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“Who pays when data centers drive up infrastructure costs?”

A member recently asked:

“What is REMC doing to ensure that the astronomical cost of infrastructure and power generation for data centers is not passed on to residential customers?”

Excellent question—and here’s how things stand.

The bigger picture

Large-scale data centers may add massive electricity loads and often trigger upgrades in generation, transmission, and infrastructure. Those upgrades can raise costs across the system unless costs are allocated properly.

As our wholesale supplier, Hoosier Energy (a generation & transmission cooperative serving our region) manages the generation, transmission and bulk system planning for its network of member co-ops.

What Southeastern Indiana REMC does

As your distribution Cooperative, here’s how we protect you:

- We monitor large-load projects (like data center proposals) and coordinate with Hoosier Energy to ensure system upgrades needed to serve those loads are evaluated for fairness.
- We support Hoosier’s grid-infrastructure planning and demand & forecasting process, so cost-drivers are transparent.
- We educate our members about: how bills are structured, how usage impacts cost, and what you can do to manage your portion of the cost.

What you can do

- Ask questions if you see sudden bill increases.
- Review your own usage—more devices, new equipment or seasonal changes matter.
- Stay connected: let us know if you notice unexplained spikes or if you hear of large-customer growth in your area.

Looking ahead

In 2026, we’ll continue working closely with Hoosier Energy and regulatory stakeholders to ensure cost responsibility remains aligned with the load growth driving those costs. Thank you for your membership and trust as we move forward—together.

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