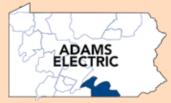
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# The cost to deliver power is going up



THIS PAST SUMMER YOU MAY recall we, as a co-op, were proud to be able to keep our rates unchanged while our neighboring investor-owned utilities were making significant increases. As is the co-op business model, we set our rates once a year. Meanwhile, others changed quarterly and imposed from 10% to 30% increases.

We're lucky to own 60% of our electric generation resources and only have to purchase about 40% annually on the market.

But the year is ending and with current power purchase contracts expiring, we will soon see our own rates impacted by higher market prices.

The good news is we have only raised rates by 2.9% in the last five years. The bad news is an increase is all but unavoidable come January.

As a reminder, there are two main components of your electric bill: the electricity itself and the cost to deliver that electricity to you. The electricity we provide to you comes from Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Allegheny) in Harrisburg.

Allegheny has notified us that the cost of electricity will rise about 30% in 2023. That's not to say member bills will be going up 30%; however, the cost the cooperative pays for electricity may rise by that much.

Your board and staff are working diligently on the 2023 budget and will do everything possible to lessen the impact passed on to members, without compromising the reliability of your service. While we don't know exact numbers yet, we think it's important to give our members as much notice as possible so they can budget for the future.

Remember, these numbers are estimates, and the actual increase won't be known until 2022 comes to an end. However, if nothing changes from these projections, it does look like the average bill for an Adams Electric member could jump \$20 to \$25 a month starting in January, which would show up on the February 2023 bills. That's an increase of between 13% and 17% for the average residential member who uses 1,250 kilowatt-hours of electricity monthly.

If you would like information about our incentive rates, including those offered to consumers who participate in the U-Shift, U-\$ave program, please visit our website, *adamsec.coop*, or request a copy of our products and services guide to learn more about those programs. You can also find other energy-saving ideas on our website or request a brochure on that topic, too.

While it is not easy having to communicate to you about rate increases, we do hope you find a little relief in knowing that we will work hard to keep those increases as low as we possibly can without jeopardizing the financial health of your cooperative.

As always, if you have any questions about the co-op, our rates, or the rate you are currently paying for electricity, reach out to our member services representatives or energy use specialists and have a conversation about those concerns. We'll continue to update you as the final numbers come together **Q** 

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# COMMUNITY ONNECTION POWERING LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

## **Council seeks to keep holiday traditions bright**

KAMI NOEL, CCC, COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER RELATIONS COORDINATOR

HOLIDAYS ARE ABOUT TRADITION, and this Christmas, one of the smaller municipalities in York County is undertaking a big project to keep its customs bright.

Members of the Fawn Grove Borough Council are raising money to replace 26 holiday decorations that have adorned the utility poles in the town for more than 30 years. Before that, they were used as holiday décor in Stewartstown. Harris Electric Service Inc. had installed the original brackets on the poles, and council members have been the ones to put the decorations up and take them down each holiday.

"We've talked about taking on this project for the last few years," Councilwoman Susan Glackin Miller says. "Every year we waited, it got more expensive."

The borough council was so invested in the project this time, it purchased the new decorations up front: four standing deer and 22 wreaths, all illuminated with warm-white LED lights. Each is polemounted, with the deer ornaments having 90 bulbs each and the wreaths just over 20.

"The lights we had for the town were all starting to deteriorate and stop working," Glackin Miller says. "They are beyond repair and looking ratty. Over these later years, we replaced some of the bulbs with LEDs as they burned out, but I certainly feel these new ones will be much more energy efficient."

The full price to replace the decorations was almost \$15,000. The borough has been campaigning since July, seeking sponsorships and



THE REIGNING DEER: York County's Fawn Grove was established when a lease for a tract of land was granted near the intersection of Baltimore and York roads, a known sporting ground for young deer, which were numerous at the time of the first settlement. Therefore, it's only fitting for the borough to use deer ornaments as its symbol of Christmas arriving each year.

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donations to help recoup some of the costs.

Harris Electric has again stepped forward to help and so has Adams Electric Cooperative, Penn Waste and other local businesses, as well as several individual donors who are chipping in to support the borough in reaching its fundraising goal. Just over \$9,500 has already been collected, but the push is on to get the remainder of the money in place before the town is lit up for the holidays.

"We're calling it 'Christmas in the Grove," Glackin Miller says. "It will coincide with the annual Firehouse Christmas Craft Show held by the Citizens auxiliary."

