

THE OUTLET

The Official Member Newsletter of CORE Electric Cooperative

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CORE completes power supply transition

CORE Electric Cooperative completed our transition to a new power supply portfolio this month.

The change moved our cooperative from a single wholesale supplier to a **diversified mix of renewable energy, battery storage and natural gas generation.**

CORE will also continue to receive power from the Comanche Unit 3 coal-fired generation facility until its retirement. This structure maintains reliability, supports

rate stability and helps us meet Colorado's clean energy requirements.

"This transition marks a defining moment in CORE's 87-year history," said CORE CEO Pam Feuerstein. "Guided by our vision to be the premier energy provider for an ever-changing future, this milestone positions CORE to deliver on that promise for generations to come."

Learn more at www.CORE.coop/transform.



CORE's electrical safety poster contest is open!

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

The 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 cannot include copyrighted images or content, or be created with the assistance of AI.

The deadline to submit artwork is 5 p.m. Monday, March 2.

For more information or to submit artwork, visit www.CORE.coop > My Community > CORE Commitments.



CORE to award grants for graduating high school seniors

Since 1988, CORE's board of directors has awarded **grants to graduating high school seniors who plan to continue their education.** Each year, we award 35 grants — five per director district — of \$2,000 each. Grant recipients are chosen via a lottery-type drawing, as there are no

scholastic requirements. The names of five students from each of the seven CORE director districts will be randomly drawn to receive the grants.

The applicant — or applicant's parent or guardian — must be a CORE member to be eligible. The applicant must also:

- Be a graduating high school senior in 2026;
- Submit an acceptance letter from a college, university or vocational/trade school; and
- Return a completed entry form by 5 p.m. Friday, April 24.

For more information and to apply, visit www.CORE.coop > **My Community** > **CORE Commitments.**



Winter safety tips

Winter in Colorado can be unpredictable, with heavy snow, freezing temperatures and high winds one day, followed by sunny skies and warm temperatures the next. Check out the tips below to **stay safe and prepared for the wide range of Colorado weather.**

Prepare your home

Make sure your pipes are insulated and outside hoses are turned off and disconnected. Check the heating systems in your house and seal any drafts with weather stripping or caulk to keep in the heat.

Winterize your vehicle

Use winter tires for better traction. Check tire pressure regularly, as it can drop in cold weather. Build or buy an emergency kit for your car.

Stock up on supplies

Store non-perishable food items, bottled water, batteries, flashlights and basic over-the-counter medicines in case of severe weather.

Stay informed

Sign up for local weather alerts to get up-to-date information. Visit CORE's Outage Center at www.CORE.coop to sign up for outage alerts and get tips.

By following these tips, you can navigate the winter months in Colorado with confidence and peace of mind. For more information on how to be prepared, or to report an outage, visit www.CORE.coop > **Outage Center.**

Rate changes begin this month

Continued, significant increases in what CORE pays to deliver power have prompted our elected board of directors to approve changes to the cooperative's rates and regulations that take effect with this month's bills.

The changes will result in **an average rate increase of 6.7% across our residential, commercial, industrial and other services.** More specifically, the changes increase the demand charge and per-kilowatt-hour (kWh) rate for most services. For members on our residential service, the on-peak demand charge will increase to \$5.47. The residential energy charge will increase to \$0.1155 per kWh. The monthly basic service charge will remain \$20.

Visit www.CORE.coop > **My Cooperative** > **Rates and Regulations** > **Rate Changes** for more information, including a redlined version of the Rates and Regulations that take effect this month.

CORE raises rates only when necessary. Our goal is to keep rate increases as low as possible, even as we continue to deliver safe, reliable power. We have implemented our recent rate changes as multiple smaller increases instead of a single, large increase. This approach allows CORE to respond more accurately to real-time cost changes, carefully review budgets, delay non-essential capital projects and identify savings opportunities. It also is intended to make rate changes more manageable for our members.