

# THE OUTLET

The Official Member Newsletter of CORE Electric Cooperative (Formerly IREA)

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## Reliability Hits New Highs

CORE's most recent reliability numbers are **significantly better than last year's data for other Colorado electric utilities.**

As of September 2021, CORE members have had far fewer minutes without power than customers of other Colorado electric utilities when compared to 2020 reported data. More specifically, 72% fewer minutes than other cooperatives; 57% fewer minutes than investor-owned utilities (IOUs); and 23% fewer minutes than public power utilities.

The trend is the same for the average number of service interruptions per member. Through

|   | CORE<br>(as of Q3<br>2021) | 2020             |        |       |                 |
|---|----------------------------|------------------|--------|-------|-----------------|
|   |                            | All<br>Utilities | Co-ops | IOUs  | Public<br>Power |
| <i>Outage duration per member, in minutes</i>     | 32.153                     | 102.66           | 116.38 | 74.15 | 42.0            |
| <i>Average number of interruptions per member</i> | 0.431                      | 0.82             | 0.753  | 1.28  | 0.635           |

the third quarter of 2021, CORE members averaged much less than one outage per member. Compared to 2020 data, this is 66% better than IOUs, 43% better than other cooperatives, and 32% better than public power utilities.

At the peak of the record-setting blizzard this past spring, CORE

had fewer than 100 members without power and was able to help neighboring utilities in need. This feat and our excellent reliability statistics are due in part to CORE's aggressive vegetation management program, line inspections, and system improvement projects.

## CORE Gives Local Communities Star Power



CORE donates the electricity that keeps The Star atop Castle Rock butte lit through late January.

Photo courtesy of Nick Lucey

CORE is helping communities celebrate the holidays by providing a little "star power."

**We donate the electricity that keeps Castle Rock's and Palmer Lake's historic stars lit through the season.** Both stars were built in the 1930s to give residents hope during the height of the Great Depression, and now serve as beacons to people traveling along Interstate 25.

Castle Rock's 40-foot, 100-bulb star sits atop Castle Rock butte and was switched on at last month's annual "Lighting of the Star" event, of which CORE was a sponsor. It will remain lit through the end of the National Western Stock Show in late January.

Palmer Lake's massive 500-foot, 92-bulb star lays across Sundance Mountain. It typically remains lit through December, and is sometimes switched on for other special occasions.

## CORE Linemen Reach the Sky at International Rodeo

CORE linemen finished near the top at October's International Lineman's Rodeo in Overland Park, Kansas.

**Duncan Beth finished 8th** in the Apprentice Lineman REA Division and 50th among 182 competitors in the rodeo's Apprentice Lineman Best of the Best category. He also finished 21st in Hurtman Rescue, 28th and 37th in the two Mystery Events, and 37th in the Pole Climb.

CORE's Journeyman-level team of **Levi Collison, Grant Kleweno and Heath McCoy finished 9th** in

the REA Division, and 48th among 122 teams in the Best of the Best category. The team also finished 31st in the Pole Climb, and 50th in one of two Mystery Events.

Journeyman Lineman Foreman **Dustin Taylor was coach of CORE's competitors**, and Journeyman Lineman **Cody Griffin served as a rodeo judge**.

Thank you, Duncan, Levi, Grant, Heath, Dustin, and Cody for representing CORE and doing us proud!



## Flight for Life Touches Down at CORE Headquarters

Safety is a priority at CORE Electric Cooperative. Employees' most recent safety training was highlighted by visits from **Flight for Life Colorado**. CORE was happy to help Flight for Life continue its important work by presenting a donation of \$2,000. Thank you to Flight for Life and all other first responders!

## Brighten Someone's Holidays: Bring Us Your Unwanted Lights

Getting rid of unwanted string lights this holiday season? Skip the trash can and bring them to any CORE office through Jan. 31.

**We will recycle your unwanted lights and donate the proceeds to community food banks.** Last year,

CORE members donated nearly 6,000 pounds of lights.

String lights can be left in the marked bins at any CORE office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding Dec. 24 and 31. Office locations:

- 1092 Cedar St., Bennett
- 13404 Old U.S. Highway 285, Conifer
- 5496 N. U.S. Highway 85, Sedalia
- 800 N. Highway 67, Woodland Park

Lights must be free of all packaging, with no boxes or bags.

## Join the CORE Team and Let Your Skills Shine!

Join the dedicated employees who give CORE's members the Energy to Thrive!

CORE Electric Cooperative is currently hiring for positions in several departments. We offer competitive salaries, excellent benefits, and a friendly, relaxed culture with the opportunity to grow both personally and professionally. We also provide equal employment opportunities and believe in strength in diversity.

Visit [www.CORE.coop/careers](http://www.CORE.coop/careers) for more information and to apply.

