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Cooperation for a Stronger Future

October is National Co-op Month, a time when cooperatives across the country pause to reflect on the unique way we serve our members and strengthen our communities. At Southeastern Indiana REMC, cooperation for a stronger future is more than a phrase—it's the foundation of everything we do.

The cooperative model is built on a simple but powerful principle: when individuals come together with a shared purpose, they can accomplish far more than they could alone. Member involvement has always been at the core of our success. Whether you participate in Operation RoundUp, serve on the Board of Directors, or simply take time to share your feedback, your engagement helps guide our decision-making. Looking ahead, we're also exploring new opportunities to connect with members through workshops in 2026, giving you more ways to learn, ask questions, and engage directly with your co-op.

Looking toward the future requires us to balance present needs with long-term sustainability. One of the ways we do this is by carefully managing rates. We understand that any adjustment affects your household budget, and we do not take these decisions lightly. Rate changes are necessary to cover the rising costs of maintaining and improving the electric system that delivers dependable service. They also allow us to invest in new technologies that strengthen reliability, enhance safety, and prepare us for the energy demands of tomorrow. By planning ahead, we are ensuring that your co-op remains financially sound and able to serve generations to come.

Another essential part of our future is the continued build-out of SEI Fiber. Access to high-speed internet is no longer a convenience—it is vital for education, healthcare, business, and daily life. Too often, rural communities are left behind when it comes to connectivity. By investing in fiber, we are leveling the playing field and giving southeastern Indiana the tools it needs to grow and thrive. Every new connection strengthens our community, attracting businesses, supporting schools, and helping families stay connected.

As we celebrate Co-op Month, I encourage you to reflect on the cooperative difference and the role you play in it. Southeastern Indiana REMC is not just a utility provider—we are your neighbors, your partners, and your advocates. Your involvement is what keeps our cooperative strong and forward-looking. Together, through cooperation, we are building a brighter, more sustainable future for all of us.



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