Home Is Where Our Heart Is

MESSAGE FROM
GENERAL MANAGER CLINT GARDNER

THE DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES AT COLEMAN COUNTY ELECTRIC Cooperative want to see our community succeed. Why? Because we live here, too. We’re local people working for local good. That’s the essence of Cooperative Principle No. 7, Concern for Community.

First and foremost, we strengthen our community by doing what we do best: providing reliable electricity at a reasonable cost. We are a dynamic part of our community. As the area grows, so does our distribution system.

At Coleman County EC, we pursue policies and projects that are good for the community because what’s good for our community is good for our cooperative.

We have strong roots in this community. Coleman County EC has been in business here for more than 80 years. Part of the benefit of this stability is the assurance that we are not going anywhere. Our business began here, and we won’t pull up stakes to pursue greener pastures elsewhere.

We pay our employees fair wages, which helps strengthen the economy when they spend that money here. And by providing well-paying jobs, we keep our towns healthy because employees and their families don’t have to move away to make a living. The more people we have here paying taxes and patronizing local businesses, the more vibrant our community will be. Strengthening our local economy makes sound business sense.

But the benefits to the community aren’t just financial. We open doors for our young people with scholarship programs and the annual Youth Tour trip to Washington, D.C. We teach children safety through programs in schools and online. We help our members save money and reduce their environmental impact by recommending energy efficiency measures. We strengthen the community by supporting local charities. We help our members and neighbors in need by contributing to efforts like food drives and Relay For Life.

The co-op is made up of people who care. Our employees go out of their way to better their communities. They coach youth sports teams, serve on school committees and participate in church activities. They are co-op members like you, and like you, they want to make their hometowns stronger.

Remember—when it comes to Coleman County EC, our community is where our hearts are.
Capital Credits Allocated

CAPITAL CREDITS WERE RECENTLY ALLOCATED TO THE ACCOUNTS OF COLEMAN County Electric Cooperative members for 2017.

After the end of each fiscal year, cooperatives must determine what, if any, margins were made during the year and allocate them to members’ accounts. Your cooperative’s margin is any money left after all operating costs have been paid for the year. Because members are also owners of the cooperative, that money is returned to their accounts.

These capital credits will be returned to members at some time in the future, when doing so will not weaken the financial condition of the cooperative.

In the meantime, the funds remain invested in the cooperative plant while credited to each member’s account, even if a member disconnects a meter from Coleman County EC’s lines. That’s why it is very important that departing members keep the co-op informed of their current mailing address—so that they can receive capital credits allocations when they are paid.


An individual’s capital credits can be calculated by multiplying the member’s total annual bill by the factor listed below for the appropriate consumer classification.

Notice that we have listed two columns below: One shows the factors for Coleman County EC’s distribution (power sold to our members), and the other shows factors for our generation and transmission co-op (power we purchased from Golden Spread EC). Being a member of Golden Spread EC has enabled us to return to our membership G&T allocations.

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In calculating your total bill, include the security light charge but do not include any tax, service or miscellaneous charges. If you have any questions concerning these calculations, please feel free to contact the co-op office for your correct allocation for 2017.