

CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

YOUR TRUSTED ENERGY PARTNER

JANUARY 2020



ADAMS-COLUMBIA
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE



Pictured above: ACEC linemen Eric K. climbing while Jason K. helps from below. ACEC sent four linemen to assist Alger Delta Cooperative in early December after they got 38 inches of snow.

ADAMS-COLUMBIA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Your source for Co-op news and information.

LOAD MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

In July it was announced that there would be some upcoming changes to our load management program. As a reminder, those changes will take place starting April 1.

Adams-Columbia's load management equipment is reaching the end of its serviceable life. Due to the cost and time of replacing this equipment in our members' homes, ACEC has decided to end the program. This does not mean that your water heaters or the electric heat units will stop working—it just means that ACEC will no longer be periodically interrupting service to them.

There are a couple of changes that accompany the discontinuation of this program. After April 1, we will no longer be offering free water heater repairs, and the small number of members on heat rates based on the presence of a load control receiver will be switched over to an already existing heat rate.

This new rate carries the same monthly facility charge and very similar energy charges through the off-peak hours of the heating season of September through May. Those members who will be experiencing a rate impact will be contacted. There is no action any members must take at this time regarding the upcoming changes.



We will begin accepting applications for ACEC's Educational Scholarship January 1, 2020.

Scholarships are awarded in all fields of post-secondary education. Both adult members and their children or guardians are encouraged to apply.

**DID YOU KNOW WE OFFER
RURAL DEVELOPMENT LOANS?
CALL US AT (608) 339-5426.**

ACEC TOY DRIVE: TOYS FOR TOTS

Thanks to you, our yearly toy drive has once again been a success. Many children in our communities would not experience the joy of the holidays if it were not for your kindness. Thank you for donating to Adams-Columbia's Toys for Tots toy drive.

7 COUNTRIES HELPED
ADAMS
WAUSHARA
MARQUETTE
GREEN LAKE
SAUK
COLUMBIA
DODGE

— OVER —
2,300
 CHILDREN HELPED

THE WAUSHARA CHRISTMAS PROJECT
 ADAMS COUNTY ANGEL TREE
 NICC FOUNDATION
 GREEN LAKE ANGEL TREE
 CAMBRIA HOLIDAY BASKET PROGRAM

DONATIONS COLLECTED IN
86 AREA
 BUSINESSES

RANDOLPH GERTRUDE CHRISTIAN CHRISTMAS FUND
 THE CHILDREN'S GIVING TREE OF SAUK COUNTY
 MARQUETTE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES
 FOSTER CARE PROGRAMS OF SAUK, DODGE, & COLUMBIA CO
 THE GIVING TREE PROJECT OF COLUMBIA COUNTY

— NEARLY —
3,000
 TOYS COLLECTED

HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN YOUR CO-OP

DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS: HOW TO RUN FOR THE BOARD

Are you considering running for Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors? Follow these easy directions. Visit www.acecwi.com for a list of full directions and details.

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DO YOU LIVE HERE?

If you live in one of the districts listed below you can run for your district's director seat. You can find the district map on our website.

- District 5
- District 7
- At-Large

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HOW TO RUN

Nomination by petition. Just collect a total of 25 signatures from ACEC members in any district. One signature per membership. Turn in your petition to the Friendship office by February 21.

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QUALIFICATIONS

Director qualifications are cited in the cooperative's bylaws and a full list can be found on our website. Here are a few abbreviated key points:

- Be a member in good standing.
- Primary residence located in the district you're running in.
- No financial conflict of interest.
- Not employed by ACEC.
- No felony convictions.

ADVISORY RESOLUTIONS & THE RULES COMMITTEE: HOW TO BRING YOUR IDEAS TO THE CO-OP

WHAT IS AN ADVISORY RESOLUTION?

This is a recommendation that you have on a cooperative matter. You can submit your idea as an advisory resolution, which will then be reviewed by the Rules Committee.

WHAT IS THE ADVISORY RESOLUTION PROCESS?

Submit your advisory resolution by February 21. You will give a brief presentation at the Annual Meeting on your advisory resolution and why you think it is important for the co-op. If the membership approves the resolution it is then brought to the Board of Directors as an advisory resolution for consideration.

WHAT IS THE RULES COMMITTEE?

This committee is made up of members of the Advisory Committee and ACEC directors. Their job is to establish rules for the annual meeting and to review and research advisory resolution submissions. Reviewing these submissions requires careful research into both ACEC's bylaws and consulting legal staff.

WHO CAN SUBMIT AN ADVISORY RESOLUTION?

Any member can submit an advisory resolution. Please remember, the deadline to submit an advisory resolution to be considered for the 2020 Annual Meeting is February 21, 2020.

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Upcoming Deadlines

February 14 is the deadline for scholarships and February 21 is the deadline to submit Advisory Resolutions and Director petition papers.

FEB 16

Jay's Discussion Days

Visit our CEO, Jay Porter, between 8:00am - 11:00am in Wautoma - N1519 State Rd 22, and between 1:00pm - 4:00pm in Pardeeville - W6290 State Rd 33.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

