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## ELECTRIC MEMBER TELEPHONE SURVEY TO BEGIN THIS FALL

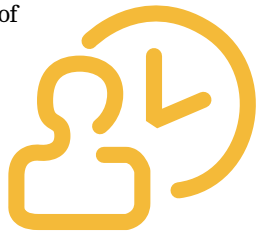
You're not just a customer, you're a member-owner. As a member of a local cooperative, you are provided many opportunities to be an active part of the organization. You could serve on the board of directors, give back through Operation Round-Up or earn rebates through the POWER MOVES program.

Beginning in September, you'll have yet another opportunity for your voice to count as a co-op member. Many co-ops that make up our association, Wabash Valley Power, will be conducting a survey of residential members. This telephone survey is conducted every two years, and helps our power supplier determine how much power we'll need in the near future. All calls are expected to be completed by the end of December.

The survey will be conducted by Oppenheim Research, a Tallahassee, Florida firm with experience in a wide variety of research methods as well as a strong history of satisfied customers. Co-op members will randomly be selected, and 300 completed surveys will be done for each co-op. The survey is designed to last about 10-12 minutes and will focus primarily on the appliances and items in and around your home that consume electricity. The survey also will ask questions about things such as computer, Internet and smartphone use in order to best serve members.

The calls will take place Monday through Friday, beginning mid-afternoon and running until about 9 p.m. If you are called and don't wish to participate, you will not be pressured to do so.

Wabash Valley Power Association and NineStar Connect greatly appreciate those who take the time to help us better plan for your future!



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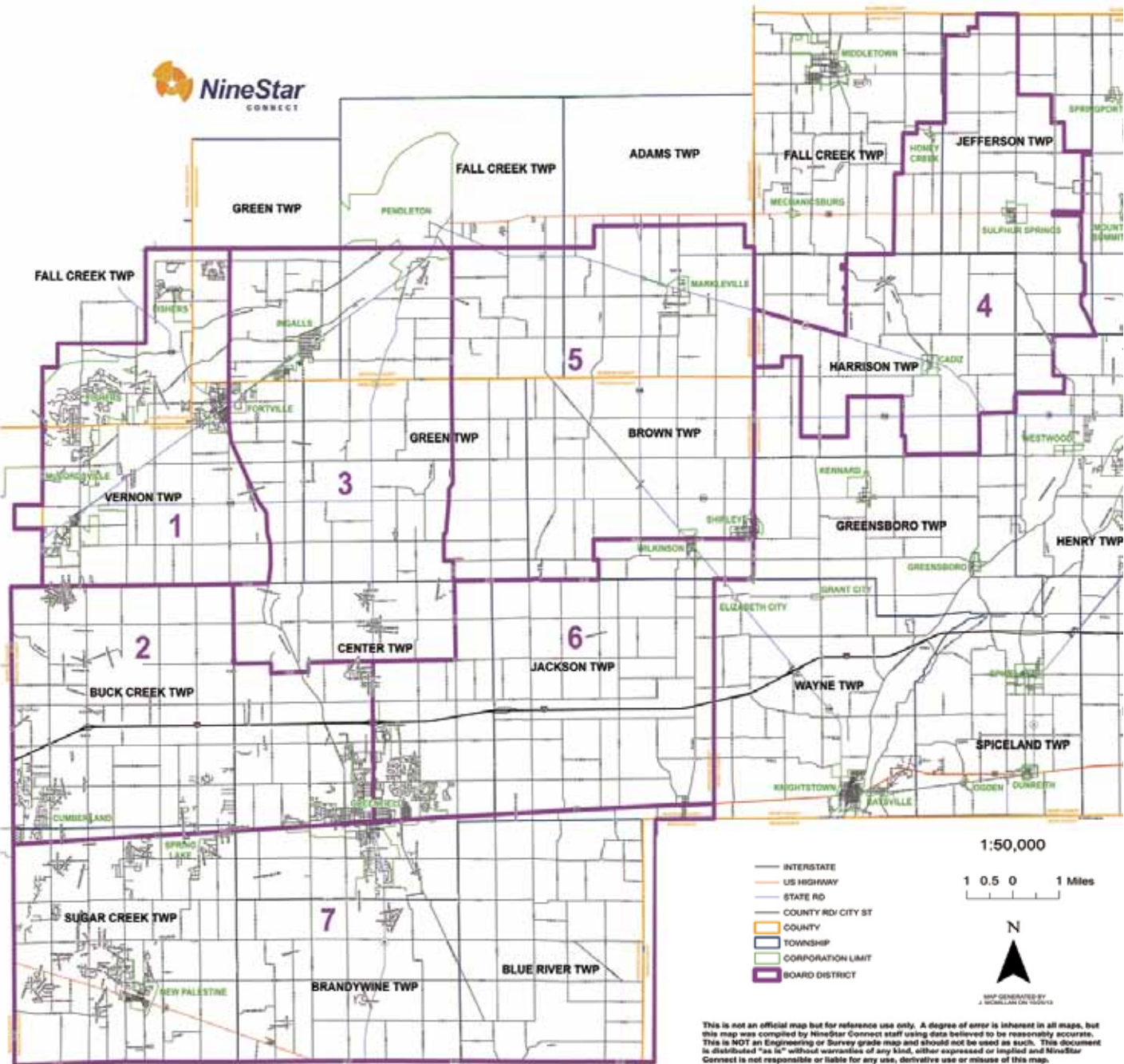
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COVER STORY

