


Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative

Your Touchstone Energy® Partner



**By Jay A. Porter,
PE, Chief Executive
Officer**

PATRONAGE CAPITAL & ANNUAL MEETING

You own our cooperative, which has the sole purpose of delivering safe, reliable, and renewable power to you at the lowest cost. All revenue exceeding the cost to provide electric service is

allocated back to you in the form of patronage capital.

Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative's board of directors approved the 2017 patronage capital general retirement at the October board meeting and therefore, ACEC will be returning more than \$1.9 million of patronage capital to members and former members of the organization this year. In determining the members' general retirement, the board reviews all pertinent financial impacts and policies and conducts a comprehensive discussion before reaching their decision.

To equitably return patronage capital, ACEC will pay 100 percent of past capital earned in the years of 1994 and 1995, as well as a portion of years 1996 through 2006.

Many of our current members will be given a credit on their electric bill rather than a printed check payment. Current members eligible for a refund will see their patronage capital refund on the bill they receive in November.

ACEC members with more than one account will see their patronage capital applied to their primary electric account. Checks will be issued for refunds \$150 or larger. Checks will also be issued and sent to former members who no longer have an electric account with ACEC, and have at least \$10 in patronage capital scheduled to be refunded.

Annual Meeting

We are pleased to announce that Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative's 2018 annual meeting will be held in May. Much more information will be forthcoming, but

here's an overview on the director nomination process.

Adams-Columbia's bylaws outline the details by which director candidates are nominated by petition. To be valid, a petition shall be signed by not less than 25 members and shall be delivered to the cooperative by a pre-determined date.

Adams-Columbia members living in Districts One or Six will see their incumbent director's three-year term expire at the 2018 annual meeting. In addition, one of the two At Large director terms will expire in 2018. For our cooperative, this will be the first election with electronic balloting as an option. Members will be able to vote in person at the annual meeting, by absentee ballot, or through the electronic balloting process.

In the coming months, you will receive more information about the process by which members can make recommendations on advisory resolutions to be brought before the membership at the annual meeting. If the membership approves an advisory resolution, then it would go before the full board for their consideration. Recommendations can be submitted anytime of the year; a deadline for recommendations to be considered at the 2018 annual meeting will be announced in January. A deadline is needed to ensure the Rules Committee has adequate time to review and research all recommendations to present complete and accurate information at the annual meeting.

I'll close this month's report with well wishes from everyone at ACEC. We hope you enjoy a pleasant Thanksgiving holiday.

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FROM THE FRONT LINES TO POWER LINES...

Thank you, Veterans!

Electric co-ops have long had a special affinity for veterans. Perhaps because they are both so closely aligned in outlook, focusing on service, mission and country. Maybe it's because a large number of veterans come from rural communities and return to their hometowns following active duty. Or, maybe it's due to the shared work ethic of teamwork, cooperation and a "get it done" attitude. Most likely, it is all of the above.

At Adams-Columbia Electric Co-op, we are among the more than 900 electric co-ops across the country to support and honor our nation's veterans of all generations. We are grateful to have veterans within our ranks, and we are proud to serve veterans and their families within our local community. In addition to providing safe, reliable and affordable electricity, we care for the veteran community in a variety of ways.



Ken Miller

United States Air Force
1975-1979

Hahn Airbase, Germany
49th Tactical Fighter Wing

"Protect and serve. In a way, my job as Safety Manager allows me to continue carrying on the principles I learned in the Air Force."



Jim Goodman

United States Army
1975 - 1979

Nuremburg, Germany
2nd Armed Cavalry Regiment

"I'm as proud to serve our members as I was to serve my country."



Josh Berger

United States Army
2004-2007

Alaska, Ft Richardson
12 months stationed in Iraq
C84th Engineers

"Working with the linemen at ACEC reminds me a lot of the brotherhood I experienced in the military."



Mark LaMore

United States Air Force
1991-1995

Anchorage, Alaska
F-15 Engines

"Cooperatives have similar principals to the military, and one of those is, our people always come first."



Jon Trzesniak

United States Air Force
1985-1991

Stationed all throughout
Continental US

"It's better to aim high and miss, than to aim low and hit."



Brian Mattice

United States Air Force
2005-2011

General Mitchel Air
National Guard Base
128th Air Refueling Wing

"Working together to help people, that's what the co-op and the military are all about."



‘T WAS THE MONTH BEFORE CHRISTMAS

*and all throughout the community
Toys for Tots boxes were placed
With little children's hopes that
Saint Nicholas would visit this year*

Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative has partnered with Toys for Tots this holiday season. If you are interested in donating, please bring a new, unwrapped toy to one of the Toys for Tots boxes throughout the community. Toys are needed a bit earlier to ensure that Santa has plenty of time to deliver to each family in need.

Over 97% of your donations goes to our mission of providing toys, books, and other gifts to less fortunate children. Less than 3% is spent on fundraising and overhead.

Look for a box in ACEC's Friendship Office.





ACEC Calendar Photos

November

Green Lake County

**Youth photo by
Laura Wiegel**

Laura Wiegel is a member of the Seneca 4-H Club; she is a sophomore at Berlin High School. In addition to photography, she enjoys music and reading. Laura appreciates photography because it allows her to be creative and to look for different perspectives. Her photo was taken along the road leading to her home.




Dodge County

**Member photo by
Lester Neuman**

Lester Neuman got serious about photography six years ago. The hobby goes together with several travel opportunities he and his wife, Lois, have made in recent years. Lester enjoys photographing wildlife and landscape scenes. He noticed these eagles on a Sunday morning while returning home from church. Lester returned with his camera and took several photos by Lost Lake in Dodge County.



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The Friendship Service Center is located in the Village of Friendship, in Adams County. From Highway 13, travel east three blocks on East Lake Street. Lake Street is also marked as County Highway J.

Adams—Columbia Electric Cooperative maintains operations facilities in Pardeeville and Wautoma. These facilities are not open for general business; however, drive-up payment stations are available at both locations. ACEC employees will meet with cooperative members in Pardeeville and Wautoma by prearranged appointment only.