

THE OUTLET

The Official Member Newsletter of CORE Electric Cooperative

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October is National Cooperative Month

October is National Cooperative Month, a time to celebrate the unique value cooperatives bring to their communities. At CORE, we're proud to be a member-owned electric cooperative. That means we're not owned by investors or shareholders; we're owned by you and your neighbors, and we offer what we call "the co-op difference."

Local

Founded in 1938 by residents in the Bailey area, CORE has grown to serve more than 160,000 voting members, which makes us the largest electric cooperative in Colorado and one of the largest in the nation. Yet we still operate locally, and our employees live and work in the same communities we serve.

Through CORE's volunteer program, employees spend a workday supporting local nonprofits and charities. We also partner with community programs, businesses and organizations to give back in meaningful ways. Initiatives like our Electrical Safety Poster Contest and Education Grants directly benefit local youth.

As your local cooperative, we're committed to delivering reliable electricity and responding quickly during outages. We invest in our grid to enhance system resilience and work to ensure an efficient and responsible power supply.

Member-owned

You have a voice in how we operate, including the opportunity to elect a fellow member to represent your district on CORE's Board of Directors. Each board member serves a four-year term and helps shape the

policies that guide our cooperative.

No other utility model offers such a direct connection between the organization and the people it serves. Learn more about our Board of Directors at www.CORE.coop > **My Cooperative > Leadership.**

Not-for-profit

As a not-for-profit cooperative, we reinvest margins back into our infrastructure and raise rates only when absolutely necessary.

We also return capital credits to members whenever possible. In September 2025, we returned \$12.25 million in capital credits to our members. Over the past decade, we've returned more than \$120 million.

Each year, we calculate our operating margin — the difference between revenues and expenses — and allocate it to members based on their electricity use. When the board approves a retirement of these allocations, eligible members receive a check or bill credit. The amount depends on how long you've been a member and how much electricity you used during the retired years.

Capital credits represent your ownership share in CORE. They're tracked in a separate account and accumulate over time. Learn more at www.CORE.coop > **My Account > Capital Credits.**

Thank you for your membership. We are honored to provide you with *The Energy to Thrive*.

Consider joint membership

Married members can choose to establish a joint membership, in which both spouses jointly own all capital credit allocations. Joint memberships dissolve upon divorce or the passing of one spouse. To learn more about this option, visit www.CORE.coop > **My Account > Capital Credits.**

Keep your contact info current

Even if you move out of CORE's service area, keep your contact information up to date to ensure we can return capital credits to you in the future. Accurate contact information also helps us respond to outages and keep you informed.

Explore CORE.coop

Visit www.CORE.coop for everything from account information and energy efficiency tips to safety resources and cooperative updates.

CORE and partners plant hydroponically grown native trees



CORE joined forces with FarmBox Foods and the Highlands Ranch Community Association (HRCA) to plant trees grown in CORE's vertical hydroponic container farm. This collaboration explores how hydroponic technology can support large-scale propagation of native trees. These trees were planted in the HRCA Backcountry Wilderness Area, protected land dedicated to conservation, recreation and outdoor education. Children from Wild Roots, a year-round, nature-based early childhood program, joined the effort for hands-on learning.

Join CORE in giving back

As part of our mission to improve lives and communities through choice and innovation, CORE partners with local programs, businesses and organizations throughout the year to support members in our service area.

Now you can join with CORE to make a big impact in your community.

CORE coordinates with Colorado Gives so our members can make a difference for those struggling with economic hardship. We invite you to consider supporting organizations that lend a helping hand to your neighbors.

Your contribution will assist community members with CORE



electric utility bills and other necessities.

For more information on CORE Gives, scan the QR code or visit www.CORE.coop > **My Community** > **CORE Gives**.



Annual meeting set for April 25, 2026

The annual meeting of the membership of CORE Electric Cooperative will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 25, 2026, at CORE headquarters, 5496 N. U.S. Highway 85, Sedalia, CO 80135.

The meeting will include:

1. The presentation of reports covering the previous fiscal year.
2. All other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Please note: Registration is from 9 to 10 a.m. the day of the meeting.

Changes made to CORE bylaws

CORE Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors approved at its Aug. 28 regular meeting changes to the cooperative's bylaws to clarify the board of directors election process.

Both the redlined version of the bylaws and full revised bylaws are available at

www.CORE.coop > **My Cooperative** > **Notices & Documents** > **Bylaws**.

CORE is hiring!

Take your career to the next level. CORE offers exceptional benefits and resources to ensure continued growth. For more information on current job openings and descriptions, visit www.CORE.coop/careers.