The big day, Nov. 19, will start off at Citizens Volunteer Fire Company, 171 S. Market St., Fawn Grove, with crafts, food, vendors and visits with Santa between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Next, visitors can enjoy children's activities at Fawn United Methodist Church, 67 S. Market St., from 4 to 6 p.m. Food trucks will be in the church parking lot from 4 to 6 p.m. as well. Throughout the day, local businesses will be hosting holiday open houses with door prizes and raffle drawings.

Then, at 6 p.m., there will be caroling in the town square, and finally, the lighting of the borough Christmas tree on the square at 7 p.m. The new decorations will also be illuminated for the first time beginning around 7 p.m.

"Each light will be mounted on its pole in advance. We can't get 25 guys on 25 poles all at once, so we will light them up through the night and it will be part of the whole celebration," Glackin Miller explains.

The evening will culminate with cookies and cocoa on the square.

Anyone wishing to participate in the activities is welcome to visit the town on Nov. 19 or throughout the holiday season. Residents or business owners who would like to contribute to the Christmas decoration fund (all donations welcome), should send a check to Fawn Grove Borough, P.O. Box 131, Fawn Grove, PA 17321. <sup>(a)</sup>

## Interested in serving as a co-op director?

**DO YOU HAVE 30 TO** 40 hours a month to read and attend committee or board meetings and do you enjoy occasional travel, all while learning and applying yourself to a leadership position in your community? Do you have what it takes to be a director of your local rural electric cooperative?

Now is the time to get engaged in the director election process if you are a cooperative member in good standing and reside in:

▶ Zone 3: Adams County townships of Berwick, Conewago, Germany, Hamilton, Mount Pleasant, Oxford, and Union, as well as the boroughs of Abbottstown, Bonneauville and Littlestown.

► **Zone 4:** York County townships of Conewago, Dover, Fairview, Jackson, Newberry, Paradise, Warrington and Washington, as well as the Borough of Dover.

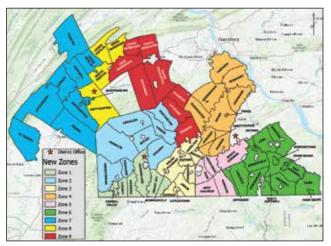
▶ Zone 9: Adams County townships of Latimore and Reading, as well as Cumberland County townships of Dickinson, Lower Frankford, North Middleton, South Middleton, and West Pennsboro, and the York County Township of Franklin.

Director candidates must meet all membership qualifications as set forth in the co-op's bylaws. The full membership will then elect one director each from Zones 3, 4 and 9 to help direct the business of the cooperative for the next three years.

Each candidate must complete a petition packet, including a personal profile and statement of candidacy, among other requirements. Candidates must also secure signatures and addresses of at least 15 Adams Electric Cooperative members on an official petition.

Candidate packets may be picked up, by appointment only, at any Adams Electric office, beginning Dec. 1. All required paperwork must be "actually and physically received" at the co-op's headquarters office in Gettysburg before 5 p.m. Jan. 31, 2023.





**DIRECTOR ZONES:** The map above outlines the cooperative's director zones as redistributed by the membership in 2019. This year's director election will accept candidates from Zones 3, 4 and 9.

For more information, contact the co-op's communications department at 800-726-2324. Learn more about being a co-op director at *adamsec.coop/director-responsibilities*.

### Dehoff named York superintendent



Shawn Dehoff of Dover was chosen to fill the position of line superintendent at the York District, effective Oct. 3. He will report to Mike Feathers, manager of operations. Dehoff replaces Mike Ward, who will retire in January.

Dehoff started with the co-op as an apprentice in 2001. He was then

Shawn Dehoff

promoted to journeyman in 2004, and finally lead lineman in 2014. Before his career with Adams Electric, he worked for Swam Electric and Gettle, Inc.

Dehoff is a graduate of York County Vocational-Technical School and completed three years of the Carroll County Community College Electrical Apprenticeship Program.

### Lineman earns promotion



Adams Electric Cooperative congratulates **Andrew Kuykendall** of Biglerville, who was promoted to journeyman second class in the operations department at the Gettysburg District on Aug. 10. He joined the co-op as an apprentice lineman in 2017.

Andrew Kuykendall

# NEWSWORTHY NOTES FROM AROUND YOUR COOPERATIVE

### Improving reliability

**TWO CONTRACTORS ARE WORKING ON** major system improvement jobs for Adams Electric Cooperative in the Gettysburg and Shippensburg districts.

