

ACRONYMS / ACEC AFFILIATIONS

ACEC ADAMS-COLUMBIA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Headquarters Office located in Friendship, Wisconsin
Service Centers located in Wautoma and Pardeeville

ACEC serves approximately 36,000 members in parts of 12 central Wisconsin counties, covering approximately 2,500 square miles. ACEC is a product of three rural electric cooperative merges ... Columbus Rural Electric Cooperative, Adams-Marquette Rural Electric Cooperative and Waushara Electric Cooperative. The Board of Directors consists of nine members and ACEC currently employs 95 full-time employees.

ACED ADAMS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Located in Friendship, Wisconsin

ACED is an organization in Adams County that the cooperative is involved with. This commission is very active in the business retention and business growth in Adams County.

ACRE ACTION COMMITTEE FOR RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

Located in Washington, DC

ACRE is the political action committee that represents electric cooperative members with lobbying efforts at both state and national levels. Many employees and directors are members. Membership is voluntary and there are annual dues.

ALLIANT ENERGY

Located in Madison, Wisconsin

Alliant Energy is the cooperative's power supplier and has been for many years.

ATC AMERICAN TRANSMISSION COMPANY LLC

On June 29, 2001, Adams-Columbia transferred its transmission facilities to ATC LLC, causing its distribution system to have an interconnection with ATC LLC.
Headquartered in Waukesha, Wisconsin

ATC LLC was created in accordance with Wisconsin State law as a single-purpose, for-profit transmission company to own and operate the transmission grid in areas where facilities are supplied, and to plan, construct, operate, maintain and expand its facilities to provide adequate and reliable transmission service. ATC LLC owns and operates the transmission grid in neighboring portions of Wisconsin, Illinois and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and provides open access transmission service under its Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT).

BAUMAN ASSOCIATES LTD.

Located in Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Bauman Associates provides auditing services for the cooperative, including doing the annual audit for the cooperative. They also provide financial advice to the cooperative as needed.

BUG TUSSEL WIRELESS, LLC

Founded in 2003 (Operates as a subsidiary of Hilbert Communications, LLC)
Headquarters in Green Bay, WI

Bug Tussel Wireless, LLC provides high speed wireless Internet products, pre-paid and post paid mobility, voice options, computers, laptops, accessories, and security products. The company's high speed Internet services include antenna and installation, high speed Internet equipment, and computers. It also provides messaging services, such as email and texting services.

CFC NATIONAL RURAL UTILITIES COOPERATIVE FINANCE CORPORATION

Located in Dulles, Virginia

CFC is the cooperative's bank, which was formed and owned by Rural Electric Cooperative, and later by the Telephone Cooperatives. CFC provides short-term loans, lines of credit, and large loans to finance major construction projects. Many cooperatives are also investors in this "bank for cooperatives."

CN COOPERATIVE NETWORK

Located in Madison, Wisconsin

Cooperative Network is a Wisconsin/Minnesota organization representing all types of cooperatives in both states. They provide insurance and services, along with lobbying for the cooperatives they represent. The cooperatives they represent include rural electric, rural telephone, credit unions, feed cooperatives, fuel cooperatives, supply cooperatives, etc.

CRC COOPERATIVE RESPONSE CENTER

Locations in Minnesota, Tennessee, and Texas

CRC is a cooperative composed of cooperatives initially in the Midwest, but now represents cooperatives throughout the United States. They provide medical, environmental and security monitoring, in addition to providing after-hours answering service for member cooperatives, including Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative.

CSR CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

Employees working in a combined phone bank, answering cooperative phones on a rotating basis. Individuals trained to handle almost every situation, and to answer most questions a member might have about ACEC services, programs, etc. CSR's first put into service beginning in 2003. Position was upgraded to provide the best possible service, without having to transfer a member unnecessarily to another individual. CSR's have a wealth of information available to them through an Intranet system, also implemented in 2003.

DPC DAIRYLAND POWER COOPERATIVE

Located in La Crosse, Wisconsin

DPC is a generation and transmission (G & T) cooperative representing 26 cooperatives in four states, of which Adams-Columbia is a Class E Member. Class E Members receive power from other sources, but use Dairyland to provide special services such as printing.

DIGGERS HOTLINE

Located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Diggers Hotline is a one-call locating service for underground locating. Members or anyone digging in our area are required to contact Diggers before digging so underground lines can be located by all utilities that might be in the area.

