

Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative, Inc.



EPA's impact on your power bill



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As a big Ohio State fan, sometimes I occasionally disagree with an official's decision. I know officials are needed to enforce rules of the game, but I've seen mistakes and bad calls made.

In many ways, officials' mistakes mirror what's going on with government regulation regarding electric utilities and electricity production. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) writes the rulebook for power suppliers such as Buckeye Power,

and EPA also serves as an official, enforcing the rules of the game.

At Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative, we're committed to keeping your electric bill affordable. So you can understand why I disagree when I see EPA folks make bad calls that put pressure on how much you pay for power.

Over the past two years, Congress debated, but never passed, a comprehensive climate change bill. Into this void, EPA has stepped forward and has now fielded a team of new regulations. Out of these "players," three could hit electric bills out of the park.

Clean Air Transport Rule: This rule kicks in next year and aims to cap power plant emissions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides from state to state between 31 eastern states and the District of Columbia. By 2014, EPA claims the rule, when combined with other state and federal measures (such as Maximum Achievable Control Technology, or MACT, rules for mercury emissions), will reduce sulfur dioxide emissions from power plants by 71 percent and nitrogen oxides emissions by 52 percent from 2005 levels, but it will cost utilities \$2.8 billion every year to comply.

Cooling Water Intake Requirements: Power plants use water from lakes or rivers to cool generating equipment.

While screens and various components prevent fish and other wildlife from entering water intake pipes, EPA thinks this equipment could be improved. We're expecting a rule proposal this month, and the impact could be severe. The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), the nation's bulk power grid watchdog, claims if this rule is strictly enforced, one-third of U.S. electricity capacity may need to be retired. The immense cost to replace one-third of the nation's base load would dramatically impact members.

Coal Ash: To ensure the safe disposal of fly ash and other residues (bottom ash, scrubber sludge and slag) produced by coal-fired power plants (known as coal combustion residuals, or CCRs), EPA is considering whether or not to designate the materials — for the first time — as hazardous waste.

Complying with this rule could cost billions and would also halt recycling efforts. Right now we use one-third of all fly ash as a Portland cement substitute — and for every ton of concrete replaced by fly ash, a ton of greenhouse gas emissions is avoided. On four prior occasions — most recently under the Clinton Administration in 2000 — EPA determined CCRs do not warrant regulation as a hazardous waste. Not only did EPA find CCRs rarely, if ever, exhibit a hazardous waste characteristic, the agency also concluded states can safely manage CCRs under federal nonhazardous waste rules.

Holmes-Wayne Electric is committed to keeping you informed about government regulations that may dramatically increase the cost of electricity. We're joining co-ops nationally to ask Congress for a much-needed time-out — a two-year moratorium on EPA regulation of carbon dioxide greenhouse gases. A delay would give lawmakers the opportunity to fashion climate change legislation that protects you, our consumers, and keeps electric bills affordable.

We're working together to keep your electric bills affordable. We're controlling costs through innovation. And we're continuing to put you, our members, first. No matter what the future brings, one thing is certain. We're Looking Out for You.

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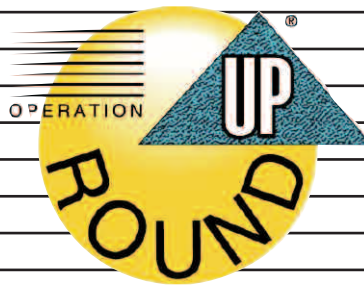
GIVING BACK

\$207,078.08

Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative closes the fifth year of our Operation Round Up program, and you, the members, have made a dramatic impact on our community. In 2010 you assisted more than 58 families and organizations by simply rounding up your electric bill to the nearest dollar. That spare change has allowed for the foundation to give more than \$59,000 back to our community in 2010. In the last five years more than \$207,000 has supported victims of fire, abuse, homelessness, emergency medical needs, food and many more situations and needs. **Thank you!**

Assist with transportation for cancer treatments — Big Prairie	\$500.00
Assist family with furniture and clothing following house fire — Wooster	\$1,000.00
ACS Patient Navigator Program — transportation for treatments in Holmes & Wayne counties	\$1,000.00
Assist a family with beds for children — Big Prairie	\$810.00
Holmes County Summer Mission	\$2,000.00
Assist family with cost associated with cancer — Wooster	\$1,650.00
Church of God — Food Pantry — Millersburg	\$1,000.00
Assist elderly couple with car repairs — Glenmont	\$308.20
Assist family with furniture and clothing following house fire — West Salem	\$1,000.00
Assist family with car repairs for medical treatments — West Salem	\$617.13
Assist family with furniture and clothing following house fire — Marshallville	\$1,000.00
Holmes County Cystic Fibrosis Benefit	\$500.00
West Holmes High School — gym floor cover	\$1,000.00
Emergency medical assistance — Glenmont	\$518.22
Assist family with used gas stove — Millersburg	\$101.17
Generator for Red Cross shelter — Glenmont	\$2,500.00
Assist elderly couple with hot water tank replacement — Dundee	\$515.18
Assist with transportation for cancer treatments — Big Prairie	\$100.00
Assist family with furniture and clothing following house fire — Apple Creek	\$1,000.00
Assist with medical equipment needs — Lakeville	\$2,275.00
Triway High School — weight room	\$1,000.00
Farmers and Hunters Feed the Hungry — Holmes and Wayne County programs	\$2,000.00
People to People Ministries	\$1,000.00
Assist with meals for six orphans — Wooster	\$1,000.00
Assist family with furniture and clothing following house fire — Wooster	\$1,500.00
Assist family with cost associated with medical emergency — Lakeville	\$400.00
Holmes County Home — processing of meat from donated fair animals	\$807.84
Nashville Elementary School — PTO	\$300.00
Assist five families with furniture and clothing following house fire — Millersburg	\$5,500.00
Wooster YMCA after-school program	\$1,000.00
Wayne County Red Cross — assist with costs associated with tornado	\$2,000.00
Salvation Army, Christian Children's Home & People to People — processing of donated fair animals	\$2,484.16
Assist a family with beds for children — Millersburg	\$522.72
ALS Association	\$1,261.25
Adaptive Sports Program — new soccer program for Ashland, Holmes and Wayne counties	\$2,000.00

