

THE OUTLET

The Official Member Newsletter of CORE Electric Cooperative

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DIRECTOR NEWSLETTER

Dear member,

As part of our recent district rebalancing, I may be a new face to some of you. I'm honored to serve as your board director and look forward to working together to support our cooperative's mission and your community's needs.

CORE has achieved a historic milestone by transitioning from our legacy power supplier to a dynamic, diversified energy portfolio that gives us greater control and flexibility, strengthens our foundation for long-term cost stability, and brings us closer to Colorado's greenhouse gas emission reduction goals and requirements. This work is accompanied by our outstanding reliability figures, supported by ongoing maintenance and system improvement programs such as cycled pole testing and drone inspections. CORE's financial strength is further demonstrated by our "AA-" Fitch credit rating and the retirement of \$12.25 million in capital credits to our members in 2025. For more details, visit www.CORE.coop/transform.

Looking forward, the utility industry is evolving rapidly, and CORE is prepared for these dynamic times. Guiding our efforts is our newly created Strategic Plan, which sets priorities for 2026 and beyond. We turn our plans into real results through special projects called Strategic Initiatives. Three of the Strategic Initiatives use innovative tools and approaches to prepare for tomorrow's challenges:

- **Grid Advancement:** We're building a smarter, more flexible energy system to keep rates competitive and give members more control. By changing our power supplier, we will soon be able to join a regional energy market to buy and sell power as demand changes and create a future-ready grid that uses real-time data and advanced technology to maximize reliability and efficiency to help keep costs down.
- **Data Strategy and Roadmap:** We're turning data into insights that help us serve members better. By using advanced analytics and AI, we'll understand needs more clearly and streamline work so employees can focus on what matters most. This means investing in the right tools, systems and training to make it happen.
- **Capital Improvements Planning:** We're investing in important projects with a long-term view, making sure we deliver reliable service at competitive rates through careful planning and forecasting.

You can learn more about all Strategic Initiatives and read the full Strategic Plan at www.CORE.coop/strategic-plan. Thank you for your membership and trust.



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Current System Improvement projects in District 5

- Spring Valley Substation, Transmission Line & Feeders
- Several line rebuilds
- CR166 CWC Rebuild

For more information on CORE's System Improvement projects visit www.CORE.coop > My Cooperative > System Improvements or scan the QR code below.





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**.

Preparing for spring storms

As Colorado shifts from winter to summer, spring in Colorado can lead to hazardous storms, so keeping the following safety precautions in mind will help you stay ready and protected.

• Stay connected.

Register for CORE power outage alerts at the Outage Center at www.CORE.coop and your local government emergency alerts. Plan to monitor local weather, news and social media for detailed information during large outages.

• Prepare an emergency kit.

Have an emergency kit ready with essentials such as water, non-perishable food, flashlights, batteries, a first aid kit and any necessary medications.

• Secure outdoor items.

Bring in or secure outdoor furniture, decorations and other items that could become projectiles in strong winds.

• Stay indoors.

During severe weather, stay indoors and away from windows. If a tornado warning is issued, move to a basement or an interior room on the lowest floor of your home.

• Use caution.

If the storm brings heavy, wet snow, take breaks while shoveling to avoid overexertion. Use proper techniques to prevent injury.

• Have a communications plan.

Ensure all family members know how to contact each other in case of an emergency. Designate a meeting place in case you are separated.

• Check home safety devices.

Verify that smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are functioning properly. Ensure first aid kits and fire extinguishers are not expired.

For more information, visit: www.CORE.coop > **Outage Center**.

Annual meeting set for April 25

The annual meeting of the membership of CORE Electric Cooperative will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 25, 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.

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

Per Article IV, Section 10 of CORE's bylaws, a member may vote by written, signed proxy on all questions. A printable proxy form is available at www.CORE.coop > **My Cooperative > Notices & Documents > Annual Meeting**. The presence of a member at the annual meeting revokes any proxy by that member.