

SAFETY MESSAGE

Orange road signs are not just for highway construction zones; they also apply to utility work zones. Slowing down before entering work zones helps save lives, including the lives of our crew members, who must often work roadside to maintain or restore power. Cars or trucks that go too fast not only endanger workers on the ground. Driving too fast or not moving over can also put a lineworker who is working high up in a bucket in serious danger by causing it to move or sway into high-voltage lines. Please, take extra care in work zones. Our crews and their families thank you.

Briefing of the Board Meeting

October 29, 2024

Board Action Items:

- Approved September board vouchers
- Approved September GM expenses
- Approved rate updates
- Approved scholarship application format
- Approved legal counsel

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

January 10 is

CUT YOUR ENERGY COSTS DAY

Take advantage of these tips to reduce your energy usage and lower your bill:

TURN OFF LIGHTS

Make sure you turn off lights when leaving a room. This is one of the easiest ways to start saving.

USE POWER STRIPS

Plugging electronics into a power strip provides a convenient turn-on/turn-off point, so you can be sure your electronics are only on when you are using them.

FILL IT UP

Washers use about the same amount of energy regardless of the size of the load, so run full loads whenever possible.

CHECK THE DOOR SEALS

Make sure the seals around the refrigerator door are airtight. If not, replace them.



BLUEBERRY BOTTOM CAKE

PREP TIME - 20 MINS | COOK TIME - 45 MINS

INGREDIENTS

- 15 1/2 oz box of white cake mix
- 1 c water
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 c oil
- 4 c blueberries
- 8 oz Cool Whip
- 1/2 c sugar
- 3 oz strawberry gelatin
- 3 c miniature marshmallows

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Spray a 9 x 13 pan with non-stick spray. Make the cake batter per the instructions on the box.
2. Put blueberries in the bottom of the pan. Layer the sugar, gelatin, and marshmallows in that order. Pour cake mixture over marshmallows & bake per cake directions.
3. Poke a toothpick into the cake once baking is done to ensure the toothpick comes out clean. When the cake is cool, cover it with Cool Whip and serve.

Recipe from Dean Simons of Wild Rose, WI



THE WIRE

Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative • January 2025

Annual Meeting Details

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Friendship office (401 E Lake St)

4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

All members are invited to join us at our Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at our Friendship office. Registration will begin at 4:00 p.m. and our business-only meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Districts 3 and 5 are up for election this year. If you live in one of these districts full-time, you may have the opportunity to represent fellow co-op members on our board of directors. Director qualifications are cited in our bylaws and are as follows:

- To be a full-time resident and member in good standing in the director district from which he or she has been nominated.
- Cannot be employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or business selling energy or supplies to the cooperative.
- Cannot have been in default on any obligations to the cooperative in the preceding 12 months.
- Cannot have been employed in any capacity by the cooperative within five years of the date of the election.
- Cannot be an incumbent of, or candidate for, an elective county, state, or federal office filled by election on a party ticket.
- To have not been convicted of any felony or of any other offense involving a breach of trust.

The deadline to submit nomination by petition papers is February 4. Advisory resolutions are also accepted until February 4. For more details, visit www.acecwi.com/annual-meeting or give us a call at (800) 831-8629.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Students looking to pursue secondary education can now apply for our Educational and Jon Steinhaus Lineworker Scholarships.

The application process is simple and available on our website. To be considered for a scholarship, include two reference forms, your most current transcript, and a completed application. The deadline to apply is February 28.

Learn more at www.acecwi.com/co-op-programs/scholarships, or call Stacey McManus at (800) 831-8629.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 1

The on-peak period for our time-of-day rate changes.

FEBRUARY 1

Quarterly deadline for our STEM Grant.

FEBRUARY 4

Deadline to submit nomination papers and advisory resolutions for the Annual Meeting.

FEBRUARY 28

Deadline to apply for an Educational or Jon Steinhaus Lineworker Scholarship.

A BRIGHT CHRISTMAS FOR MANY

Your donations to our Toys for Tots program made a difference for many families last holiday season. Over 8,800 toys, books, and stocking stuffers were donated to 13 programs throughout our service area, making Christmas special for over 3,000 children. Adams-Friendship Elementary participated in a penny war to raise funds for Toys for Tots, collecting over \$2,400. Our employees spent over \$11,000 on 600 toys for age groups we don't receive many donations for, all thanks to your monetary donations. We truly cannot thank our local community enough for their generosity and support.