Every Woman's House — Holmes County	\$1,000.00
Every Woman's House — Wayne County	\$1,000.00
Share a Christmas — Holmes County	\$1,000.00
West Salem Outreach & Food Pantry	\$1,000.00
American Red Cross — Wayne County	\$1,000.00
American Red Cross — Holmes County	\$1,000.00
Hospice — Wayne County	\$1,000.00
Hospice — Holmes County	\$1,000.00
Light House Love Center Food Pantry — Millersburg	\$1,000.00
Salvation Army — Wayne County	\$1,000.00
Salvation Army — Holmes County	\$1,000.00
Viola Startzman Health Clinic — Wooster	\$1,000.00
Town and Fire Rescue Toy Drive — West Salem	\$1,000.00
Christian Children's Home — Wooster	\$1,000.00
Meals and More — West Salem	\$500.00
Assist family with medical costs — Wooster	\$3,000.00
Assist family with furniture and clothing following house fire — Wooster	\$1,000.00
Total	\$59,670.87



Holmes-Wayne Electric Announcements

HWEC Board of Trustees election

Soon the Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative nominating committee will be meeting to designate members of the cooperative who will run for the board of trustees in the 2011 election process. This year election is for District 4, consisting of Berlin, Saltcreek, Mechanic and Clark townships in Holmes County and the Village of Clark and Clark Township in Coshocton County; District 5, consisting of Prairie, Monroe and Hardy townships in Holmes County; and District 6, consisting of Chester and Plain townships in Wayne County.

If you are a member of the cooperative living in any of these areas, you can run for election via a nomination from the nominating committee or personally submitting your nomination in writing. The written self-nomination must include 15 signatures of members in the election district and be submitted no later than March 30. Please contact Robyn Tate at the cooperative office if you have any questions or interest in the trustee election.

Keeping you informed

HWEC works hard to provide reliable service to all of our members. There are times when the cooperative must create a temporary planned outage. In order for us to contact members on such an occasion, it is important that all cooperative members maintain an active phone number on file.

A correct phone number in the HWEC system also allows for quick reference for after-hours outage reporting. If you currently do not have an active or correct phone number, please contact the office toll-free at 866-674-1055 to update your account.

Adding to your business or farm?

A friendly reminder that if you are adding to your business or farm, please contact Holmes-Wayne Electric to discuss your future electric needs. Additions of equipment can directly impact your service needs and the overall electric load required by the cooperative. Please contact Kenny DePriest toll-free at 866-674-1055.

High School Seniors

*Are your parents members
of an electric cooperative?*

You could win a college, vocational or
technical school scholarship of:

\$5,310*

Contact your electric
cooperative for details on
how you can enter

Second place: ...\$4,465

Third place:\$4,185

Fourth place:\$4,070

Fifth place:\$3,960

Sixth place:\$3,845

Seventh place: ..\$3,725

* Seven scholarships for both
the boys' and girls' division will
be awarded statewide and
amounts include local Holmes-
Wayne first-place awards

1. Applicants must be a son, daughter or legal ward of Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative member living on the lines and receiving service at the time of the statewide competition.
2. All applications must be submitted (typed) on forms obtainable on request from your local high school guidance office or at our website hwecoop.com.
3. All applications must be postmarked or submitted to the office of Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative by **February 11**.
4. Applicants must have all basic credits for college or proper** vocational or technical school entrance. They must have a current career average of "B+" (3.5 on a 4-point scale) or better and must be accepted, then enrolled (when they receive the award), in the accredited college or proper** vocational or technical school of their choice.
5. Any applicant who has received a full-tuition scholarship to the school of their choice is not eligible for a scholarship from OREC.
6. All scholarships must be accepted in the first academic year after proof of enrollment is received by OREC.
7. Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative local 1st place winners in both boys' and girls' division will be eligible to participate in the statewide competition.
8. Local winners will include both girls' and boys' division of \$2,500 first place, \$2,000 second place and \$1,500 third place.

**For information contact:
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Toll-free 866-674-1055**

**Proper vocational or technical schools must educate beyond high school and credits earned must be transferable to a state-accredited college.