

Help Cooperatives Keep Electric Bills Affordable

America's families are facing tough economic times. Many struggle to afford the basics: food, housing and energy. In fact, the cost of residential electricity in the United States climbed an average of 26 percent between 2002 and 2007, and it is projected to go even higher. As if that wasn't bad enough, some predict today's electricity supplies won't be able to keep pace with future demand.

Now, elected officials in Washington, D.C., are poised to make important policy decisions that will determine our nation's energy future. To guide lawmakers in a sound direction, electric cooperatives are making sure that your voice—the voice of the consumer—gets heard during legislative debates.

Through the "Our Energy, Our Future" grassroots awareness campaign, hundreds of thousands of electric cooperative consumers have sent more than 1.5 million messages to their members of



Sometimes Capitol Hill seems pretty far away, but you can make sure the folks in Congress hear how you feel about keeping electricity affordable by visiting www.ourenergy.coop.

Congress.

Through this outreach, co-ops have shared our insight drawn from decades of offering safe and reliable electricity at affordable rates; service that always makes consumers—not the bottom line ... priority one.

If you haven't already done so, please get involved in the campaign by asking your representatives on Capitol Hill one important question: Are you willing to work with elec-

tric cooperatives like HILCO Electric to ensure that our nation has reliable power at a price consumers can afford? The stakes are too high to miss this opportunity to help secure YOUR energy future.

To learn more about how you can begin a dialogue with your elected officials, please visit www.ourenergy.coop. Together we can keep electric bills affordable. 4705635500

Today is the time to act. Tomorrow might be too late.

Log onto www.ourenergy.coop today. Make your voice heard and help guide policymakers toward a smart, affordable energy future.