

Cooperative Solar

Citizens Electric, Wabash Valley Power and the Ste. Genevieve Industrial Development Corporation have partnered to bring a 500 kilowatt solar array to Ste. Genevieve, MO. The array will be located along Interstate 55 near the Ste. Genevieve Golf Club. Construction is scheduled to begin in April of 2017.

The array is part of a larger project by Wabash Valley Power, Citizens Electric's wholesale power provider, that will generate a total of 1,800 kilowatts of power once completed. This project will have seven solar arrays across three states.

While details are still being finalized, CEC hopes members will have the opportunity to purchase a portion of the array's production in return for a credit on bills for the energy produced. Participants will also have the opportunity to view the



Before and after photos show the location of the solar array adjacent to Ste. Genevieve Golf Club along I-55. The land has been purchased by the Ste. Genevieve Industrial Development Corporation and they are currently working with WVPA.

energy production of the array through a web-based portal. This will serve as an alternative to rooftop solar which is too expensive to install and maintain for many members. It will also benefit those that would like to participate in solar but rent

or do not have an adequate location for a residential array.

This project will add solar to the already diverse portfolio of WVPA and Citizens Electric.

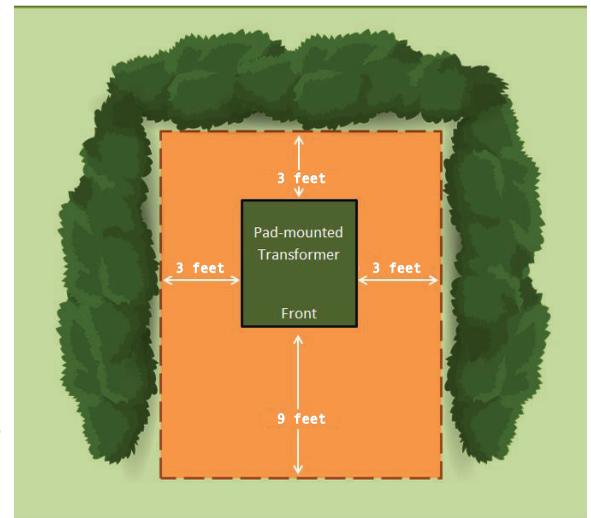
VOTE!

By the end of March, shareholders will have received a packet of annual meeting information which includes the Corporation's official meeting notice and a proxy ballot. **Exercise your right as a shareholder and vote your proxy ballot and/or attend this year's Annual Meeting of Shareholders.** The meeting will be held at the Corporation's Headquarters located at 1500 Rand Avenue in Perryville on April 27, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for registration. To expedite the registration process, bring with you the tear-off portion of your proxy ballot marked "ADMISSION TICKET" and a picture ID.

Rights-of-way

Planting too close to pad mount transformers can put you and our crews at risk. When planting, you can make contact with energized lines and become the path to ground. It is important that you call Missouri One Call (811) before you dig. Even if you are planting in an area that is deemed safe, our linemen need an obstruction free area to work during inspections and outages. A minimum of nine feet of clearance in front and three feet of clearance on all other sides is required. This allows crews to properly access and repair the transformer.

Due to increased difficulty of accessing pad mount transformers that are hidden or blocked by plants and bushes, CEC has adopted a right-of-way policy similar to the one for overhead distribution. All pad mount transformers have a sticker outlining planting restrictions.



CEC requires clearance of nine feet in front of all pad mount transformers and 3 feet on the other sides.

To find out more about right-of-way for overhead and underground distribution, please visit www.CECMO.com.

Ready for summer?

Don't waste money this summer, schedule a residential energy audit this spring and keep your house cool for less. Poor duct work, leaky windows and drafts prevent your home from cooling and force your air conditioner to run more often. A residential energy audit from Citizens Electric will identify those areas that are costing you the most.

An audit of this type typical-

ly costs more than \$400, but members that schedule energy audits through Citizens Electric pay only \$150! A trained professional will come to your home to preform a multi-point inspection and identify energy efficient improvements.

You can schedule your energy audit by calling us at 877-876-3511 or get more information at www.cecmo.com.



Net metering policy

Current federal tax incentives for renewable energy equipment make this an opportune time to "go green". But before you buy, call Citizens Electric first. Prior written approval is required to interconnect with CEC's utility system before installing any self-generation equipment (i.e., solar, wind or fossil fuel).

CEC supports self-generation from renewable resources and will allow members to generate their own electricity under certain guidelines and procedures outlined in Missouri's "Net Metering and Easy Connection Act." However, members

must complete CEC's Application and Agreement for Interconnection and Net Metering, which is available upon request or at www.cecmo.com.

Working alongside CEC's engineering and metering personnel will ensure that the generating system is wired correctly and the appropriate safety devices are installed. This will avoid dangerous backfeeding into the electric distribution system during an outage that could risk linemen's lives and require costly rewiring for the homeowner.

Before you buy, thoroughly research the

equipment and feasibility of producing power at your location. Suggested resources include the Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources, the U.S. Dept. of Energy, and the American Solar Energy Society.

Once the generation equipment is in place, CEC will install net metering at no extra charge. The amount of generation used in the home and delivered back into the power grid is tracked. Members receive a credit for the amount of electricity generated that exceeds their home's needs. For additional information, call 877.876.3511.

Meter testing

By choice and not mandate, Citizens Electric adheres to many of the Public Service Commission's policies on a voluntary basis. One such policy is the quality control testing of commercial and residential meters. CEC implements scheduled testing of all commercial and industrial meters and sample tests 150 residential meters on an annual basis.

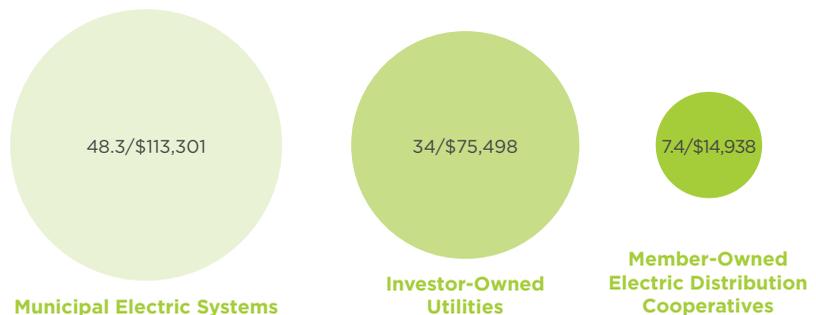
This sample comes from the entire CEC service area. CEC personnel will be performing meter testing throughout the year. If your residence is chosen, you may experience a brief outage while your meter is being exchanged.

CEC is dedicated to bringing you the most reliable power at an affordable price. Routine meter testing is one way that we do our best to ensure you have the best possible service. For more information, contact us at 877-876-3511.

Revenue in Review

Because of higher population densities (more consumers served per mile of line), municipal electric systems and investor-owned utilities (IOUs) receive more revenue per mile of line than electric cooperatives. Even though electric co-ops maintain more miles of line per consumer and acquire less revenue than IOUs and municipal systems, they continue to maintain a tried-and-true record of delivering affordable electric service to the members they serve.

Consumers served/revenue per mile of line for different utilities:



Source: National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, 2013

