



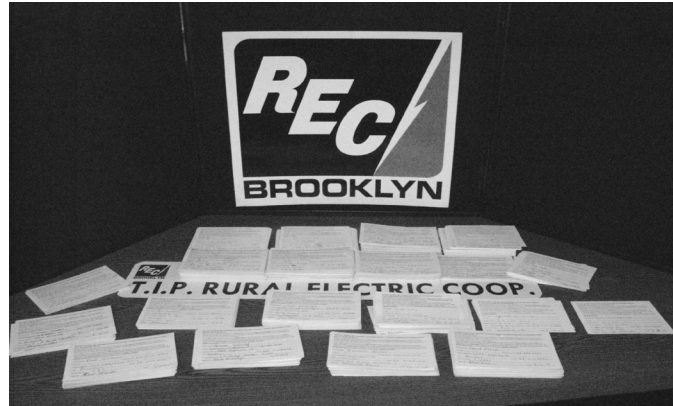
# TIPS From T.I.P.

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**OWNED BY THOSE WE SERVE**

November 2009

Brooklyn, Iowa



**Pictured above are some of the cards we received from our members addressed to our Senators.**

## Over 2,500 Cards Signed By Our Members Have Been Delivered To Our Senators

We had a very good response after talking with you at our annual meeting and then sending a letter out to each of you with cards enclosed asking for your help in contacting Senator Harkin and Senator Grassley. We want to make sure our federal policy makers act in the best interest of all electric co-op members in Iowa by keeping bills affordable while addressing concerns about global warming. Our over 2,500 cards went with other co-op cards in Iowa totaling over 75,000.

The American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 passed by the House this spring was to be introduced on the Senate floor in late September or early October. The House-passed bill, labeled the Waxman-Markey Climate Bill, would cost every American family real dollars with estimates ranging from \$100 per year to \$4,000 per year since nobody truly knows the true cost due to the variables.

All we are asking for is for a balanced solution to concerns about global warming that make sense for everybody-for businesses, for families, for individuals, for our environment and for our economy. Any bill if passed must be fair and keep electricity affordable to all Americans recognizing regional differences as how electricity is produced. Then the bill needs to be only as stringent in limiting emissions as is possible through existing technology so any limits set can reasonably be

achieved. Also, if there is such a thing as global warming, let's have a global solution and not penalize Americans compared to China, India and other such countries.

Members, thanks for your help!

### The All-Electric Home Is Back

Whether you're choosing your energy supply for a new home or looking to consolidate the energy sources in your existing home, consider these advantages to an all-electric house:

- If your home is already wired for electricity, there's no need to also install and connect gas and oil lines.
- Electric appliances are quiet, clean and fume-free. Electric appliance manufacturers are constantly working to produce more efficient products like those with the Energy Star label, which means the government has deemed them extra-efficient.
- Electricity is made in the USA. While some fossil fuels must be imported, electricity is produced here. Buying it supports your local economy.

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**Quarterly  
Comments  
From  
Your  
CEO**



**Darrel N. Heetland**

November and the start of another Iowa winter season have arrived, so it's time for my "Quarterly Comments" article in which I am trying to keep you abreast of what your Cooperative is doing and issues that relate to T.I.P.

Since my last article, our annual meeting has again come and gone with great success. It was a very nice day so it was quite comfortable in the gym without the air conditioning turned on. We had Farmer Nicks cater our breakfast again on which we received a lot of nice compliments. Peggy Wardenburg again provided the pre-annual meeting entertainment with Highway Home providing entertainment during the annual meeting. They both did us a fine job as related to us by favorable comments.

This year we had a couple of very hot weeks of weather in June and other than that it was a nice mild summer where people did not need to run their air conditioning much at all. We had very timely rains all summer and have what appears to be some excellent crops which are just starting to be harvested as I am writing this article.

I want to take this opportunity to personally thank you our member-owners for taking the time to fill out cards to our Senators Grassley and Harkin with us receiving well over 2,500 cards which we had delivered to our Senators showing your concern. Your response was great and you can see the cards and how they start stacking up in a picture elsewhere in this newsletter. As we related in our letter to you, members of Congress hear what coop managers, directors and staff have to say, but they listen much more closely to the people who pay co-op electric bills that are directly impacted by what Congress does. We will keep you updated in future newsletters on how this legislation turns out.

When you get this newsletter, the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays will soon be upon us. I would like to extend my sincere wishes for a happy holiday season to you and your family, and I'll visit with you again in our February newsletter.



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

**Still Recovering from Iowa's Natural Disasters?  
There is Hope.**

**Introducing *Ticket to Hope*: A program providing free counseling for Iowans impacted by the 2008 disasters.**

Months and months have passed since Iowa was hit with catastrophic storms, tornados and floods. If you, your family or friends were impacted by these events, you know firsthand about the hardships of recovering from a disaster. The physical, emotional and financial stress that has been endured by survivors can be almost overwhelming, especially after many months have gone by.

The Iowa Department of Human Services announces the *Ticket to Hope* Program, specifically to help those Iowans impacted by the natural disasters of 2008.