DBS MID-WISCONSIN DIRECT BROADCAST SYSTEM

Located in Rosholt, Wisconsin

Mid-Wisconsin DBS is an LLC located in Central Wisconsin consisting of two electric cooperatives and four telephone companies providing direct broadcast services to the members it represents.

FEDERATED RURAL ELECTRIC INSURANCE EXCHANGE

Located in Lenexa, Kansas

Federated Insurance is an electric cooperative-owned insurance company started in Madison, Wisconsin. They are now located in Lenexa, Kansas and provide all the liability, workers compensation, auto, theft, fire and wind insurance needed by cooperatives.

FYF **FEDERATED YOUTH FOUNDATION, INC.**

Located in Madison, Wisconsin

FYF is an organization set up by cooperatives throughout the state that allows cooperatives to forfeit unclaimed capital credits and other unclaimed funds and reuse them for educational and charitable purposes for the respective cooperative members.

G & T **GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION COOPERATIVES**

Many distribution cooperatives (90%) are members of G&T's. Dairyland Power Cooperative is one of them. We are not directly purchasing from one, but we reference them often.

I.B.E.W. **INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS**

Located in Madison, Wisconsin

IBEW Local #965 is the union that represents the workers at the cooperative on labor issues and union negotiations.

J T & S **JOB TRAINING & SAFETY**

Located in La Crosse, Wisconsin

JT&S is an affiliate of WECA and Dairyland Power Cooperative who conducts job and safety training for the cooperative.

NRECA **NATIONAL RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION**

Located in Arlington, VA

NRECA is a national organization composed of cooperatives that pay annual dues based on a prescribed formula. They, in turn, provide insurance programs, lobbying and support to the cooperatives that they represent.

NRTC **NATIONAL RURAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE**

Located in Herndon, Virginia

NRTC is a cooperative composed of electric and telephone cooperatives throughout the United States which provides communication services to its members, i.e.: Direct Broadcast, Satellite, Direct TV, etc. In turn, these provide satellite programming for its members throughout the United States.

OPERATION ROUND-UP

Operation Round-up is a non-profit charitable trust established for the purpose of accumulating and disbursing funds for charitable purposes to deserving individuals, families or organizations within the service boundaries of Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative. The program is called Operation Round-up, but the organization that collects and disburses the money is called Adams-Columbia Electric Trust.

PSE POWER SYSTEM ENGINEERING, INC.

Located in Madison, Wisconsin

PSE is an engineering consultant that has represented the cooperative by providing engineering service to support our loan applications and system planning.

RenewNow

RenewNow is Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative's renewable energy program, making member-owned solar and wind power available to members. The program offers members the ability to support the development of new, renewable energy. Members can elect to pay a little extra on their electric bills each month to support local renewable energy and the funds collected are distributed on an annual basis to ACEC's RenewNow producer members who are generating solar and wind power. Renewable energy generated by these producers' systems goes into ACEC's distribution system and is sold to ACEC members.

RESCO RURAL ELECTRIC SUPPLY COOPERATIVE

Located in Madison Wisconsin

RESCO is a line material supply cooperative owned by those that it serves. They provide service to cooperatives in a ten-state area in the upper Midwest.

RUS RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE

Located in Washington, DC

RUS was initially the first step in the rural electric process as a government lender for that program. (A Division of United States Department of Agriculture.)

TOUCHSTONE ENERGY

Started in 1997. Adams-Columbia joined in 1999.

TOUCHSTONE is the national brand identity program for rural electric cooperatives. The long-range strategy of Touchstone is to be like F.T.D. is to florists, or ACE is to hardware stores, etc. A nationally recognizable symbol of quality, reliability, and other attributes that is synonymous with local cooperatives.

VANNGUARD UTILITY PARTNERS, INC.

Located in DeForest, Wisconsin

Vanguard Utility Partners is an underground utility line locating service that does underground locates for the cooperative on a contract basis.

WHEELER, VAN SICKLE & ANDERSON, S.C.

Located in Madison, Wisconsin

Wheeler Law Office is the legal firm that represents the cooperative on most major cooperative issues from handling RUS loans to representing us at our annual meeting.

WECN WISCONSIN ENERGY COOPERATIVE NEWS

Located in Madison, Wisconsin

WEC News is the statewide news source distributed through WECA.

WECA WISCONSIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

Located in Madison, Wisconsin

WECA is the statewide organization supported by a dues formula of rural electric cooperatives. This organization provides services somewhat like NRECA, but at the statewide level.

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