# SAVE MONEY OVER TIME

## NINESTAR CONNECT LAUNCHES NEW TIME OF USE SAVINGS PROGRAM

Everyone likes to save money when they can. We clip coupons, dig for discounts and buy in bulk to get the biggest bang for our buck.

Now with NineStar Connect's new Time of Use Program (TOU), electric members can save money on their utility bills not by changing what they are doing – only when they are doing it.

WRITTEN BY  
**JULIE  
YOUNG**



“This program is an exciting opportunity for customers to enjoy significant savings simply by being smart about their energy consumption,” said Regina Bever, director of NineStar's customer service.

The program is simple and the savings are direct. When customers sign up for the TOU Program, they essentially pledge to conserve energy between the hours of 4 and 8 p.m. during the week when the kilowatt per hour (kWh) rate is the highest. By shifting some of their tasks to off-peak times, they can enjoy a lower rate, which can make a big difference to their utility budget each month.

“It doesn't mean that you can't use your appliances during the peak hours or that you will be penalized for doing so, but it does give you a chance to be in control of your savings and receive a discount on the flat rate you are currently paying,” Bever said.

### DIFFERENT TIMES MEAN DIFFERENT RATES

Historically, electric rates have been aggregated into one flat rate that is charged per hour to cover all costs associated with the production and delivery of electricity to homes and businesses throughout the community. However, there are some times when it is more expensive than others to send that electricity to the customers. For NineStar, as with all electric distribution companies, the greatest cost of the electricity it purchases from its wholesale supplier (Wabash Valley Power Association) is in the Demand Charge, which is based on the

one-hour peak or highest one-hour demand for electric power during the billing cycle (one month). This is the highest cost electric power that NineStar purchases and delivers each month, and in NineStar's case that peak almost always occurs between 4 and 8 p.m.

According to Marty Blake of The Prime Group, LLC, which helped design the Time of Use Rate for NineStar, with the current flat rate (\$.103 kWh), the only way for customers to save on their energy bills was to reduce the amount of electricity they were using. However, with the TOU rate, by avoiding the peak times when electricity is the most expensive (\$.279 cents kWh) they can take advantage of an off-peak rate (\$.073 kWh), which results in a \$.206 savings.

“Let's look at a clothes dryer as an example: A clothes dryer is about a 5 kWh appliance and if you run it for an hour at an off peak time, you will be saving \$1 each time you dry your clothes, and that can be a pretty significant savings over the month,” he said. “The TOU rate allows customers to change what they are doing without using less, and if you use it aggressively, you could save about 30 percent on your utility bill.”

### GENERATING EXCITEMENT

In order to get members energized about this new program, NineStar has offered several TOU educational seminars to explain how the rates work and how members can benefit by making a change. Brad Henderson with NineStar's members services said more than 70 people attended the events and sev-

eral others have expressed interest in the program.

