



Cuivre River Electric Cooperative

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Win free electricity for one year at Cuivre River Electric's Annual Meeting

All Cuivre River Electric Cooperative members are invited to attend their cooperative's Annual Meeting, Friday August 13 at the Family Arena in St. Charles. "One lucky person will leave the meeting as a grand prize winner of free electricity for one year," says Cuivre River Member Services Manager Kevin Hurd. The grand prize is valued at \$1,500.

Two fortunate members will also leave the meeting as winners of \$500 worth of free electricity.

The cooperative has traditionally offered prizes of free electricity one month at a time and will continue again this year (\$200 maximum per month, September 2010 through August 2011). Several additional prizes will be awarded.

Cuivre River and other electric cooperatives across the country encourage their members to participate in their annual meetings. Door prizes are one way to urge participation and help attain a quorum at the annual business meeting. Members must be present to win.

"If you pay your electric bill to Cuivre River Electric Cooperative, you're a member and owner," adds Hurd. "This meeting gives you an opportunity to actively participate in the democratic process that sets cooperatives apart from investor-owned or municipal utilities."

This annual event mixes family entertainment with cooperative business. Doors open promptly at 4:00 p.m. to allow ample time for members and their immediate families to register and enjoy a meal of hamburgers or hot dogs, visit energy displays and enjoy local entertainers. The business meeting, which includes director elections, starts at 7:30 p.m.

Based on cooperative principles, each member household or business is entitled to one vote for a director candidate in every district. Members may also vote for director candidates in counties other than where they reside. Those competing on this year's ballot are:

- Lincoln County District #2: Delano Brown (incumbent) of Winfield and Jackie Davis of Foley.
- Pike County: Walter Gregory (incumbent) of Bowling Green and Terry Eivins of Eolia.
- St. Charles County District #2: Diane Saale (incumbent) of Defiance, Yancy Farrow of Lake Saint Louis and Edward Rabbitt of Wentzville.
- Warren County District #2: Dennis Brakensiek (incumbent) of Wright City, Charles Leneau of Truxton and Rosalie Seemann of Wright City.

Members unable to attend the August 13 meeting may cast an absentee ballot in person at a Cuivre River office through the close of business on August 12. Offices are located at 1112 East Cherry Street in Troy and 8757 Highway N in Lake Saint Louis. Lobby hours are weekdays 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at each office. Drive up window hours are 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. in Troy and 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. in Lake Saint Louis.

Members may also request mail delivery of a ballot kit by calling Cuivre River or completing an online request form by August 4.

This year's event also includes information booths, a performance by the Muny Kids Touring Troupe, music by The Rough Ryders, plus attendance prizes at the end of the business meeting.

Some restrictions apply to free electricity prizes, including a \$1,500 grand prize limit, based on Cuivre River member's average monthly residential use last year. For some members, the prize may not last a full year; for others, it may last even longer.

The Family Arena is located at 2002 Arena Parkway in St. Charles. The indoor venue offers comfortable seating, air conditioning, paved parking for thousands of attendees, plus protection from rain for meeting-goers. Convenient access is available via Interstate 70, Highway 94, or the Page Avenue Extension.

Cuivre River is the largest Member-owned electric cooperative in Missouri, providing dependable electric service to over 58,500 homes and businesses in St. Charles, Lincoln, Warren, Pike and Montgomery counties. For more information, call (636) 528-8261, 695-4700, (800) 392-3709 or visit www.cuivre.com.

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