistance that is needed by the families of fallen officers.

For additional information, visit their website at www.NYSFOP.org.



To America's Heroes
We Thank You.

Wild Rice Harvest Casserole

Serves 10 - 12

- 4 to 5 c. diced cooked chicken
- 1 c. chopped celery
- 2 T. butter or margarine
- 2 cans mushroom soup
- 2 c. chicken broth
- 1 jar (4 1/2 oz.) sliced mushrooms, drained
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 c. uncooked wild rice, rinsed and drained
- 1/4 t. poultry seasoning
- 3/4 c. cashew pieces
- Chopped fresh parsley

In skillet, brown chicken and celery in butter. In a large bowl, combine soup and broth until smooth. Add the mushrooms, onion, rice, poultry seasoning and chicken mixture. Pour into a greased 13 x 9 baking dish. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour. Uncover and bake for 30 minutes. Stir. Sprinkle with cashews. Return to oven for 15 minutes or until rice is tender. Garnish with parsley.

Financial Assistance for Winter Heating

DHS Program offers help for winter heating bills.

If you're having trouble paying your electric bills, you may be eligible for help from the Department of Human Services. DHS, in cooperation with the federal government, provides seasonal assistance through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to low-income households to assist with winter heating bills, and to provide help for some families who have received utility disconnect notices. DHS also contracts with the Oklahoma Department of Commerce to provide weatherization services for eligible families. Applications are taken in the local county offices.

The next application period is scheduled to begin in December 2001. For more information, and to review guidelines for qualification, contact your local Department of Human Services office.

IEC Offices will be Closed for Thanksgiving, November 22 - 23, 2001

Thanksgiving on the Web

To find Thanksgiving recipes, meal ideas and cooking advice, visit www.thanksgivingrecipe.com. This site is part of Allrecipes.com, a community-based recipe and meal planning web site that offers users unique food ideas and resources including recipes, menu ideas, meal preparation tips, culinary ware and news. It includes dozens of category-specific sites from Appetizer recipes to Vegetarian recipes, a marketplace for kitchenware and specialty food items, and a newsletter, RecipeNotes.

For the children in your home, you can find fun games, puzzles, crafts and e-mail cards at www.billybear4kids.com/holidays/thanksgiving/thanksgiving.htm. This site is part of Billy Bear's Playground where your kids can find clip art, screen savers, fun & games, and storybooks.

Scholastic hosts an informative site about the first Thanksgiving at <http://teacher.scholastic.com/thanksgiving>. It features a picture timeline from 1620 to 1621, the voyage on the Mayflower, and information about the daily lives of the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag in 1621.

For additional Thanksgiving sites to enjoy, visit Indian Electric's site at www.iecok.com.

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