

# THE OUTLET

The Official Member Newsletter of CORE Electric Cooperative

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## Make the Clean Power Choice

CORE's new CLEAN Power Choice option is an easy, affordable way to **support renewable energy on the electric grid**.

Members can match energy usage with renewable energy sources without the upfront investment of rooftop solar, wind turbines, or even home ownership.

Members who sign up for CLEAN Power Choice have renewable energy credit (REC) retirements built into their monthly CORE bill. RECs serve as certification that 1 megawatt-hour of electricity was generated from an eligible renewable energy resource and distributed to the grid. RECs entitle members to claim the environmental attributes of the renewable energy represented by the REC, supporting renewable energy expansion.

CLEAN Power Choice has two options:

### 100% Offset

For \$0.0055 per kilowatt-hour (kWh), members can claim 100% renewable energy with RECs retired on their behalf equal to their entire purchase of electricity from CORE.

### Block Purchase

For members who want to claim a specific portion of their electricity as renewable, CORE offers a block purchase option in increments of 100 kWh, with each block \$0.55 per month. Participants pay a fixed monthly amount and can claim a share of their electricity purchases as coming from renewable sources, not to exceed 100% of the previous annual electric consumption.

Learn more and enroll today at [www.CORE.coop](http://www.CORE.coop) > My Account > Clean Power Choice.



# CORE's public EV charger network continues to grow

CORE continues to add to its network of **publicly accessible electric vehicle chargers**.

We recently cut the ribbon on a Level 2 EV charger at O'Brien Park in Parker. It joins a network of CORE-owned Level 2 and Level 3 chargers in Bailey, Bennett, Castle Rock, Deer Trail, Douglas County, Elizabeth, Kiowa and Sedalia. Additional chargers will soon come online in Franktown, Palmer Lake and Woodland Park.

CORE members are entitled to a discounted rate of \$0.15 per kilowatt-hour at CORE-owned Level 3 chargers, and an even lower rate at CORE-owned Level 2 chargers. Note: Enrollment in CORE's ChargePoint driver group is required.

Visit [www.CORE.coop](http://www.CORE.coop) > News and Resources > Electric Vehicles for more information about our public chargers and the discounted driver group, as well as other EV resources.



## Rate changes take effect this month

Changes to CORE Electric Cooperative's rates and regulations take effect starting with this month's bills.

The changes include increases to base rates, updates to several service fees, discontinuance of advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) opt-outs and minor updates to other parts of the rates and regulations.

Residential members will see an average rate increase of approximately 3.3%. The monthly basic service charge increases to \$17.25, and the "on-peak" demand charge increases to \$3.

The changes are necessary to allow CORE to continue to deliver safe, reliable power. In the last decade, CORE's rates have gone up about 11%, even as inflation has grown 34% and our operational costs have increased 42%.

Even with the upcoming changes, **average bills for CORE residential members will remain lower than those of most other Colorado electric utilities**, many of which plan to increase or have recently increased rates by 8% to 10%.

Visit [www.CORE.coop](http://www.CORE.coop) > My Cooperative > Rates and Regulations for additional information about CORE's rates, including a redlined version with all changes.

## Safety poster contest ends March 31

CORE invites students in grades 1 through 5 to help us promote electrical safety through our annual **Electrical Safety Poster Contest**.

One winning poster from each grade will earn its creator \$50, plus \$500 for books and supplies for their classroom. Artwork from all participants will be used as part of Electrical Safety Month in May. All artwork must include a tip, slogan

or message about electrical safety. It can be hand-drawn or digitally created, but must not include copyrighted images or content, or be created with the assistance of AI. The deadline to submit artwork is 5 p.m. Sunday, March 31.

Visit [www.CORE.coop](http://www.CORE.coop) > My Community > Electrical Safety Poster Contest for additional info and entry form.