“The rollout thus far has been a soft rollout, as we get all the details worked out for administering the program,” he said. “Not everyone will be able to benefit from the TOU rates because not everyone will be able to shift their electric use from on-peak to off-peak.”

He said it's hard to know how many members will try the TOU program and stay on the rate but he hopes to see as much as 20 percent of the membership make the switch; if they do, it will benefit the entire cooperative.

“Members who get on the TOU rate and successfully move electric usage from on-peak to off-peak can save money directly, while all members save over the long term through any reduction in peak demand charges resulting from any reduction in NineStar's system peak,” he said.

### WHAT'S YOUR TIME WORTH?

Ready to give NineStar Connect's TOU rate a try? Contact customer service and sign up for TOU to enjoy discounted rates in the mornings, evenings and all day on the weekend. Customers can monitor their energy usage on NineStar's Smarthub in order to compare their TOU rate to their payment history. If at any time a member decides the TOU program is not for them, they can be removed from it, but will have to wait 12 months before signing up again. If removed from the TOU program, they will be billed at the current flat rate. For more information, call 317-326-3131.

## TOU FAQ:

#### Q: What about holidays and weekends?

**A:** The on-peak rates do not apply to holidays and weekends. All electricity used on these days is charged at the lower off-peak rate.

#### Q: What is the price difference between on-peak and off-peak?

**A:** The on-peak electric rate is 28 cents per kilowatthour and the off-peak rate is 7.3 cents per kilowatthour. The flat rate is currently 10.3 cents per kilowatthour.

#### Q: How can I benefit from TOU rates?

**A:** By shifting your use of electricity to off-peak times and avoiding using power during the on-peak times you could reduce what you pay for electricity by as much as 10 to 30 percent.

#### Q: Is there a possibility that my bill will go up with TOU rates?

**A:** Yes, it is possible that your bill might increase with TOU rates. This will depend on the amount of electricity that you currently use in the on-peak window and how much of that electrical usage can be moved outside the on-peak window. Whether or not you will be able to save money with the TOU rate depends primarily on you.

#### Q: Can I still use appliances and equipment whenever I want?

**A:** Yes, but you will be charged more than the standard rates during on-peak hours.

#### Q: What if I'm not saving money with TOU rates?

**A:** Being on the TOU rate is strictly voluntary. It will be your decision as to whether or not you would like to try TOU rates. Should you decide to try the TOU rate

and find that it is not saving you money or for some other reason, you'd like to switch back to the standard flat rate, you may do so without penalty.

#### Q: Will I need a new meter?

**A:** NineStar is in the process of installing new TantalusAMI meters at all service locations. These meters make the implementation of TOU rates possible. They also make it possible for NineStar members to monitor and track their use of electricity.

#### Q: Is there a charge to enroll in the TOU rate program?

**A:** No.

#### Q: How do I sign-up for the TOU rate program?

**A:** You can sign-up for the TOU rate program by simply calling one of our Customer Service Representatives at 317-326-3131.

## IN ACTION

# TIME OF USE QUIZ

Answer the following questions and add the point values to learn if you are a good candidate for Time of Use rates.

#### 1. On average, how many kilowatt-hours (kwh) do you use each day?

- a. Less than 10kwh (0 points)
- b. 10 – 25 kwh (30 points)
- c. More than 25 kwh (60 points)

#### 2. What type of air conditioning do you have?

- a. Central (15 points)
- b. Window or wall unit (10 points)
- c. None (0 points)

#### 3. How many hours a day, on weekdays, is someone usually home between 4 and 8 p.m.?

- a. 1 hour or less (15 points)
- b. 2 -3 hours (7 points)
- c. 4 -5 hours (3 points)
- d. 6 or more hours (0 points)

#### 4. Do you have an electric clothes dryer?

- a. Yes (10 points)
- b. No (0 points)

#### 5. Do you have an electric water heater?

- a. Yes (10 points)
- b. No (0 points)

#### 6. What kind of electric heat do you use at home?

- a. Total electric (10 points)
- b. Electric space heaters (5 points)
- c. None (0 points)

#### 7. If you have an electric heater, can you keep the thermostat turned to a low setting on weekdays between 4 and 8 p.m.?

