

Eastern Illini **PowerLines**

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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Message From The President

Keeping Electric Bills Affordable

**"Our Energy, Our Future"™
brings the co-op voice to Capitol Hill**



America's families are facing tough economic times. Many struggle to afford the basics: food, housing, and energy. In fact, the cost of residential electricity climbed an average of 26 percent between 2002 and 2007, and it is projected to go even higher. As if that wasn't bad enough, today's electricity supplies won't be able to keep pace with future demand.

Now, elected officials in Washington, D.C., are poised to make important policy decisions that will determine our nation's energy future. To guide lawmakers in a sound direction, electric cooperatives are making sure that your voice, the voice of the consumer, gets heard during legislative debates.

Through the "Our Energy, Our Future"™ grassroots awareness campaign, hundreds of thousands of electric cooperative consumers have already sent more than 1.5 million messages to their members of Congress. Through this outreach, co-ops

have shared our insight drawn from decades of offering safe and reliable electricity at affordable rates; service that always makes consumers—not the bottom line—priority one.

If you haven't already done so, please get involved in the campaign by asking your representatives on Capitol Hill one important question: Are you willing to work with electric

cooperatives like Eastern Illini to ensure our nation has reliable power at a price consumers can afford? The stakes are too high to miss this opportunity to help secure YOUR energy future.

To learn more about how you can begin a dialogue with your elected officials, please visit www.ourenergy.coop today. Together we can keep electric bills affordable.



Attend Eastern Illini's Annual Meeting

Receive a \$25 bill credit as a registration gift at the June 11 meeting!

A slightly updated format, as well as even more activities will highlight Eastern Illini's annual meeting on June 11.

- Events will run from 3 - 7 p.m.
- FREE Dinner will be served from 4 - 7 p.m.
- The business meeting will begin at 7 p.m.
- \$25 bill credit for all registered member/owners
- Tons of games and activities for kids
- Inflatable bounce house and obstacle course
- Learn how you can save money by becoming Energy Wise
- Learn about energy efficiency tax credits



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