

SAFETY MESSAGE

As you prepare for hunting season, keep in mind that along with general hunting safety, electrical safety should also be top of mind. Please report any damage to a line or other related equipment to us so that we can address it. Although we perform routine maintenance, damage may not be noticed for weeks or months unless an outage occurs due to the vast amount of lines that cover our service area.

- Do not use power poles to support a tree stand.
- Do not locate a tree stand near a power line or pole.
- Take note of power lines and equipment, especially when hunting in densely wooded areas.

Briefing of the Board Meeting

July 30, 2024

Board Action Items:

- Approved June board vouchers
- Approved board policies
- Approved PSC Grant Resolution

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

FREE ENERGY KITS & REBATE FINDER

If you haven't already done so for the year, order your free energy-saving kit from Focus on Energy. There are a variety of kits to choose from so you can order a kit that best meets your energy needs.

Order your kit online at focusonenergy.com/residential/energy-saving-packs or call (800) 762-7077 to place your order.

Check out their new residential rebate finder tool! It's simple to use and will point you in the direction of rebates you qualify for.



Residential Rebate Finder

Enter your WI ZIP Code to see a list of rebates & resources customized for you.

Looking for business rebates? [Learn more here.](#)

RENT OR OWN	ZIP CODE
Select an Option	12345
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	HOUSEHOLD INCOME
1	\$65,000
GAS UTILITY	ELECTRIC UTILITY
Select an Option	Select an Option

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AMISH STYLE BREAKFAST CASSEROLE

PREP TIME - 30 MINS | COOK TIME - 30-45 MINS

INGREDIENTS

- 1lb sliced bacon
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 1-2 cloves minced garlic
- 8 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 24 oz thawed shredded hash browns
- 2 c shredded cheddar cheese
- 12 oz small curd cottage cheese
- 6 oz shredded swiss cheese

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Prepare a 9" x 13" baking pan by lightly spraying with cooking spray.
2. Dice bacon. In a large skillet, combine the bacon and onion and cook until the bacon is crisp. Drain the bacon. Return the skillet to the stove and add minced garlic. Stir for about one minute or until fragrant. Remove from stove.
3. In a large bowl, mix the remaining ingredients. Stir in the bacon mixture. Transfer to the prepared baking pan.
4. Bake uncovered for 35-40 minutes or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Let stand for five minutes before serving.

Recipe from Cathi Konkol of Westfield, WI



THE WIRE

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HAPPY CO-OP MONTH!

October is our favorite month because we get to celebrate our uniqueness as a cooperative compared to other business models. So what makes us different than other utilities?

Let's run through our cooperative principles, which guide us in what we do every day.

1. VOLUNTARY & OPEN MEMBERSHIP
2. DEMOCRATIC MEMBER CONTROL
3. MEMBERS' ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION
4. AUTONOMY & INDEPENDENCE
5. EDUCATION, TRAINING, & INFORMATION
6. COOPERATION AMONG COOPERATIVES
7. CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY



CHRISTMAS CARD COLORING CONTEST

Hey kids! We need your help in designing the cover of our Christmas card. This year we're accepting coloring sheets for any Christmas scene or drawings. Download a coloring sheet from our website at www.acecwi.com/coloring-contest, or give us a call at (800) 831-8629 to have coloring sheets mailed to you.

CONTEST DETAILS:

The winner will receive a prize package in the mail. By submitting coloring sheet(s), you acknowledge that your child's submission may be used in ACEC marketing materials.

HOW TO SUBMIT:

Submit coloring sheets on our website at www.acecwi.com/coloring-contest or mail to ACEC, Attn: Marketing, PO Box 70, Friendship, WI 53934.

The deadline to submit coloring sheets is Friday, November 1.

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2024 Christmas Card Coloring Contest

Draw and coloring a Christmas scene in the box below:

Name: _____ Age: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name: _____

Address: _____

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 1

Submit applications for our STEM Grant for local educators.