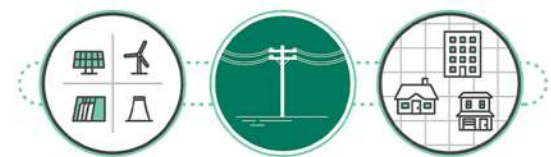


YOUR DONATIONS SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:

- Adams County Angel Tree
- Hancock Community Christmas Program
- Waushara County Holiday Project
- Marquette County Giving Tree
- Giving Tree Project (Pardeeville)
- St. Vincent De Paul Giving Tree (Wisconsin Dells)
- NICC Foundation (Columbus)
- Gertrude Christian Children's Fund (Randolph)
- Boys & Girls Club of Berlin
- Columbia County Health and Human Services
- Green Lake County Angel Tree
- Sauk County Children's Giving Tree
- Children's Wisconsin (Baraboo)

A BALANCING ACT: ELECTRICITY SUPPLY & DEMAND

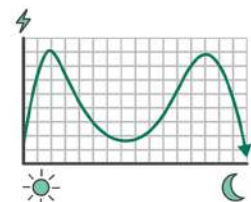
Behind the scenes, a network of people and facilities work together to ensure you have electricity when you flip the switch.



Electricity is generated at a power plant, then sent across the grid to homes, schools, and businesses.

The amount of electricity generated and how much is sent to where it's needed are typically coordinated and monitored by regional grid operators that essentially act as energy traffic managers.

Regional Grid Operators



As electricity demand varies throughout the day, grid operators, power plant operators, and electric utilities work to forecast, plan, and purchase enough electricity for everyone.

Ensuring communities have the exact amount of electricity they need is a challenging task, but behind the scenes, a network of industry experts make it happen every day.



Factors that impact electricity supply and demand:

- Demand Surges
- Extreme Temperatures
- Infrastructure Costs and Availability
- Supply Chain Challenges
- Fuel Costs
- Federal and State Regulation



Take advantage of the convenient features SmartHub offers for members. This online member portal allows members to enroll in text and email notifications, view billing and payment history, explore energy usage, and much more.

GO PAPERLESS, WIN \$50!

For a limited time, members who sign up for paperless billing have a chance to win a \$50 bill credit!

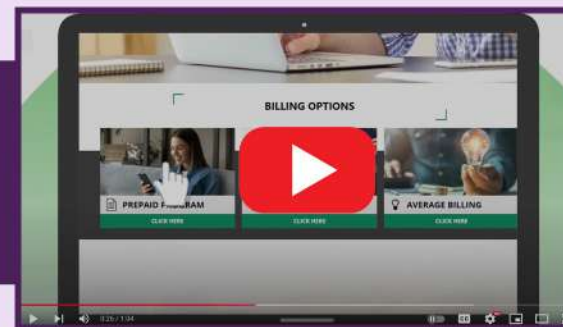
All members who sign up for paperless billing from January 1 - February 15 will be entered into a drawing to win a \$50 bill credit. The more members that are enrolled in paperless billing, the more money we can save on increasing postage costs.



PREPAID BILLING

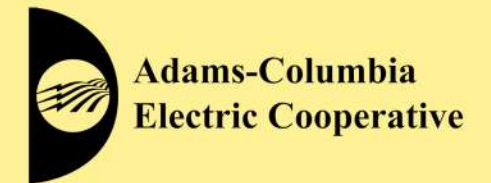
Did you know we offer prepaid billing? Similar to filling up your gas tank, you can prepay for the electricity you use. We'll send you daily notifications letting you know your account balance and daily energy consumption.

- It's easy to get started.
- You are in control of your balance. You only pay when funds reach the defined minimum or when you want to add additional funds.
- Stay up-to-date with low-balance reminders and other prepaid notifications to your phone and/or email.



Watch our short explainer video for more information on how prepaid works at www.youtube.com/watch?v=JfMreCzhkvg

Visit www.acecwi.com/prepaid-billing or give customer service a call at (800) 831-8629 to get started with prepaid billing.



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