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Clean coal technology? It's not an oxymoron and already helps co-ops

About 90 percent of your electricity is generated from burning coal. This has contributed greatly to keeping your electric rates affordable throughout the years. Coal is abundant and relatively inexpensive.

But coal-fired power plants can be sources of pollution. The world saw this fact illustrated during the Beijing Olympic Games last year. China has little or no pollution control on its coal-burning power plants and is constructing new fossil fuel generation units as quickly as it can. Its citizens were seen throughout the Olympics wearing masks to avoid breathing in pollutants from the hazy, smog-laden air.

Things are different in this part of the world. Our investment in environmental controls began in the 1970s, long before the current emphasis on climate change and global warming. Buckeye Power, the generation-and-transmission cooperative that provides wholesale electricity to the 25 distribution cooperatives serving Ohio, owns two units at the Cardinal Generating Station on the Ohio River. It began installing pollution control equipment back in the 1970s and continued these efforts as new technology became available. By 2012, the base load generation owned or controlled by Buckeye Power will have full emission control capability for removal and reduction of particulate matter, nitrogen oxide (NO_x), sulfur dioxide (SO₂) and mercury.

Ohio electric cooperatives are helping clean up the air we breathe. That's a good thing, even if we pay higher wholesale rates for our electricity than we did in the 1970s and '80s. Today, about 15 percent of your electric bill is related to environmental investments. Here is what we've accomplished:

Precipitators — About 14 percent of the coal that is burned to make electricity is not consumed and remains as particles of clay, rock and minerals known as ash, similar to the ash left when you've built a campfire. About 80 percent of this nonburnable material is light enough to float out of the boiler along with hot gases. It's called fly ash. Electrostatic precipitators at the Cardinal plant prevent fly ash from being discharged into the atmosphere. These precipitators remove more than 99.5 percent of the fly ash produced by burning coal. The other 20 percent of the ash produced, which falls to the bottom of the boilers, is called bottom ash. It's stored in ponds and sold as an ingredient in road construction material, cinder blocks, or for snow and ice control on highways.

SCRs — Late in 2001, Buckeye began to install selective catalytic reduction (SCR) technology at Cardinal units 2 and 3 in order to reduce emissions of NO_x. The SCRs reduce NO_x in flue gas by 90 percent when they are in operation.

FGDs — The most recent environmental project at Cardinal is the addition of a flue gas desulfurization (FGD) system. The FGD scrubs approximately 98 percent of SO₂ produced during the generation process. By utilizing FGD and SCR systems in

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President's Report

By
Glenn Miller



Save the stamp...

Holmes-Wayne offers several convenient ways to pay your electric bill anytime of day. More than 2,000 members are taking advantage of these free and convenient options.

Option 1: Pay your bill online at www.hwecoop.com

This option is available 24 hours a day, every day of the year. It also allows you to pay your bill at the convenience of your home or if traveling away from home and saves you the stamp and cost of writing checks. Plus we offer debit and credit card payment options. You also can review past bills and consumption history. While you're there, check out our Energy Adviser section where you can learn new tips on ways to reduce your electric consumption.

Option 2 : Pay your bill through automatic payment

By completing the form on the following page, your bill will automatically be paid. It doesn't get any easier than this!

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to call our office toll-free at 866-674-1055. We're your local member/owned cooperative, here to serve you!



\$962,102.56

in capital credits returned to you, the members of Holmes-Wayne

If you were a member of HWEC in 1988, you should have received a check in the mail in June as a refund of capital credits.

If you were a member of the cooperative during 1988, have moved off our lines and you did not receive a check (the minimum amount returned is \$10), please contact Vicki Bilek at the cooperative office at 866-674-1055.



Reminder please check your August Country Living for the Annual Meeting recap and the listing of returned capital credit checks.

Clean coal

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series at Cardinal, mercury also is effectively removed from the flue gas.

Almost 30 years of environmental investment by Buckeye Power and Ohio's electric cooperatives proves through reduced emissions that "clean coal" power plant operation can be

achieved. It requires vision, commitment, technology and willingness to pay a little more for electricity today to make a better world tomorrow.

