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FROM THE MANAGER

Protect Yourself from Energy Scams

I was recently asked about a device for saving energy costs at home—a device for “power factor optimization.”

I checked it out, and it indeed does have all the components for a juicy scam.

Protect Yourself

There are some very useful rules of thumb to follow when someone is trying to sell you such a device.

- ▶ Do not purchase a device if you do not understand the science behind it.
- ▶ Do not let a slick salesman dazzle you with techno mumbo jumbo. If you don't understand the claims well enough to judge them for yourself, then consult an expert before making a purchase.
- ▶ Listen to your common sense. If a claim sounds too good to be true, that's because it probably is. Adding a magnet to your fuel line is not going to increase the fuel efficiency of your car by 30 percent. You have to ask yourself—if such a claim were true, why isn't everyone using such a device? Why isn't the government mandating that such devices are added to all cars? Imagine if we could reduce the fuel use of our automobile fleet by 30 percent.

- ▶ Don't believe testimonials. Testimonials are worthless, they can be invented, they can be given by people who have a stake in the company or the sale, or they could just be cherry picked and misleading. Testimonials are used because people emotionally find them compelling, but they are worthless as evidence. If a company has a link to testimonials, but not a link to published peer-reviewed scientific evidence, or to official government or industry information—then be wary.
- ▶ Don't let yourself get pressured into a quick sale. Take the time to investigate. Anyone who wants you to make a decision right then is probably scamming you.



Scott Whittington

Power Factor Optimization

Now back to power factor optimization—what is it?

This falls under the category of something that is useful for industry, but not for residential use. Companies selling this for the home will typically impress their customers with a long, and generally accurate, description of the physics.

But they leave out the little detail that dooms their claims—**home users aren't billed on power factor, so there's no savings to be had.**

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We Want Your Opinion

Communication with our members is of prime importance to Lyon-Coffey Electric.

This fall, we will conduct a telephone survey of the membership. Your participation in this brief survey will be of great service in helping us to improve the services to you our member-owners. Thank you in advance for your help with this important project.

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Trust Proven Methods

Try some proven methods to conserve electricity and lower your electric bills; 1) add some insulation to your home 2) get programmable thermostats that can regulate your home heating by zone and time to enable you to turn the heat down when you're not home or in a particular room and 3) seal the leaks around windows and doors.

If you are looking for other ways to save: try unplugging devices when not in use, especially those big screen TVs and replace your conventional light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs (CFL).

Do your research before throwing your hard-earned money at a 'miracle' offer that appears to be too good to be true... because it probably is.

Online Bill Payment is Now Available at Lyon-Coffey

Did you know that you can pay your Lyon-Coffey Electric bill online?

Just go to www.lyon-coffey.coop and on the left-hand side menu click on "online bill pay".

On the next screen click on View/Pay my account, which gives you the

option to set up an account or if you are already registered to log into your account.

Our site is secure and easy to navigate, which makes paying your electric

bill simple and fast with no need for checks, postage or envelopes.

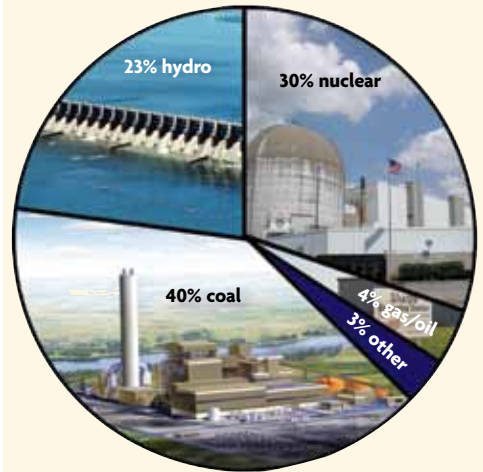
Just another service provided for your convenience by your member-owned cooperative.

Just go to www.lyon-coffey.coop and click on "online bill pay".

Offices to Close for Labor Day

The Lyon-Coffey offices will be closed Monday, September 7, 2009, in observance of Labor Day. In case of an outage, call Lyon-Coffey in Burlington at 620-364-2116 or in Emporia at 620-342-0553.

Our Generation Mix



More than 50 percent of Lyon-Coffey's generation comes from renewable resources.

Lyon-Coffey's members receive the majority of their power from renewable resources.

At Lyon-Coffey, we do not generate power. We just distribute it. We buy the power we distribute at as low-cost as we can through Kansas Electric Power Cooperative, Inc., (KEPCo), because that cost is passed through to members in rates.

KEPCo is considerably greener than most generating companies, because KEPCo has more than 50 percent non-CO₂ emitting sources. Their generated power is more than 50 percent green. Twenty percent is from hydropower, 30 percent is nuclear power; and the remainder is bought from Westar's mix—which includes all of the wind and nuclear that Westar produces.

Lyon-Coffey Welcomes a New Addition



Payton Makenzie Carrier

Lyon-Coffey Electric Journeyman Lineman, Dillon Carrier and his wife Kristina are the proud parents of their first child, a daughter, Payton Makenzie born July 29, 2009.

Payton weighed 6 lbs and was 19½ inches long. Congratulations to the Carrier's on their little bundle of joy!