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New DSM Program list as of March 1, 2019

Inter-County Energy offers the following energy-efficiency programs and services to assist our members in saving energy while living comfortable in the process.

Incentives are available to those members that meet certain requirements when weatherizing their home, building a new home or changing out their old resistance type of heating. It is recommended that you check with Inter-County Energy member services personnel before purchasing any equipment to insure they qualify. Inter-County Energy does not in any way constitute a warranty expressed or implied or guarantee any products or specific energy savings.

Touchstone New Construction Program (*Heat Pump and Geothermal*)

The Touchstone Energy Home standards are designed to provide homeowners superior comfort and energy savings. Following these guidelines and working closely with an Inter-County energy advisor will help you achieve the most out of your new home. Home will meet 2009 IECC code requirements. ***Please see an energy advisor for more details.*** The program process is as follows:

1. Contact Inter-County Energy’s Member Services Department.
2. A pre-drywall inspection (Complete thermal bypass checklist including slab) **must** be performed.
3. A final inspection and testing of the amount of outside air infiltration is determined.

Please make note: It is important that the Member Services department at Inter-County Energy is contacted prior to construction beginning so they may work with you, the homeowner, in making sure you are on the right track to qualify for the incentive.

The house must be completed before a blower door test can be performed to verify that the house meets the standard. Additional savings may be accomplished by participating in our Demand Load Control program. **The maximum amount of the incentive is \$750** and will depend on what method is used, **Prescriptive or Performance**. The home is to be total electric with the exception of fireplaces with gas logs.

Heat Pump Retrofit for Stick-Built and Manufactured Homes

Replacement of resistance heat is required such as baseboard, ceiling cable, electric furnace or an ETS/Electric Thermal Storage to be eligible for an incentive. If you are replacing your existing resistance heat source while meeting the specifications for Geothermal (meeting ARI-325 standards), Air Source Heat Pump or a Mini-Split Heat Pump, it will make you eligible for an incentive. There are currently over three levels of incentives available based on the SEER and HSPF of the new heating/cooling system. Ductwork is encouraged to be sealed to less than 10%. Geothermal systems must have closed loop systems. New Manufactured homes are eligible and have no minimum zone requirement.

<u>AHRI Rating</u>	<u>Incentive to Home Owner or Member</u>
14 SEER, 8.0 HSPF	\$500
15 SEER or higher, 8.5 HSPF or higher	\$750
Heat Pump Mini-Split-1 indoor head unit	\$250
Heat Pump Mini-Split-2 indoor head units	\$500
Heat Pump Mini-Split-3 indoor head units	\$750

Loan Program

Available to qualifying **Inter-County Energy** members to be used for installing geothermal and air-to-air heat pump heating and cooling equipment in their homes. Loans are available up to a **maximum** of \$10,000.00 for a **maximum** term of 6 years. The interest rate is fixed at **4%**. For more information, please contact Morgan Janssen in the Member Services Department at Inter-County Energy by calling 1-888-266-7322.

Energy Audit Program

This service provides the member with an energy analysis of their home. The analysis includes heating, cooling and appliance energy usage. Once the analysis is completed, a report is issued to the member detailing estimated “normal” energy use, past energy use and recommendations for improving the efficiency of the home. This is a **FREE** service provided to **Inter-County Energy** members. ***Ask about the Simple Saver /Demand Load Control Program.***

Button Up Weatherization Program

An incentive is available to residences that currently have or are in the process of installing electric heat as the primary heating source and are improving and upgrading attic insulation levels. To qualify, the residence must be a *minimum* of 2 years old and have a heat gain/heat loss analysis performed *prior* to improvements being made. A heat loss reduction will be determined by **Inter-County Energy** personnel. A certification of R-value, inches of **attic insulation** installed and/or bag count (receipts) shall be required from the insulation contractor or homeowner. The typical **Air Sealing** portion of the Button Up incentive could include caulking, improved window and door seals, etc. To receive this incentive an Inter-County Energy representative **must perform a “pre” and “post” blower door test** to measure actual BTUs reduced. The Button-Up Level One with air-sealing **maximum incentive is \$750.**

Demand Load Control/Simple Saver Program/Thermostat

For allowing Inter-County Energy to control certain types of equipment including your thermostat, in your household, the member will receive a bill credit during certain months of the year. The DLC Program is available to home owners or members in the service area of Inter-County Energy and will include the following in order to qualify. Only existing water heaters with installed switches will continue to receive a \$10 credit during the month of February. A/C or heat pumps will receive a \$20 credit on their bill in September and a sign-On Bonus of \$25 will be provided for new participants that install a load control switch.

Bring Your Own Thermostat (BYOT): Any “Smart” thermostat purchased after March 2, 2019 is eligible to participate and will receive a \$10 sign-on bonus and a \$100 incentive which will be applied to the account. If you are already participating in the Simple Saver Switch Program with an a/c switch, you will not be permitted to participate in both. A list of the eligible thermostat brands that qualify for the program/incentive are available by contacting Inter-County.

Levelized Billing Program

Inter-County Energy offers a **Levelized Billing Program** for residential members that will ease the burden of high bills and allow you to pay an average bill each month. Levelized billing is based on the average number of kilowatt-hours used in the past 12 months. This means that the payment amount will be only slightly different each month. Members’ accounts can be set up on levelized billing at any time the account has a zero balance. Unlike other types of accounts, program this is on a rolling 12-month average, so there is no settlement month.

ENERGY STAR® Manufactured Homes

ENERGY STAR® qualified homes are significantly more energy efficient than standard homes in that they have been designed, produced, and installed by the home manufacturer to meet ENERGY STAR® requirements. These include features such as more insulation, high-efficiency windows, and heating/cooling equipment. If you are buying a new manufactured home, please see one of our energy advisors or visit www.intercountyenergy.net.

CARES Program (Community Assistance Resources for Energy Savings)

Inter-County Energy’s Community Assistance Resources for Energy Savings (“CARES”) Program provides an incentive to enhance the weatherization and energy efficiency services provided to its members by the Kentucky Community Action Agency (“CAA”) network of not-for-profit community action agencies. Inter-County Energy’s program has two primary objectives. This program will enable the CAA to accomplish additional energy efficiency improvements in each home. Second, this incentive will assist the CAA in weatherizing more homes. This is a partnership between Inter-County Energy and CAA.

PrePay Metering

With the Prepay Service Program (“Prepay”), residential members may purchase electricity before they use it. Prepay residential members avoid paying deposits, late fees, collection fees and/or reconnect fees. Prepay provides members the chance to become more aware of energy usage and better manage energy consumption.

On-Line Bill Pay

Downloading our app will give you access to our On-Line Bill Pay system. This access will allow you pay your bill on-line and check your daily usage for more convenience. It will also allow you to manage your usage by seeing exactly what you use during the warm and cold temperatures. You can pay your bill by accessing our website at www.intercountyenergy.net.