

# WATT'S WATT



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## RELIABILITY & REQUESTS TO REDUCE ELECTRICITY USAGE

Balancing the demand for electricity with just-in-time supply (currently, electricity can't be stored in meaningful amounts) and then transmitting the electricity over an expansive grid of transmission and distribution lines make the U.S. electric grid the most complex machine in our nation's history.

As an industry, we are currently impacted by a number of domestic and international economic challenges. These challenges follow the national trend over the past several years of retiring coal generation and transitioning to more intermittent, renewable resources.

So far, the pace of generation additions hasn't kept pace with the retirements of dispatchable resources they will replace. As a result, we want everyone to be increasingly more aware of the possibility of requests to reduce electricity usage.

If the supply/demand problem becomes too great, our regional grid operator will order short-duration rolling blackouts to preserve the operational integrity of the grid and reduce the risk of prolonged and widespread power outages.

Generation reserves are typically available for unexpected events that impact the balance of supply

and demand on the system, but they aren't as large as they once were. This situation increases the possibility for reductions in electricity more frequently to prevent large-scale power outages.

Southeastern Indiana REMC will convey messages and requests for you to consume less energy during times when demand is high, and supply is constrained. We ask you to turn off any unnecessary lights, appliances, etc. Use the delayed start functions on appliances to move laundry and dishwashing to a later time in the day. Setting your thermostat slightly higher this summer will also help.

We are working hard to make sure members are informed when these issues exist. We will continue to send messages and post on social media when these things happen.

Again, please be prepared for the possibility of outages. Should the situation dictate, power could be intentionally disconnected for periods of time to preserve integrity of the entire grid.

**Bryan K. Mathews, General Manager**  
Southeastern Indiana REMC

### Why are we concerned about power reliability?

There's been a national trend over the past several years of retiring older coal generation and transitioning to more intermittent renewable energy. So far, the pace of additions hasn't kept up with the retirements. The amount of extra generation available to handle unexpected events isn't as large as it once was. As a result, we want everyone to be increasingly more aware of the possibility of requests to reduce electricity usage. If the supply/demand problem becomes too great, our regional grid operator will order rolling blackouts.

### Why are we in this situation?

There's been a national trend over the past several years of retiring older coal generation and transitioning to more intermittent renewable energy, which is largely dependent on the weather. So far, the pace of additions hasn't kept up with retirements. This means that now there is less generation available to handle unexpected events on the system.

### What should I do?

Southeastern Indiana REMC will convey messages and requests for you to consume less energy during times when demand is high, and supply is constrained. We ask you to turn off any unnecessary lights, appliances, etc. Perhaps use the delayed start functions on appliances to move laundry and dishwashing to a later time in the day. Setting your thermostat slightly higher this summer will also help. Please be prepared for the possibility of more frequent outages. Power could be intentionally disconnected for periods of time to preserve integrity of the entire grid.

### When should I do these things?

In general, when the temperature is excessively hot or cold outside, demand for electricity goes up. However, that's not always the case. Occasionally, generation and transmission facilities have to be repaired, which can also lead to supply constraints. We are working hard to make sure members are informed when these issues exist. We will continue to send messages and post on social media when these things happen.

### How long will this last?

It's impossible to predict how long this will last, but we expect the volatility and increased costs to continue for the foreseeable future, possibly the next few years. Please know that we are doing everything we can to minimize the negative impact during this time.



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