- a. Yes (10 points)
- b. No (0 points)

#### 8. Do you have a swimming pool and/or hot tub?

- a. Yes (20 points)
- b. No (0 points)

#### 9. Do you have a dehumidifier?

- a. Yes (10 points)
- b. No (0 points)

Add up the points and check your total score against the following:

**40 points or more:** You probably will benefit from the Time-of-Use rates, if you can run the appliances that use a lot of electricity during the off-peak hours.

**30 – 39 Points:** You might benefit from Time-of-Use rates, but your benefit won't be as great as in the category above. The lower your score, the less likely it is you will benefit.

**Under 30 Points:** You probably won't benefit from Time-of Use rates because it is unlikely you can shift enough electricity usage to off-peak hours.



STRAUT WINS FOUNDATION FOR RURAL SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

Ashley Straut, a recent graduate of Hamilton Southeastern, has been named a recipient of a \$2,500 college scholarship. The award is from NineStar Connect and the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS), the philanthropic arm of NTCA – The Rural Broadband Association. The FRS scholarship program awarded more than \$98,000 in scholarships this year to rural youth across the United States. Out of more than 1,500 applications received, 36 scholarships were awarded. The goal of the scholarship program is to help further higher education opportunities among rural high school students. Ashley, who plans to attend Purdue University this fall, intends to major in brain and behavioral science. We wish nothing but good luck for Ashley as she embarks on this exciting new chapter in her life.



NineStar Board Chairman (left) and Ashley Straut

NINESTAR SPOTLIGHTS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



On June 26, a reception was held for all of the 2014 NineStar scholarship recipients. The event took place at the NineStar corporate offices in Greenfield and was a celebration of the students’ academic accomplishments. The scholarship recipients won their

scholarships based on a drawing at the annual meeting held in April. In attendance were NineStar corporate officers as well as the board of directors for the company. Students and their parents enjoyed cookies and punch, and the students received their checks for \$1,000.

The graduating seniors from eight different high schools also had the opportunity to share with the group their future educational plans. NineStar wishes all of this year’s scholarship recipients the best of luck as they embark on the next chapter in their lives.

ATTENTION NINESTAR SECURITY CUSTOMERS — BE SAFE NOT SORRY

It’s important to keep you and your family safe and secure. With NineStar Security, we hope that we can help you do that. However, to make sure you are getting the full benefit of your security equipment, it is important and we encourage you to test your systems monthly. Just a quick assessment of your security alarm system could make a big difference when a possible intruder tries to invade your home. So, why not make it a new routine? The first of every month, make it a priority to test your alarm. Be safe not sorry!

LOCAL SIXTH GRADERS ATTEND ENERGY CAMP

From June 4 through 7, Lucy Cochard of Eastern Hancock attended Touchstone Energy Camp at Camp Tecumseh in Brookston, Indiana. NineStar Connect, a Touchstone Energy Cooperative, has helped sponsor this exciting summer experience for 12 years. When asked how Lucy enjoyed the camp, she said: “I had the best time! I was so excited to go and make new friends and the food was super!” Lucy’s Mom, Karen Cochard, mentioned that she was very impressed with the camp itself. “Everything seemed very organized, and the counselors were so engaged.” Campers enjoyed three fun-filled days of traditional sleep-away summer camp activities like zip lining, horseback riding, rock climbing, archery, swimming and campfires. But at Touchstone Energy



