



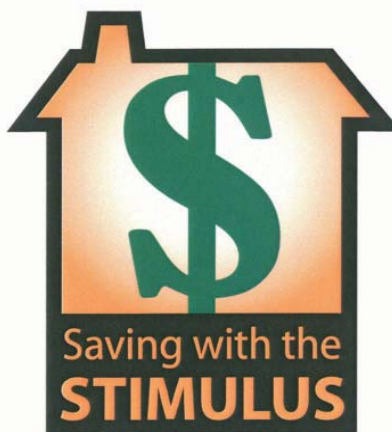
## Monthly Newsletter for Kenergy Members

### About the Stimulus Savings Plan

It's all over the news - with the passage of the federal stimulus bill there's money available to help many Americans weatherize homes and make energy efficiency improvements.

The state of our economy has left many cooperative members searching for ways to be more energy efficient, and it takes all of us doing our part. The new stimulus bill provides new ways for you to save money especially if you're considering energy efficiency improvements.

Investing in a few basic measures to secure a home from outside elements could provide major benefits. The United States Department of Energy (DOE) says weatherization -the process of sealing air leaks and properly insulating a home - can reduce heating bills by up to 32 percent, resulting in an average savings of \$358 per year. The average investment would be \$2,500, and there are two ways to get help with this cost. For members with modest incomes; that is, those with



incomes below 200 percent of the national poverty level, the federal Weatherization Assistance Program takes care of it for you. For a family of four, that would be an income limit of \$44,100. For other members, a homeowner efficiency tax credit of up to \$1,500, or 30 percent, of the cost for new energy upgrades, including weatherization activities and the installation of efficient heating and air conditioning systems. Energy tax credits were already available for 2009, but carried a \$500 limit.

Tax credits directly lower a member's federal income taxes, and are generally more valuable than tax deductions because they reduce taxes owed dollar-for-dollar. In contrast, a tax deduction, like a home mortgage or charitable gift, lowers taxable income and may only offer small savings. For example, a \$1,500 tax deduction for someone in the 25 percent tax bracket would lower taxes owed by \$350; a \$1,500 tax credit for energy efficiency efforts will lower taxes owed by \$1,500.

***One of the best ways to save money on energy--  
Plug air leaks.***

#### Common Household Air Leaks

Most air leaks are hidden in your attic and basement and can significantly raise your energy bill. Here's a list of common hiding places. Seal them with caulk, weather stripping or other appropriate materials.

Windows and Doors  
Recess Lights and Open Soffit

Attic Hatch  
Furnace Flue or Ducts

Plumbing Vent  
Basement Rim Joists

Source: Alliance to Save Energy's Guide to Home Sealing

## Kenergy announces new on-line service application.

Kenergy is committed to providing our customers with safe, reliable, low-cost electricity. As another added customer convenience, you may now apply for service using our new, on-line application. Simply go to [www.kenergycorp.com](http://www.kenergycorp.com) and look for the icon, just like pictured here, and click on Apply for Service. Once you have completed the application, click submit. A Kenergy Customer Service Representative will be in contact with you once the application has been received.



## Co-ops offering college scholarships

Women in Rural Electrification (Kentucky W.I.R.E.) is taking applications for \$1,000 scholarships. The scholarships are open to any eligible student whose family is served by a Kentucky electric cooperative and has at least 60 hours of credits at a Kentucky college or university by the start of the 2009 fall term. W.I.R.E. will award three scholarships. For an application form, go to [www.kaec.org](http://www.kaec.org) and click on the link at the bottom of the New Info box.

*We would like to take this opportunity to update Kenergy members on payment options available at Kenergy. If you have any questions about any of the options listed below, please call our office at 1-800-844-4832.*

### PAY YOUR BILL ONLINE

To pay your bill online, go to [www.kenergycorp.com](http://www.kenergycorp.com) and click on "Access your Account" on the homepage. Thereafter, type in your name and password, enter your customer account number or customer name and then click on the "ePay Your Bill" link. If you have more than one account with Kenergy, you must enter each account separately.

### CREDIT CARDS

Kenergy accepts Visa, MasterCard and Novus-issued credit cards for the payment of electric bills and other Kenergy services and products. Have your card available when paying in person at one of the offices or when contacting the cooperative by phone.

### BUDGET BILLING PLAN

Kenergy offers a Budget Billing Plan for its single-phase accounts, which allows a customer to pay the same amount for 11 months and any balance due the 12th month. Some customers may be due a refund the 12th month.

### BANK DRAFT/CREDIT CARD PAYMENT

Kenergy offers a bank/credit card draft plan to permit the automatic payment of electric bills. There is no check to write, and a record of your payment is included on your bank or credit card statement. The plan does not eliminate the need to read your meter each month; however, you may report your monthly meter reading online by accessing your Kenergy account or by dialing one of Kenergy's voice mail numbers: (270) 926-8072, (270) 869-8645, 1-800-680-8696 or 1-877-282-3968.



### We have an energy challenge, America.

When it comes to finding solutions, we must meet climate change goals while keeping costs down and electricity available. America needs a plan. Immediately. Because we all know that our energy needs keep on growing—every day.

Now is the time to have a candid conversation with your elected officials. Together, we can find answers and take action.

Start the conversation today at [www.ourenergy.coop](http://www.ourenergy.coop).

