

CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

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ADAMS-COLUMBIA
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



HURRICANE IRMA LEAVES MILLIONS WITHOUT POWER

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Your source for Co-op news and information.

HELPING FLORIDA REBUILD

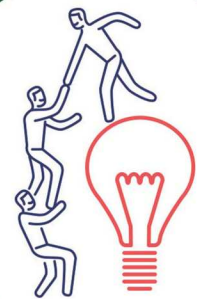
Co-ops across the U.S. share a special relationship, always willing to help neighboring co-ops in need. So when Hurricane Irma left a path of destruction across Florida in September, linemen nationwide grabbed their hardhats and jumped into their bucket trucks, ready to help.

Nearly every lineman at ACEC volunteered, knowing they would have to leave their families behind for weeks of work in tough conditions. Ultimately, six linemen were sent to Clay Electric Co-op, in Keystone Heights, FL. A special thank you to Adam, Josh, Garrett, Don, Jason, and Mike for their hard work!

We are proud to be a part of such a wonderful cooperative family, and to have such amazing employees.

OCTOBER IS CO-OP MONTH

Each October, cooperatives across America celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of our nation's co-ops. There are more than 40,000 cooperatives in the U.S. alone. Like ACEC, all of them are guided by the Seven Cooperative Principles. Unlike most enterprises where control is tied to the level of investment, co-ops are governed on the basis of one member, one vote. So members help shape the decisions their cooperative makes. And rather than rewarding outside investors, a cooperative shares its profit margins among the members. Happy Co-op Month!



Cold weather is just around the corner. If you are in need of help with your heating bill, please contact the Energy Assistance office in your county.

Adams County	608-339-6767
Columbia County	608-742-4088
Dane County	608-267-8601
Dodge County	920-887-7990
Green Lake County	920-294-4070
Marquette County	608-297-3124
Portage County	715-344-5999
Sauk County	608-356-8887
Waupaca County	715-258-6820
Waushara County	920-787-1830
Wood County	715-421-8690

PATRONAGE CAPITAL REFUNDS

WHAT IS PATRONAGE CAPITAL?

The revenue that ACEC generates is used to cover the cost of operating the co-op. Any remaining profits, called 'margins', are then divided between members based on usage. This is called patronage capital and represents the amount of ownership you have in the cooperative. Each year we refund a portion back to members. Those members receiving a refund will see the credit on their November bill.




COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLE 3 MEMBER'S ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION


Members contribute equally to the capital of the cooperative, and have democratic control. This benefits members in proportion to the business they conduct with the cooperative rather than on the capital invested.

What does this mean? Profits and earnings generated by the cooperative are distributed among the members. ACEC does not exist to generate profits for a group of investors. We are member-owned.

ACEC'S ANNUAL TOY DRIVE



ACEC's annual toy drive is fast-approaching. This year ACEC is partnering with the Marine Toys for Tots Program. We will be a drop site for new, unwrapped toys which will be distributed to families in need within our service territory.



In 2016, we were able to provide over 1,000 toys for children to unwrap on Christmas morning! We're looking forward to bringing joy to lots more families this year!

TIME OF DAY CHANGE

Are you on our Time of Day rate? Peak Periods will be changing as of November 1st. Below is a table showing the new On-Peak dates and times.

TIME OF DAY ON-PEAK PERIODS		
Date	Nov 1 - April 30	May 1 - Oct 31
Time	5pm - 8pm	1pm - 8pm

On-Peak Period times apply every Monday - Friday, except holidays. Off-Peak Periods are all other hours.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCT 19
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Jay's Discussion Days

Visit our CEO, Jay Porter between 7:30am - 4:00pm
Pardeeville-10/19, W6290 State Rd 33
Wautoma-10/20, N1519 State Rd 22

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Thanksgiving

Our offices will be closed Thursday and Friday in observance of Thanksgiving.



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