

SAFETY MESSAGE

We want to remind farmers that along with more obvious farming risks, accidents related to power and electricity are also possible. Although farmers usually have grain bins or large machinery-related dangers on their mind, they should also remember that electrical accidents can injure or kill. Keep these tips in mind to stay safe this harvest season:

- Always use a spotter when operating large machinery near power lines.
- Use care when raising augers or the bed of grain trucks around power lines.
- Keep equipment at least 10 feet from lines – at all times, in all directions.
- Never attempt to move a power line out of the way or raise it for clearance.

Briefing of the Board Meeting

June 25, 2024

Board Action Items:

- Approved May board vouchers
- Approved board policies
- Approved RESCO director elections

View the full meeting summary on our website:
www.acecwi.com/news-information/meeting-mins

FOCUS ON INSULATION & AIR SEALING

Focus on Energy offers rebates to bring down the cost of insulation and air sealing and a list of Trade Ally contractors to help you complete the project with ease. Visit focusonenergy.com to learn more about rebates that are available to you.

Insulation and Air Sealing Single-Family Home (1-3 units)	Standard	Income-Qualified
ENERGY STAR® Qualified Air Sealing Energy assessment required*	\$675	\$1,125
Attic Insulation	\$525	\$675
Sill Box Insulation	\$75	\$110
Foundation Insulation	\$75	\$110
Wall Insulation	\$450	\$450
Duct Sealing & Insulation	\$75	\$75
Verified Duct Sealing & Insulation	\$150	\$150
DIY Attic Insulation & Air Sealing	\$200	\$200

NOTE:

Insulation must be installed by a participating insulation Trade Ally contractor to be eligible for standard rebates.



THE WIRE

Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative • September 2024

Help us celebrate co-op month!

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

- 📍 October 2 - Pardeeville Office (W6290 State Rd 33)
- 📍 October 3 - Wautoma Office (N1519 State Rd 22)
- 📍 October 4 - Friendship Office (401 E Lake St)
- 🕒 All events will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Electronic recycling will take place from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the dates and locations listed above. **Members may bring up to five electronics per membership, including one TV or monitor.** Visit our website for a list of items we can accept at www.acecwi.com/electronic-recycling-2.

This is a drive-through event. When you arrive, please stay in your vehicle and direct our staff to your electronics. We'll do the heavy lifting to remove electronics from your vehicle and take them to the dumpster for you.

This year, we're asking members to bring donations of non-perishable food items that we will donate to local food pantries in our service area.

UNCLAIMED PATRONAGE \$\$\$

Former members of our co-op have an unclaimed patronage capital check on file, and we need your help locating them.

An alphabetical list of these members is available on our website. Review the list online at www.acecwi.com/unclaimed-patronage-capital.

If you see a name you recognize, please ask either the individual member or the estate executor to contact us personally.

Funds that are not claimed are used for our scholarship program and other charitable purposes.



PHOTO CONTEST & CALENDAR

We received over 750 photo entries for our sunrise and sunsets theme this year. Thank you to everyone who submitted photos! Our 2025 member calendar is in production and will be available at our Friendship office and our electronic recycling events next month.

Countryside Landscapes is our next photo contest theme for our 2026 calendar. We're currently seeking photos for all seasons, so grab your camera! Submit your photos on our website at www.acecwi.com/submit-your-photos.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 1

For members currently on our Time-of-Day rate, the on-peak period changes on October 1. Visit our website to learn more about this rate.

OCTOBER 15

Applications for our Operation Round-Up program are due.

DISCUSSION DAYS

For future discussion day dates with our general manager, Jon, visit www.acecwi.com or call (800) 831-8629.

STEW STROGANOFF

PREP TIME - 15 MINS | COOK TIME - 3 HOURS

INGREDIENTS

- 2 lbs stew meat, tenderized
- 1 14.5 oz can french onion soup
- 1 14.5 oz can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 package brown gravy mix
- 1 package Lipton onion soup mix
- 1 14.5 can of water

INSTRUCTIONS

Mix all ingredients together and either bake at 300 degrees for 3 hours (covered), or place in a crockpot on low for 8 hours or on high for 4 hours.

It should thicken as it cooks, but if you desire a thicker base then use a bit of cornstarch with equal amounts of water.

Recipe from Terry Schwefel of Nekoosa, WI



Back to school

CO-OP PRINCIPLE #5: EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND INFORMATION

Thank you to all members and employees who contributed to our annual Stuff the Bus school supply drive. We continue to be blown away by the community support every year. Thanks for helping us make a difference for schools and families in our service area. Below is our donation to Waushara County's Back to School Bash.



Pictured left to right:
Katie Peterson, Brittany Marshall-Zoellner, Haley Melby, Angie Konieczki, Mary LaBlanc, and Barb Gregg.



SAFETY PROGRAM

We're proud to take an active role in providing safety education programs for all age groups. Electrical safety can be taught in the classroom, outdoors with our hotline demonstration trailer, or both. And our truck and trailer travel to you for free!

Our safety presentation draws attention to:

- Safety gear for our linemen
- How our equipment works
- The harmful effects of coming into contact with energized power lines
- What happens when something touches a power line, like a tree branch, fishing line, or a hotdog

STEM GRANT

Effective education is crucial for our youth and we understand that classrooms may have limited funding to pursue the projects needed to educate the young minds in our local communities. By embracing cooperative principle #5, we're able to extend our resources to support STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) projects and initiatives.

STEM Grants awarded may purchase curriculum materials and should be part of a well-planned and integrated project. The deadlines to apply each quarter are February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1.

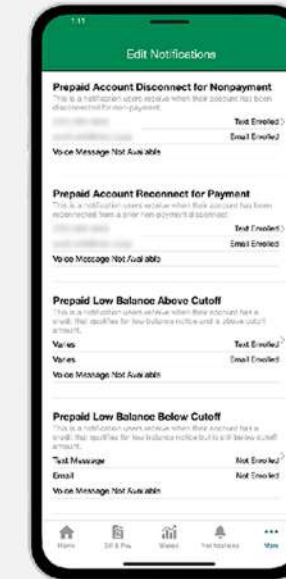
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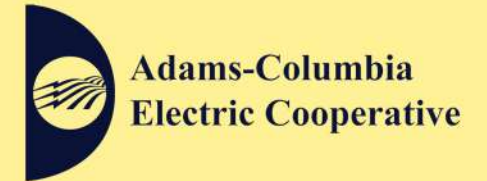
THE PROCESS OF A COST OF SERVICE STUDY & HOW IT RELATES TO RATES

A Cost of Service Study (COSS) is a tool to help utilities establish fair and equitable rates that recover the cost of providing service. Our staff is working with a consultant to provide data, verify the study, and assist with the rate schedule design.

The first step of a COSS is to determine the total revenue requirement. Electric sales revenues are analyzed for the current audited year, as well as the next few budget years. This helps to see if rates are projected to need adjustment to recover costs that rise annually with inflation. A rate may require adjustment for any operational changes in our distribution system design. All operational expense, depreciation, interest, taxes, and margin requirements needed to continue to provide power to our members are factored into this analysis.

Through this study, the data is evaluated to see if each rate class is adequately covering its expense. Once the needed cost recovery is determined, the current rate schedules are compared with the rate proposal. A plan is created for when a rate adjustment would be needed. Depending on the financial impact, a rate increase may be implemented in smaller increments over a couple of years.

After the study is complete, management brings forward the recommended rate schedules to the board of directors for approval. Once approved by the board of directors, any rate changes are communicated to the members.



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