O'Connell Electric, shown in the photo at right, is building a three-phase tie-line along Mount Carmel Road near Orrtanna that, when completed, will allow the removal of approximately 11 spans of hard-to-access, cross-county line.

E.G. Anderson is working in the Cleversburg area of the Shippensburg District along Neil and Cleversburg roads. This project will replace numerous poles and old conductors along these two roads. Once completed, the project will improve capacity and voltage for members served from this circuit.





**EDUCATION AND TRAINING:** A group of lineworkers from rural electric co-ops across Pennsylvania attend training in late September at the Adams Electric underground training yard. The co-op's Technical Serviceman Kornell Kuntz, left, served as an instructor and is shown "shorting out" a primary underground cable in a pad-mount transformer. Other lineworkers are viewing the demonstration on a display screen during the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association's annual Underground Residential Distribution School for line personnel. Adams provides six instructors from its operations department to help conduct the three-day training.

### **Co-op seeks owners of unclaimed 'rewards'**

When Adams Electric Cooperative retires Ownership Rewards to current and former members, some of that money typically remains unclaimed after a year. By law, this money cannot be used to affect rates; therefore, the co-op uses the unclaimed funds to support post-secondary education scholarships, invest in community projects and events, and aid members struggling to pay their electric bills. Ultimately, however, the goal is to return the funds to their proper owners.

The list printed below includes the names and last-known

locations of former co-op members who are owed a minimum of \$50 and have not yet claimed their 2021 returns. A complete list of all members who have yet to claim their Ownership Rewards is available at *adamsec.coop*.

If you know any of the individuals on the list below or published online, please contact our billing coordinator at *jaymeh@adamsec.coop* or call 800-726-2324 so we can take the proper steps to return these rewards to their rightful owners. Thank you!

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As an Adams Electric member, you are a part-owner in our cooperative business. When business is profitable, you reap the benefits through Ownership Rewards. However, when one member doesn't pay their bill in a timely fashion, all members could be affected through rates. If everyone joined Project Helping Hand (PHH), more members could receive assistance and help keep rates stable. Support your neighbor's and your cooperative's financial stability – choose to Round UP your bill.

#### How it works:

- Join the Round Up program through SmartHub or by calling the co-op.
- Your monthly electric bill will be rounded up to the next even dollar amount, on average this is about 50 cents a month. Annually, it could equal as little as 12 cents and no more than \$11.88.
- The money collected through Round Up is added to the cooperative's PHH member assistance fund, which has helped members keep the lights on for more than 30 years.

Note: Project Helping Hand donations directly help qualifying Adams Electric Cooperative members who are struggling to pay their electric bills. PHH is a fund of the Adams County Community Foundation and your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Please check with your tax adviser on deductibility. Donors will receive acknowledgement of gifts over \$10 via a letter from the Adams County Community Foundation, which helps administer the co-op's PHH program. The official registration and financial information of Adams Caunty Community Foundation may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

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### Notice of Hearing, under and pursuant to, Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA)

#### Adams Electric Cooperative seeks input on Energy Policy Standards

In 1978, the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act ("PURPA"; 16 U.S.C. Ch. 46, Sections 2601, et seq.) was enacted into law to encourage energy conservation, efficiency in the use of electric utility facilities and resources, and equitable rates for electric consumers. PURPA identifies energy policy standards for electric utilities to consider and determine whether it is appropriate to implement such standard(s). These standards are set forth in PURPA Section 111(d)(as codified at 16 U.S.C. Ch. 46, Section 2621(d)).

This Notice concerns the two most recent Federal standards under PURPA Section 111(d) (the "Two Standards"). These Two Standards were added to PURPA as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, as signed into law on Nov. 15, 2021.

The Two Standards are set forth below, along with a brief description of Adams Electric Cooperative's (the "Cooperative") activities and efforts already in place with respect to the Two Standards. The language of each Standard has been taken, in part, directly from PURPA Section 111(d); however, it is for informational purposes only and shall not, nor is it intended to, replace the full text of the law.

The Cooperative will consider the Two Standards and will determine if they are applicable to the Cooperative and if it is appropriate to implement all or a portion of the Two Standards.

