



NEW Electric Charging Stations

HCREMC is offering a new service to the community, beyond just providing the power to keep homes cool on these hot summer days. Thanks to a Hoosier Energy grant, we now have two free charging stations in our parking lot to keep electric vehicles cruising along the highway.

We offer two 240V Quick Chargers to hook up to any vehicle with J-1722 ports. This is a free service. Simply pull up and plug in!

HCREMC CEO, Shannon Thom, explained that the electric cooperative purchased two new charging stations and a new all-electric company car with a \$25,000 grant from Hoosier Energy.

The compact car is a Chevy Bolt and has an REMC wrap. Primarily, it will be used to conduct local business. This car has a 250+ mile range with a full battery. It runs silently, recharges its own 400V battery while driving down the road and has the horsepower to keep up with just about any internal combustion engine on the interstate.

The wrap on the Bolt is also a moving billboard for our new “My Solar” program. “My Solar” allows REMC members to purchase “clean energy” directly from electric panels in the REMC network. We installed a high-tech solar array just north of Interstate 70 in 2015. The solar farm is comprised of 4,320 solar panels, each producing 300 watts of electricity. REMC members can sign up for the “My Solar” program with a one-time upfront payment of \$500 for a 20-year lease. After a member signs up, the member-owner will receive a monthly credit of 5.5 cents for every kilowatt hour their panel produces. Thom explained that the “My Solar” program is a way for HCREMC members to reap the benefits of having solar panels without having to directly purchase the devices themselves or take care of the maintenance.

REMC members can also support the electric cooperative’s mission to provide more clean energy by choosing to pay a little extra each month on their bill. This option would have the member pay an additional 1 cent per kilowatt hour that a panel produces each month.

For more information on the “My Solar” program, click on the “Efficiency” tab on our website (www.hcremc.com). To check out the new electric vehicle charging stations, visit HCREMC at 3400 S. Ind. 3, New Castle, or call 1-800-248-8413.

