

# THE OUTLET

The Official Member Newsletter of CORE Electric Cooperative

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## Rate changes take effect next month

As was noticed with March bills, changes to CORE Electric Cooperative's rates and regulations will take effect starting with May 2025 bills. Residential members will see an average rate increase of approximately 3%. More specifically, the changes:

- Increase the monthly basic service charge for most residential and commercial accounts
- Increase the on-peak demand charge for most residential and commercial accounts
- Decrease the per-kilowatt-hour (kWh) rate for most residential and commercial accounts

The changes also include minor updates to and clarifications of other parts of CORE's rates and regulations. 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 14%, even as inflation has grown 38% and our operational costs have increased 40%.

Even with the May 2025 changes, average bills for CORE residential members will remain lower than most other Colorado electric utilities. We understand even a slight increase affects our members, though, and will continue to prioritize the affordability, reliability and safety of the energy we provide.

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

**40%**

**Increase in costs for CORE to deliver electric service since 2013**

**38%**

**Inflation since 2013**

**14%**

**Total increase in CORE base rates since 2013**

## CORE remembers former District 7 Director Hier

The CORE Electric Cooperative family mourns the passing of former District 7 Director George Hier, who served on the cooperative's board for more than 20 years.

George was a sixth-generation resident of Sedalia and well-known businessman in the surrounding communities. In addition to his service in the 1990s and early 2000s with the cooperative — then Intermountain

Rural Electric Association — he spent significant time on other local, regional and state boards, including that of the Douglas County Planning Commission.

George is survived by his wife, Joyce, and an extended family of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, many of whom still call the Sedalia area home.



## CORE CLEAN Power Choice

In celebration of Earth Month this April, CORE is excited to bring awareness to the CLEAN Power Choice option. This program offers an **easy and affordable way for members 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. Each REC serves as certification that 1 megawatt-hour of electricity was generated from an eligible renewable energy resource and distributed to the grid. RECs support renewable energy expansion and entitle members to claim the environmental attributes of the renewable energy represented by the REC.

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 priced at \$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.

Visit **[www.CORE.coop](http://www.CORE.coop) > My Account > Clean Power Choice** to learn more or enroll.



### Are you prepared in case the power goes out?

Colorado's extreme weather brings increased risk of service interruptions. Visit our online Outage Center at **[www.CORE.coop/outage-center](http://www.CORE.coop/outage-center)** to sign up for outage alerts, report a service interruption and learn tips for outage preparedness.

## Practice safe digging and excavation

Colorado 811 makes it simple for homeowners and professionals to excavate safely. **Before you dig, submit a utility locating ticket request online or call 811.** This ensures underground cables, wires and utilities are marked to prevent damage and ensure safety.

To request a locate, visit [www.Colorado811.org](http://www.Colorado811.org) or dial 811 at least three business days before any digging.

Professional utility locators will mark the locations of underground electric, gas, cable, phone and other lines with flags and paint within the designated area at no cost.

## Grants for graduating high school seniors

CORE will award \$2,000 grants to 35 graduating high school seniors who plan to continue their education.

Five high school seniors from each of our seven director districts will be chosen at random via a lottery-type drawing at the May 2025 Board of Directors meeting.

Visit **[www.CORE.coop](http://www.CORE.coop) > My Community > CORE Commitments > Education Grants** for more information and to apply. The deadline to apply is 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 30.