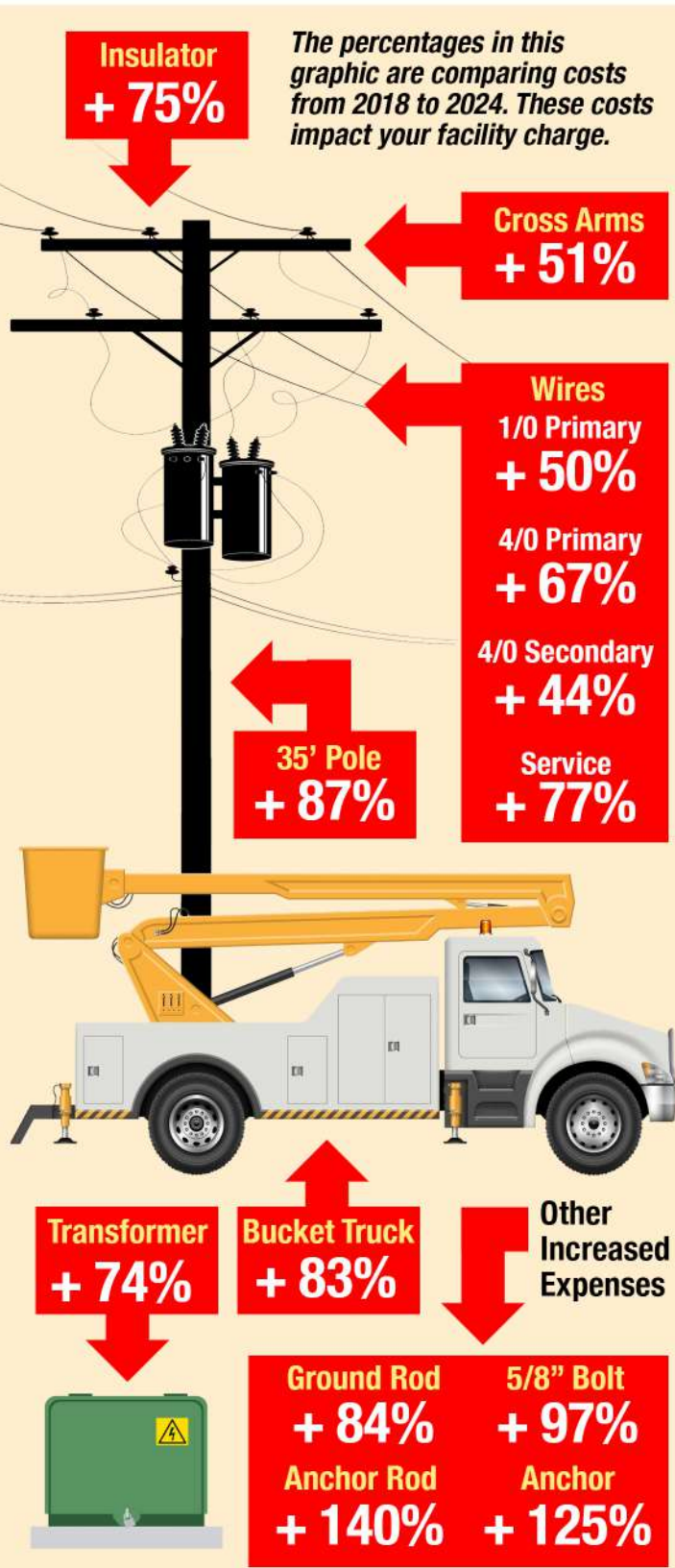
NOVEMBER 28 & 29

Our office will be closed for Thanksgiving.

RATE INCREASES FOR GENERAL SERVICE

EFFECTIVE 1/1/2025

In September the board of directors approved a rate increase for general service rates. As a cooperative, we're a not-for-profit organization, meaning that we only charge you enough to operate the cooperative. Knowing the financial pressures impacting our membership in all facets of life, this decision was not made lightly.



Over the past 3 to 4 years, inflation prices have impacted every area of our business resulting in the need for this rate increase. We've seen extreme increases in the cost of equipment, materials, and an increase in both wholesale energy and demand.

We've evaluated and adjusted our commercial rates as our wholesale power costs have increased, and with the completion of the cost of service study, we now also need an increase in our residential rates.

Rate increases will impact the facility charge and kilowatt-hour (kWh) charges, and second meter charge for members with two meters, effective January 1, 2025.

	Current Rates	Rates Effective 1/1/25
Facility Charge	\$1.08/day	\$1.25/day
Energy (kWh)	11.2¢/kWh	13.5¢/kWh

GENERAL SERVICE TIME-OF-DAY RATE

For members on our time-of-day rate, the kWh charge for each peak period will be increasing. The time frames throughout the year will stay the same.

More details about this rate can be found on our website at www.acecwi.com/billing/rate-info.

	Current Rates	Rates Effective 1/1/25
Off-Peak	4.41¢/kWh	5.3¢/kWh
Mid-Peak	7.94¢/kWh	9.2¢/kWh
On-Peak	29.75¢/kWh	39.6¢/kWh

All rate details will be published on our website as we approach the new year. We encourage members to review the energy assistance and Focus on Energy details in this newsletter to save money where possible.

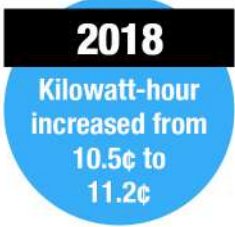
WHAT ACEC IS DOING TO MINIMIZE THE RATE IMPACT:

We have taken several steps to mitigate expenses that are in our control. Areas that have been heavily evaluated include:

- The size of our fleet
- The equipment we use
- Office supplies and material expenses
- Expensive projects being delayed or canceled

LAST TIME ACEC INCREASED GENERAL SERVICE RATES:

We've been able to maintain our general service rates without an increase or adjustment in **six years**, thanks to our investment in West Riverside Energy Center and other cost-saving measures.



We often get compared to investor-owned utilities in our area when it comes to rates. For comparison, we serve about 7 members per mile of line and investor-owned utilities serve about 27 customers per mile of line, meaning they have more customers to split their costs amongst.

In the early 1900s, investor-owned utilities didn't want to serve rural areas, which led to the movement of the Rural Electrification Administration in 1936 and the formation of electric cooperatives.

HELPFUL LINKS:

- Billing - www.acecwi.com/billing
- Rate Information - www.acecwi.com/billing/rate-info
- Energy Saving Tips - www.acecwi.com/energy-saving-tips

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Colder weather will be here soon which may lead to higher-than-normal heating bills for your home. Energy assistance can help those who qualify. We work with agencies throughout our service area to meet our members' needs. Contact the agency in your county if you're in need of assistance.

- 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

Jefferson County – (920) 568-0604
- Marquette County – (608) 297-3124

Portage County – (715) 344-5999

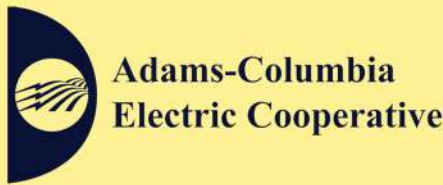
Sauk County – (608) 356-8887

Waupaca County – (715) 258-6820

Waushara County – (920) 787-1830

Wood County – (715) 421-8659

Visit our website to watch a video to understand how low income home energy assistance program (LIHEAP) benefits work: www.acecwi.com/billing/energy-assistance.



CONTACT US

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(800) 831-8629

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