Camp, campers also learned about important topics such as alternative energy, electric safety and the impact their cooperative makes in the community. Chaperones were Indiana electric cooperative employees who graciously volunteered to share their knowledge of the energy industry as well as their time to lead students through this exciting camp experience. “The benefits Touchstone Energy Camp provides to both our community and the cooperative are immeasurable,” NineStar CEO Mike Burrow said. “The informa-

tion students learn about electricity could one day save their life or the lives of others. Activities are structured to teach valuable leadership skills that students could someday use to lead our community and give students a better understanding of the cooperative world so they will see NineStar Connect as a future employer.” Touchstone Energy is a national alliance of local, consumer-owned electric cooperatives providing high standards of service to customers large and small. More than 735 Touchstone Energy cooperatives in 46 states are delivering energy and energy solutions to more than 30 million customers every day. Touchstone Energy cooperatives serve their members with integrity, accountability, innovation and a longstanding commitment to communities. If your child is going to be in sixth grade for the 2014-15 school year and they are interested in attending camp next year, please contact Christa Riggs at criggs@ninestarconnect.com. Additionally, more information along with applications for next year’s camp will be sent to local schools in early 2015.

NINESTAR RETIRED DIRECTORS HONORED



At the July quarterly employee luncheon, four recently retired directors of NineStar Connect were honored. The short presentation took place after the lunch where President and CEO Mike Burrow described each director as being a pioneer and forging a unique new path for the hybrid utility. After a few remarks by the directors, they were presented with NineStar Connect logo wood rocking chairs. The four directors honored were, Bob Glazier, Don Burnham, Doyle Baker and Tom Kirby. Kirby was unable to attend the event due to a prior commitment. After the presentation, the directors received a standing ovation from NineStar employees.

THE POWER OF USING ENERGY WISELY

Because we’re all different, each of us has different learning styles and crave different levels of information. And because you’re a member of an electric cooperative, you also have the unique advantage of being a member of a Touchstone Energy cooperative. Touchstone Energy has developed two different tools on its togetherwesave.com website that you can utilize to help you use energy more wisely. If you’re looking for simple things you can do around your home, consider visiting the Home Tour. If you’re more interested in projects that can help you save energy, visit the Home Analysis Tool.

**Home Tour** Flipping a switch. Changing the air filter. Unplugging electronics. Making small changes and using energy wisely can help you save energy and money, and the interactive home tour can show you how. Travel from room to room to identify ways you can save energy like turning off lights, choosing ENERGY STAR appliances instead of standard appliances and recycling your old, inefficient refrigerator in the basement. Those changes add up and save you energy and money. While you’re touring the home finding ways to save energy, you can also watch videos on each topic and read blogs as well.

**Home Energy Analysis Tool** You don’t need a private tutor to turn your home into a smarter, more efficient version of itself. You just need an effective tool for finding the opportunities within your home. And now we have one. There is a now an easy-to-use website for finding the projects that make the most sense for your home. Enter some basic information about your home and how you use it into the Home Efficiency Analysis Tool and you’re well on your way to smarter solutions for energy use. With detailed energy-efficient solutions for every part of your home and a project tracker to keep your progress in view (in addition to the progress you’ll see in your energy bills), the site offers the support you need to leap ahead in efficiency. In other words, it helps you make your home smarter. And a smarter home is a less expensive home. With a tool like this, your home can become the Leonardo da Vinci of efficiency, the Aristotle of savings, which will make you look pretty darn smart yourself. I bet you are wondering how you can find these awesome tools? Just visit powermoves.com/TEtools to start saving energy and money.



# SAVE THE DATES!

## QUARTERLY MEETINGS

More information will be sent to your mailbox and on social media but we wanted to let you know of these special upcoming Quarterly Meetings! I know it's hard to imagine, but cold weather will be here before you know it. Let us give you some helpful tips on how to keep the warm tucked inside your home. Don't miss, "Preparing for Winter" on September 20. And if you missed it last year, you don't want to miss out this year! It's the Holiday Cooking Seminar featuring Skyline Club Chef, Scott Reifenberger. Fun, food and take home recipes are on the agenda! Mark it on your calendar: November 1!

## SAVINGS

## YOUR SOURCE FOR ENERGY BELONGS TO YOU

As a member-owned not-for-profit electric cooperative, we don't exist to make money from selling electricity, but to provide electricity at the lowest possible rate. That means you benefit from energy-saving programs like POWER MOVES. POWER MOVES is one more way we're working to serve our community. It's here to give you the information you need about the best ways to save. Because saving money at home, work, and school means big-picture savings—of money, of energy, and even of natural resources. Visit [www.powermoves.com](http://www.powermoves.com) to learn more!