**Who Can Take Advantage of *Ticket to Hope*?**

The program is available to any individual or family who meets the following criteria:

1. An individual who reports that mental health or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorder counseling sessions are needed in part due to the impact of the 2008 disasters.
2. An individual, who lacks health insurance, has no mental health benefits or has maximized their mental health plan benefits.

**What Will *Ticket to Hope* Provide?**

1. Up to eight (8) authorized 45-50 minute sessions with an approved mental health provider.
2. No cost to the individual or family for these authorized sessions.
3. Individuals can choose a mental health provider from a list of providers who have agreed to participate or they can request that a provider become a participating provider.
4. *Ticket to Hope* will be in effect through June 30, 2010.

**Don't Wait to Get Help**

Sometimes symptoms of stress do not emerge until long after the event. Some signs that professional help might be helpful are:

- Lack of ability to complete normal daily activities
- Increased sadness, tearfulness
- Lack of interest in hobbies
- Increased irritability, arguments, family conflicts including domestic violence
- Clinging, nightmares, aggressive or regressive behavior by children
- Illness and imagined illnesses by adults or children
- Increased fatigue or exhaustion
- Increased alcohol consumption and/or substance abuse
- Survivor's guilt

**Call the Iowa Concern Hotline at 1-800-447-1985.**

Confidential assistance available 24 hours a day.

**More information available at [www.tickettohope.org](http://www.tickettohope.org)**



**Want to Pay Your Bill by Check, Debit or Credit Card?  
Log on to [tiprec.com](http://tiprec.com) and Click on Rapid Pay or Call  
866-271-5568.**

## This Thanksgiving, Invite Energy Efficiency For Dinner

Want to make this your most energy-wise Thanksgiving yet? Get the whole family involved-even the extended family-by challenging guests to come prepared with energy-saving ideas.

This year, ask those you invite to your home to bring more than just a side dish. Ask guests to come prepared to share their favorite ways to save energy and reduce their monthly electric bills. After dinner, go around the table and have each person share a favorite tip.

When everyone is finished, wow them with all the ways you saved energy as you prepared the Thanksgiving feast. Need some ideas? Follow these tips:

- Turn down the thermostat. With a full house and a hot kitchen, your house will be too steamy at its usual setting.
- Replace your light bulbs with compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs. Your guests won't notice the difference in lighting, but you'll see a difference in your energy bill.
- Don't just stuff the turkey-stuff the oven. As long as your oven will be running all day, make the most of it by cooking several dishes at once. A variation of 25 degrees in either direction from the recommended cooking temperature will still produce the desired result.
- Cook at least one dish from start to finish in the microwave. Microwaves are faster than the oven and use about a third of the electricity.
- Keep cleanup easy. Load the dishwasher completely full. With a mountain of dinner plates, using the dishwasher will be more efficient than hand washing.
- Don't rush to put leftovers in the refrigerator, which will work harder to cool off hot foods. Let them cool on the counter.

## Unclaimed Patronage Refund Checks- Please Help Us Locate The Owners

The following is a list of members whom we are unable to find since we made patronage payments for the year of 1992 on August 14, 2009. Please notify the office if you know the correct address for anyone listed. If one of the former members listed is deceased, we need to know the name of an heir to contact.

Also, if you or someone you know was a member of T.I.P. in 1992 and have never received a check, please let us know.

There are also some checks which were mailed out that were never cashed or have not been returned to the office. If you are holding a check, please cash it. If you are unable to cash a check for any reason, please let us know.

### 1992 Patronage Checks Returned After Payment in 2009

- Aller, Dale, Williamsburg
- Allbee, Robin, Lehigh
- Anaya, Rose, Toledo
- Armenta, Arturo, Williamsburg
- Bachman, Jean, Garwin
- Bartholomew, Terry, % Becky Pearson, Iowa City
- Beck, Dan or Lisa, Chelsea
- Behaunek, Fred, Belle Plaine
- Bender, Richard, Kingsport, TN
- Black, Gladys Pence, Earl Sypherd for the account of Gladys Pence Black, Oskaloosa
- Blackcloud, Frank G., Tama
- Blum, Brad J., Harlan
- Bolen, Kenneth J., Toledo
- Bowman, Debra Joan, Delta
- Boyson, Robert W., Walford
- Brack, Richard L., Michelle A. Brack for the account of Richard L. Brack, Oxford
- Bragg, Kory, Hedrick
- Brooks, Frank, Oxford
- Brown Sr., Milton, Tama
- Bryant, Keith, Homestead
- Buchanan, Steve, Custer, SD
- Carl, Donald D., Belle Plaine
- Chizek, Julie, Mt Ayr
- CIBA-GEIGY Seed Division, Bloomfield, IL
- Clark I, Brenton E., Harvey
- Cochran, Keith, Toledo
- Collett, Debra, Brooklyn
- Cory, Rod, Toledo
- Cross, Rosemary, Urbana
- Curtis, David I., Fremont

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Decker, William Arvine, Sigourney  
Dempster, David K., Belle Plaine  
De Moss, John, Des Moines  
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Thomas Gaffey, % W. Burger, Iowa City  
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Getta, Janet P., % Tom Getta, Marion  
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