



Like many industries, the electric cooperative world has seen significant increases in the cost of essential materials over the past few years. From poles and wire to transformers and underground cable, the prices of the equipment needed to build and maintain a reliable distribution system have continued to climb.

Between January 2020 and May 2024, the cost of many of these items has risen sharply, driven by supply chain challenges, higher fuel and material prices and ongoing global pressures. These increases affect every cooperative, including Southeastern Indiana REMC, because maintaining and improving the system that delivers your power depends on these critical components.

These rising costs are one of the key reasons behind the rate adjustment taking effect October 1. Wholesale power continues to make up the largest portion of each member's bill, but the added expense of equipment and materials required to maintain our system also contributes to the overall financial picture. Simply put, it now costs significantly more to build, maintain and operate the electric system than it did just a few years ago.

The infographics on this page highlight how overhead and underground equipment costs have changed, giving a clearer picture of why investments in infrastructure are more expensive today.

At SEI REMC, we are committed to managing these rising costs responsibly while continuing to provide safe, reliable and affordable service to our members. By understanding what goes into the price of electricity, members can see how external factors shape the costs we all share as part of our cooperative system.

### Comparing costs from January 2020 to May 2024 by percentage increase.

#### OVERHEAD EQUIPMENT COST INCREASES

CROSSARMS	+103.37%
TRANSFORMERS	+98.50%
GUY WIRE	+89.07%
SURGE ARRESTORS	+88.85%
PRIMARY WIRE	+61.78%
INSULATORS	+58.03%
CUTOUTS	+57.94%
GROUND WIRE	+51.09%
SECONDARY WIRE	+32.27%



#### UNDERGROUND EQUIPMENT COST INCREASES

+112.85%	SECONDARY SERVICE BOXES
+92.86%	SINGLE-PHASE RESIDENTIAL TRANSFORMERS
+92.83%	PRIMARY UNDERGROUND CABLE
+84.88%	SECONDARY UNDERGROUND CABLE
+71.38%	RED ROLL PIPE
+67.84%	METER CANS
+37.73%	PVC PIPE
+8.01%	RESIDENTIAL METERS