## NINESTAR SENDS STUDENTS ON D.C. TRIP

Each year, the Indiana Statewide Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives sends High School students (entering their senior year) to a week-long visit to our nation's capital. With a stop in Pennsylvania to see the Flight 93 Memorial and a visit to historic Gettysburg, students then head



to Washington, D.C. to see many things that make this country the land of the free. Visits to the Arlington National Cemetery, taking a Potomac River Cruise, going to the News-eum, meeting Congressional representatives and viewing the Lincoln, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War memorials are all on the agenda. This year, NineStar Connect was proud to sponsor two local students to experience this wonderful trip. Eastern Hancock's Grace Perkins and Jennifer Apple, along with 70 other delegates from around the state, were chosen to take part in



the 2014 Youth Tour. Jennifer Apple commented: "My first experience to Washington, D.C. was amazing! On the Youth Tour, we got to see tons of monuments and memorials, learn about our government and even talk to our Indiana District representatives at the Capitol Building! We got to see the Flight

93 and Pentagon memorials, which made 9/11 seem even more realistic and devastating in my eyes. My favorite part was visiting the White House because it made the trip become real. The Youth Tour was a trip of a lifetime! I thank NineStar for all they do for our community; it really means a lot." Along with sight-seeing, the selected students closed out the trip by attending the NRECA All States Dance. Grace Perkins indicated that "Probably my absolute favorite part about D.C. was the dance. There were 1,600-plus kids from all over the country gathered in one room. The dance was so fun, and I made lots of friends from all over. I can't thank NineStar enough for sending me on this trip. It was so much fun and I wish I could do it again! I want to make sure all of you know how much I appreciated being allowed to represent NineStar." If you know of someone that may be interested in attending the 2015 Washington, D.C. Youth Tour, please contact Christa Riggs at [criggs@ninestarconnect.com](mailto:criggs@ninestarconnect.com) or 317-323-2132. Applications will be available at the beginning of the 2015 year.

## NORTH CAMPUS FRONT OFFICE REMODEL

This spring a flurry of activity has been taking place at the North Campus. Construction crews were hard at work transforming the old reception area into a dual use that will help improve the customer experience. Gone is the open air concept with two departments and now in its place are separate suites that are adjoined. When a customer arrives they are greeted by a receptionist who can assist them with any need. Behind this area is the sales department that now has a bit of privacy when they meet as a group with potential business customers. Construction is now complete, and the staff at the north campus is ready to assist you in this new environment.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

## YOUR ENERGY BILL WILL SHOW NEW HELPFUL COST BREAKDOWN

Beginning with our September bills, your, our NineStar electric customers, will see a new bill format to better help you understand the nature of the charges that go into delivering electricity to your homes and businesses. In particular, you will see that we are separating the distribution facilities charges from the energy charges on your monthly bill. A little explanation is in order. The distribution facilities charge reflects the cost of constructing and maintaining substations, poles, electric lines, transformers, etc. In other words, all the physical infrastructure that is owned and maintained by the cooperative to deliver electricity to your house. To an average residential electric customer, this charge will repre-

sent 30 percent or less of the total monthly electric bill. The size of this charge often correlates with the density of the service territory an electric utility serves. In other words, the greater the number of customers per mile of electric line, the lower the distribution facilities charge and vice versa. Most important to understand with this charge is that it remains constant on your bill regardless of how much power you use because most of the costs associated with this charge are fixed and do not vary based on energy use. The energy charge is what goes into generating and transmit-

ting the electricity from the power plant to the substations that serve each of our customers. This energy charge includes all of the costs associated with the generation of electricity, including the cost of maintenance, operation and even the fuel used to generate the power along with the cost of building and maintaining those large, overhead transmission lines and towers that crisscross our area. These energy charges typically will represent 70 percent or more of our average residential customer's total charge and are the charges NineStar has the least control over because they are set by our