This Notice is the official notice to the Cooperative membership and to the public of the opportunity to provide written comment on either, or both, of the Two Standards. All written comments must be received at the Cooperative by March 1, 2023. All timely written comments shall be considered at the hearing to be held by the Cooperative (as described below) on the Two Standards. The opportunity of the Cooperative membership and the public to contribute and participate in the hearing (as described below) on the Two Standards shall be through, and is limited to, the submission of written comments.

Should you wish to submit written comment on the Two Standards, please provide your submission: (a) via mail or other delivery service to Adams Electric Cooperative, Attention: Communications, P.O. Box 1055, 1338 Biglerville Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325, or (b) via email to *communications@adamsec.coop*.

The Cooperative will conduct a hearing on July 31, 2023, at its Gettysburg corporate offices at 1338 Biglerville Road, Gettysburg, PA to consider the Two Standards. Information and evidence to be received at the hearing and considered by the Cooperative will include, in part, all written comments that are about the Two Standards and which are received at the Cooperative by the March 1, 2023 deadline. After the hearing and on or prior to Nov. 15, 2023, the Cooperative's Board of Directors shall determine whether it is appropriate to implement the Two Standards, in whole or in part. The determination will thereafter be available to the Cooperative membership and the public.

#### PURPA 111(d)(20) standard (16 U.S.C. Ch 46, Section 2621(d)):

(20) Demand-response practices.

- (A) In general. Each electric utility shall promote the use of demand-response and demand flexibility practices by commercial, residential, and industrial consumers to reduce electricity consumption during periods of unusually high demand.
- (B) Rate recovery.
  - (i) Each State regulatory authority shall consider establishing rate mechanisms allowing an electric utility with respect to which the State regulatory authority has ratemaking authority to timely recover the costs of promoting demand-response and demand flexibility practices in accordance with subparagraph (A).
  - (ii) A nonregulated electric utility may establish rate mechanisms for the timely recovery of the costs of promoting demand-response and demand flexibility practices in accordance with subparagraph (A).

Current Co-op Activities: The Cooperative began its demand-response program in 1985. The program, referred to now as "U-Shift, U-Save," engages residential members to volunteer for installation of a remotely controlled switch on their water heaters, heating/cooling systems, or a separate subpanel that can be interrupted during times of peak energy usage. Members reduce their energy use and overall demand on the power grid, and in return receive a bill credit or reduced rate, depending on their participation. Commercial and industrial members can volunteer to participate in a load curtailment program, wherein the Cooperative can send an automated signal to shed loads or notify the member to shift their loads to another form of power, e.g., diesel generator, and receive a rate incentive. There are approximately 9,500 Cooperative members currently participating in the demand-response program.

#### PURPA 111(d)(21) standard (16 U.S.C. Ch 46, Section 2621(d)):

(21) Electric vehicle charging programs.

Each State shall consider measures to promote greater electrification of the transportation sector, including the establishment of rates that:

- (A) promote affordable and equitable electric vehicle charging options for residential, commercial, and public electric vehicle charging infrastructure; (B) improve the customer experience associated with electric vehicle charging, including by reducing charging times for light-, medium-, and heavy-duty
  - vehicles;
- (C) accelerate third-party investment in electric vehicle charging for light-, medium-, and heavy-duty vehicles; and
- (D) appropriately recover the marginal costs of delivering electricity to electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Current Co-op Activities: (Note: this new PURPA 111(d)(21) standard is directed to the State level; the Cooperative does not have authority to direct the State to implement, not implement, or adopt a modified version of the 111(d)(21) standard. However, as may be appropriate, if applicable, and within the scope of the standard as written, the Cooperative will voluntarily consider and make a determination on this standard.) The Cooperative is already promoting greater electrification locally. In 2019, the Cooperative saw the opportunity to utilize the existing U-Shift, U-\$ave demand management subpanel program to shift electric vehicle charging equipment to off-peak times. By doing this, our membership can avoid paying higher peak demand costs for purchased power. Members who utilize the U-Shift subpanel see a reduced kilowatt-hour (kWh) rate for the connected items they allow the Cooperative to interrupt during times of peak electricity demand, such as electric vehicle (EV) chargers. The Cooperative also added the "My EV" tab to its website. On the My EV pages, members can educate themselves on the pros and cons of electric vehicles and utilize a savings calculator to calculate their potential savings based on their electric rate, as well as access other information and resources pertaining to electric vehicles. The Cooperative's affiliate company, Adams Energy Resources, LLC, was also formed with the current goal of installing commercial charging stations to improve access to EV charging for the public.