

## **HELPING YOU TAKE A BITE OUT OF YOUR ELECTRIC BILL**

As this newsletter is being printed, the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) is considering a request to increase rates from East Kentucky Power Cooperative (EKPC), the wholesale electric power supplier for Nolin RECC and 15 other member cooperatives.

EKPC is seeking the rate increase in order to strengthen its financial condition and continue building equity. If the rate adjustment is approved by the PSC, the increase will be passed along to Nolin RECC and its retail members.

Not knowing the final decision of the PSC and how it will ultimately impact your electric rates, will not stop Nolin from helping you prepare for the future. One of the many things we deliver is excellent communications to Nolin members, and we want to continue keeping you informed on important matters that effect you and your cooperative. As soon as we have information available to us about this pending rate increase, we will pass it on to you.

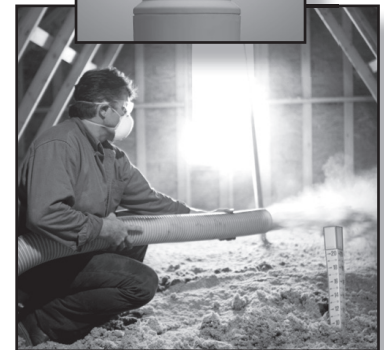
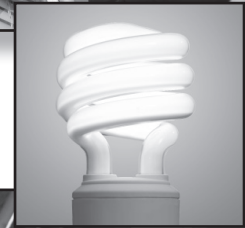
While the PSC is deliberating a rate increase, use this time wisely. Take steps now to offset this potential rate change by improving the energy efficiency of your home or business. Nolin provides free energy audits, along with our Button-Up and other energy-saving programs. We can help you pinpoint the areas where your home and business may be wasting energy.

Even small energy efficiency measures will save money. For as little as \$2, the cost of an outlet and switch plate insulator kit, you can begin to drastically improve comfort around your home. Start with the basics first like applying weather stripping and caulk around doors and windows, replacing traditional incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), and insulating your water heater.

Then look at some bigger expenditures like adding insulation to your attic, installing a programmable thermostat, and sealing ductwork. You can find even more ways to save on the U.S. Department of Energy's website at [www.EnergySavers.gov](http://www.EnergySavers.gov), or visit [www.nolinrecc.com](http://www.nolinrecc.com) and click on [togetherwesave.com](http://togetherwesave.com) to find out how little changes around the house add up to big savings.

Nolin is committed to doing everything possible to keep your electric bills affordable. Our energy efficiency programs are just one way we can help you manage your energy use.

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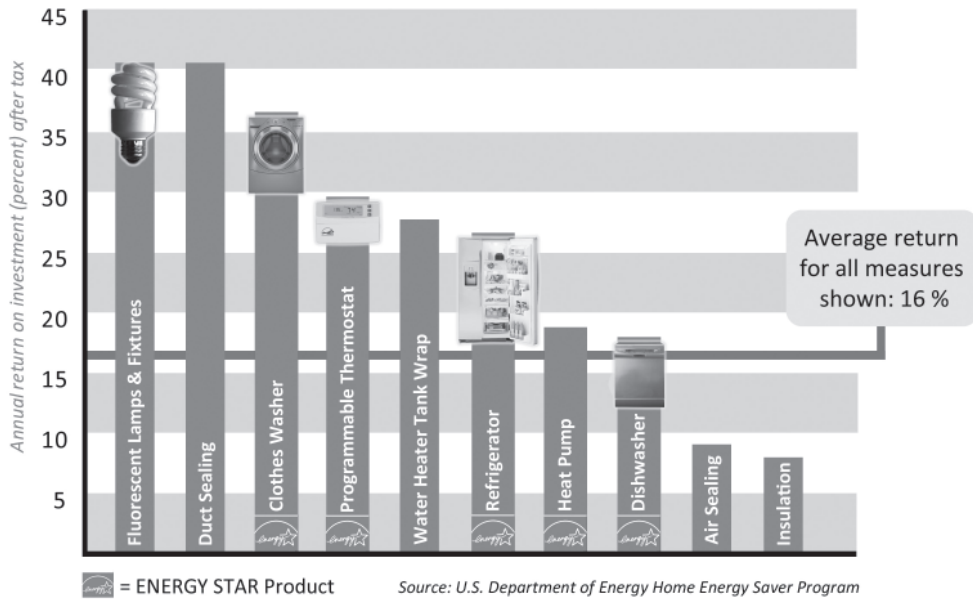
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## A Solid Investment: Efficiency Upgrades Offer Financial Benefit

Adopting the following 10 energy efficiency measures in a typical home yields nearly \$600 in annual bill savings, providing an average 16 percent return on investment.



During 2010, you received a monthly Energy Update just like this one listing ways to reduce your energy consumption. Last month, we sent you guidelines for weather stripping and insulating your home and business. Our energy experts have informed you about high efficiency heating and cooling systems and how they can improve your comfort and lower your electric consumption. In addition, Nolin has provided you with web sites that are designed to help you calculate your energy costs as well as save you money. We continually encourage you to visit our web site at [www.nolinrecc.com](http://www.nolinrecc.com) for valuable tools on energy efficiency.

One easy way to help you budget your electricity costs is through Nolin's Budget Billing program. This program allows members to pay an average dollar amount each month based on the previous 12 months' usage.

Although Kentucky is fortunate to have one of the lowest electricity rates in the nation, energy costs can still impact a family budget, especially during extreme cold or hot temperatures.

If you do find yourself in a situation where you need help with your electric bill payment, please call the Nolin RECC office before your service is disconnected for nonpayment. We will work with you to try to achieve a payment schedule that will fit your budget.

Despite the rising costs, we want Nolin members to know that we are doing everything we can to control costs, while striving to improve service to you. As always, our commitment to Nolin members is to provide safe, reliable electricity at an affordable price.

Sincerely,

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