generation and transmission provider, Wabash Valley Power Association. These are also the charges that are under the most upward pressure from new EPA regulations that are placing additional burdens on coal (our cheapest fuel) fired plants because of more stringent emission regulations including mercury, sulphur and most recently, carbon. Regardless of whether you agree or disagree with these newest regulations, they will over time cause increases in the energy charges of all electric consumers as power generators either make additional investments in current power plants to meet the more stringent environmental guidelines or abandon their old power plants (stranding prior investments before the end of their useful

life) and invest in new generation that is powered by cleaner or alternate fuels. What is most important to understand about the energy charge is that it is the charge that you, the consumer, has the most control over through how much energy you use and (if you are a time of use customer) when you consume that energy. Our efforts to educate you on your electric usage are designed to give you greater control over the largest portion of your monthly electric bills. If you ever have any questions about anything on your bill, please do not hesitate to contact our NineStar customer service representatives. If you need help sorting out your power usage and conservation, please call your NineStar Energy Adviser.

## LEARN MORE ABOUT SMARTHUB PAYMENT/VIDEO

It has been a few months now since we introduced our new SmartHub payment process for all Electric customers. This enhanced feature includes easy bill payments, billing history, outages in the service area, a way to report outages, check and compare usage from the previous year to the current year and much more! Just by a couple of clicks of the mouse, you can see all the basics about your electric bill and usage that will help with energy efficiency and, in return, save you money. For customers who have used this feature, we have heard nothing but positive comments. For those who are interested in using SmartHub, there is a quick tutorial video on our website that may help with any questions you may have; it tells about all the features SmartHub provides. Simply go to [ninestar-connect.com](http://ninestar-connect.com), click on "My Account" and click on "View & Pay Your Bill Online". The video is located in the lower right corner. We want you to get the most information possible about your electric service and in return, make things easier for you in the process. If you experience any difficulties with using SmartHub or have additional questions, please call one of our friendly Customer Service Representatives to assist you at 317-326-3131.





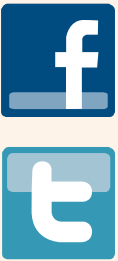
JANET DECKER RETIRES FROM NINESTAR

If you have ever called into NineStar to order services or had a question about your bill, chances are at some point you had the opportunity to speak with Janet Decker. She was always a friendly, helpful voice at the other end of the line for the past seven years. In June, Janet officially retired from NineStar. A small reception was held for her and cake was served and gifts were given. Janet’s supervisor Regina Bever had this to say about Janet. “Janet was an integral part of the Customer Service Department. She was always friendly and helpful with the customers and will truly be missed.” Janet plans to relax and spend time with her grandchildren in her retirement. We wish Janet well with whatever comes her way. She will always be a part of the NineStar family.

TECH

INSTANT UPDATES ON FACEBOOK, TWITTER

Power out? No internet or TV? Check NineStar’s Facebook or Twitter page! So, if you haven’t already, grab your tablet or smart phone and “Like” or “Follow” our Facebook and/or Twitter page. We will do our best to keep you informed and post all the latest details about NineStar Connect news. But don’t forget, we still like to hear your voice! When you need answers fast and need to talk to someone, a phone call to our 24/7/365 Support Center is always just a dial away (317) 326-HELP.



ANNUAL EVENT



NINESTAR COMPETES AT DERBY DAYS

Gentlemen and ladies, start your engines! NineStar’s own Alan “Fireball” Martin proved to be quite a racer in his first attempt in the adult derby car race at this year’s Morristown Derby Days July 25-27. After a double elimination process, Alan finished seventh out of 19 racers, which is pretty good for a beginner. “Even though the track was a little rough in places, I really enjoyed it and had a lot of fun,” Martin said. With some first time nerves kicking in, he lost the first heat but came back stronger than ever in the next two, winning both of them. However, the “Fireball’s” flame was extinguished in the fourth heat when he didn’t get that checkered flag. Overall, Martin was proud of his rookie race and we here at NineStar were, too! Alan wanted to give a “special shout out to the



employees for all of their support. And of course, a big thanks to the racing team for all of their hard work in preparing the car for the big race.” When asked if he had any final comments, he said, “Can’t wait for next year!” Racing fans get ready!