Coal is too important a fuel resource for us to abandon.

AUTHORIZATION FORM — ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

Please complete and return or fax this form to: Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative, Inc.
P.O. Box 112
Millersburg, OH 44654-0112
Fax: 330-674-1869

Customer Information:

Name (as shown on bill) _____

HWE account number _____ Telephone # _____

Service address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

I authorize Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative, Inc. to instruct my financial institution to make my payments to them from the account listed below. I understand that I control my payments, and if at any time I decide to discontinue this payment service, I will notify Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative, Inc. in writing, allowing 60 days for cancelation of this arrangement.

Signature _____ Date _____

Direct Payment:

Financial institution name _____

Type of account Checking Savings

Account number _____ Bank routing/Transit number _____

Please enclose a voided check so that we can record the correct financial information.

Credit card payment:

Type of credit card VISA MasterCard

Credit card number _____ Expiration date _____

Please note: Once you are placed on the EFT Payment Program, if you have two returned payments due to insufficient funds or two declined credit card payments, your account will be removed from the program. Also, if you have authorized credit card payments, please inform our billing department of the updated expiration date when you receive a new credit card. Please continue to read your meter and submit the reading on our Web site at www.hwecoop.com, or via e-mail, phone or mail. Thank you.

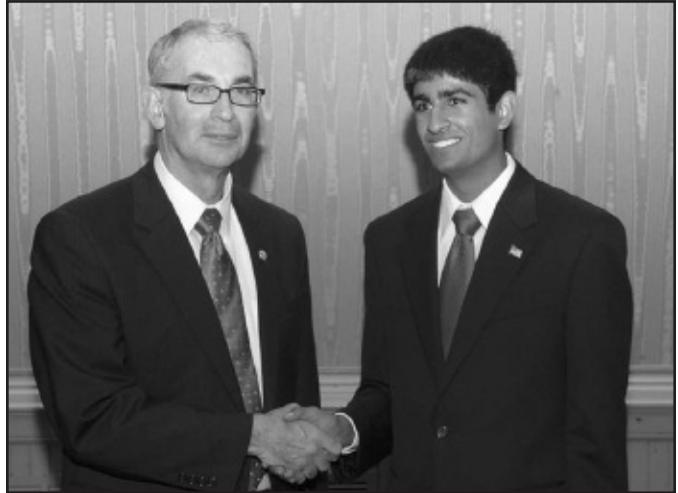
Holmes-Wayne scholarship winner takes top honors

Tony Ahern, left, president and CEO, Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc., congratulates Sharanbir Grewal, son of Parwinder and Sukhbir Grewal, Wooster, who won first place and a \$2,625 scholarship in a statewide competition sponsored by the Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc. in Columbus.

Forty-five students representing 24 electric cooperatives in Ohio competed for \$20,260 in scholarship awards. Winners were announced at a banquet following interviews with scholarship judges during the day.

Grewal was sponsored by Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative. The Wooster High School graduate placed first at the local cooperative competition in March, receiving a \$1,000 scholarship. The local scholarship consisted of 39 students representing 11 area high schools.

Grewal will be majoring in international relations at Georgetown University.



Legislative Conference

Holmes-Wayne Electric board members Dave Mann and Don Buren, as well as President/CEO Glenn Miller, are pictured with other representatives of Ohio cooperatives on the steps of the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. Staff visited Congress in early May to express concerns regarding proposed cap-and-tax legislation that could dramatically impact Holmes-Wayne members' bills as well as all of Ohio's electric consumers.

HWEC staff earns professional certification



Brent Schrock, HWEC Contractor Supervisor, recently completed the Certified Arborist/Utility Specialist examination administered through the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) and the local chapter of the ISA. The ISA is a scientific and educational organization devoted to the dissemination of information in the care and preservation of shade and ornamental trees.

Schrock manages Holmes-Wayne's tree trimming program. Holmes-Wayne has a four-year tree trimming cycle that allows for all substations' service territory to be evaluated and trimmed in an effort to reduce tree-related outages and provide reliable services to our members. Schrock will use the certification to maintain elite standards of practice within the tree care program.