LOCAL PROGRAM

OPERATION ROUND-UP

NINETSTAR CONNECT DONATES \$21,000 TO AREA

The quarterly meeting of NineStar Connect’s Operation Round-Up took place May 1, 2014 at the company’s headquarters. Some of the organizations that benefited from the ORU fund this quarter were:

HANCOCK COUNTY MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels is a non-profit organization that provides two home-delivered meals each weekday to Hancock County residents who have difficulty cooking or shopping for themselves. Meals are delivered by friendly volunteers, providing a daily wellness check for each client.

SHIRLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historical Society of Shirley, Indiana is a very small, non-profit organization. The society consists of a group of people who believe in preserving Shirley’s history and keeping the buildings, their contents and grounds in a safe, preserved condition.

KNIGHTSTOWN CHEER GUILD

Knightstown Cheer Guild is a non-profit organization. Its mission is to provide food, clothes and toys to children in need in the Knightstown/Charles A. Beard school district at Christmas.

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jefferson Township Fire Department is a volunteer, local organization. It is located in Henry County in Sulphur Springs, Indiana.



Hancock County Meals on Wheels



Knightstown Cheer Guild



Shirley Historical Society



Jefferson Township Fire Department



# NEW PROGRAMMING ON NINESTAR TV



In the continuing effort to expand the local content of NineStar's Channel 9, two new shows have been green lighted and are being produced. One show is currently airing with the second show joining the lineup in mid-August.

### NineStar presents "When Movies Were Movies"

Last month NineStar reached out to Dave Smith to see if he would be interested in reprising his show "When Movies Were Movies," which he produced for WISH TV CH 8 in the early 1970s. He jumped at the opportunity and has brought his wealth of knowledge and expertise to our new show. A television pioneer, Smith was at the creation of the medium and worked most of his



adult life in the industry. After an early stint at the TV station in Bloomington, he relocated to Indianapolis and started working at WISH TV. While there, he worked through the ranks and eventually made it to Program Manager. His other stops have included WTTV Ch 4, where he wrote and produced all of Sammy Terry's shows and finally a stop at Ball State University where he

was a professor in the telecommunications department.

Thus far, Dave has recorded two shows that feature the movies "One Eyed Jacks," starring Marlon Brando and "Beat the Devil," starring Humphrey Bogart. The show airs twice a week – on Channel 9 at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 8 p.m. Saturdays. If you are a movie buff, be sure to check out this new show. It will definitely take you back in time to when movies were movies.

### Teeing It Up At Hawk's Tail

The other new show, which will begin airing in mid-August, is a new golf show shot at Hawk's Tail Golf Course in Greenfield, Indiana. The show focuses on all aspects of golf, from helpful tips, groundskeeping, equipment, shot making and much more. If you are a golf enthusiast, this is the show for you.

The show stars Hawk's Tail owner and PGA Professional Mike Farrer. Mike a member of the PGA of America which is comprised of 27,000 men and women professionals who help anyone learn and enjoy the game of golf.

Mike brings this expertise and his beautiful course to the viewer in a show that is both entertaining and instructional.

Be sure to check in for local celebrity cameos as the season progresses. The show will air on Channel 9 starting Aug. 16 at 9:30 a.m. Saturdays and 7 p.m. Wednesdays.



# RUSH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION GOLF OUTING

A golf outing took place in June benefiting the Rush Memorial Hospital Foundation. Their mission is to establish a partnership with the community to help educate, support and fund the ongoing health care efforts of Rush Memorial Hospital.

Pictured are NineStar's Marketing Coordinator, Christa Riggs, who presented a check to RMH Foundation Executive Director, Faith Mock. If you would like to donate to the foundation to help its cause, please visit [www.rushmemorial.com](http://www.rushmemorial.com).

# S U D O K U

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes.

See [ninstarconnect.com](http://ninstarconnect.com) Facebook page for last edition's solution.

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# CONGRATS TO THE QUEEN

NineStar sends congratulations to the 2014 4-H Fair Queen Annalee Witte and her court Morgan McKinney, Shelby Wright, Jennifer Apple, Alexandria Meyer and Hallie Wright.

