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Members generating power

In January's issue, I expressed Holmes-Wayne Electric's commitment and responsibility to inform you, a member-owner of your electric Cooperative, about the very important topics of energy consumption and renewable energy.

Last month, I conveyed the investment in renewable energy pilot programs that our generation and transmission Cooperative, Buckeye Power, currently is monitoring. I hope that you took the time during the last month to look at the real-time data available on Buckeye Power's Web site, www.buckeyepower.com.

This month I would like to share Buckeye Power's newest renewable energy project. This project, a methane digester, is taking shape on a farm near Ft. Recovery. Wenning Poultry, home to more the 580,000 chickens, soon will provide electricity to Ohio's electric Cooperatives.

This project is among the first of its kind in the nation. The \$2 million anaerobic digester system will include three 600-kilowatt engines fueled by gas collected from the chicken waste digester. The system will be interconnected to Midwest Electric Cooperative in St. Marys and flow all of its output through a meter, at which point it will be purchased by Buckeye Power. The 1.8 megawatts of output is expected to be nearly continuous. Buckeye will purchase all of the output.

In 2006, Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative adopted a similar Renewable Energy Program. This program allows members to produce their own electricity through renewable options such as wind, solar or methane gas, and continue to receive electricity from their connection to Holmes-Wayne Electric's distribution system. The program is set as a net metering program so the member can sell excess electricity to Holmes-Wayne or purchase additional as needed when the renewable is not providing enough electricity. The member must meet the safety guidelines of the program to participate. The Renewable Energy Program information can be obtained anytime by contacting the Cooperative office.

This is another example of both Buckeye Power's, as a generation and transmission Cooperative, and Holmes-Wayne Electric's, as a distribution Cooperative, commitment to providing additional options to our members and using a variety of resources to meet the future energy demands and environmental issues we face in the electric industry.

President's Report

By
Glenn Miller



Conservation Corner

As energy costs continue to rise, consumers are looking for ways to reduce their energy use. Although there are many good ideas out there, there are many misconceptions as well about what really is effective. Here are some of the most common myths and the facts to set you on the right path:

Myth: Computers, monitors and other office equipment will use less energy and last longer if they are left running all of the time.

Fact: Turning equipment off overnight does not shorten its life, and the small surge of power that occurs when some devices are turned on is much smaller than the energy used by running equipment when it is not needed. In fact, leaving computers and other office equipment on overnight and on weekends wastes significant amounts of energy and also adds to the wear and tear on the equipment. In general, turn off equipment you are not using or make sure that energy-saving features on networks or individual machines are enabled. Some office equipment, including printers and scanners, features small transformers that use energy even when the equipment is turned off. Plug all such devices into a power strip so that they can be shut down completely with one flick of the switch.

Myth: I should run my HVAC 24/7 to avoid an increased demand charge from the “spike” that occurs when the equipment starts.

Fact: Although turning on HVAC equipment will cause a power spike on the order of fractions of a second, this period is not long enough to have any impact on demand charges. Demand charges are based on the average power used in a facility during 15-minute periods. The spike from turning on such equipment does not last long enough to significantly affect this average. Not only are there no significant demand savings from running HVAC equipment continuously, but there is a significant downside as well. Equipment life can be considerably shortened, and unless the equipment is designed to operate at continuously variable capacities, it likely will not be able to properly match the cooling load and will waste energy and decrease comfort.

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Meet an employee of our HWEC team!



Holmes-Wayne Electric serves an eight-county area with two offices, one located in West Salem and one in Millersburg. Ed Walton is the utility man for the West Salem location. Ed is responsible for managing inventory, shipping and receiving, assisting with meter reading and additional warehouse tasks.

In 2008, Ed is celebrating 35 years of service for Holmes-Wayne Electric. He is graduate of Northwestern High School. He and his wife, Beverly, live outside of Medina. Ed enjoys outdoor activities like hunting, fishing and riding his motorcycle.

New automatic bill payment plan

In today's busy world, Holmes-Wayne Electric wants to make your life a little easier. We now are providing automatic electronic funds transfer (EFT) from your checking, savings or credit card account. It is a simple, hassle-free way to pay your monthly electric bill. EFT will initiate a payment transaction from the applicable account on the 20th day of the month or the first business day thereafter, for the amount of your electric bill. No more writing checks, no more mailing costs, no hassles.

Once the EFT process is established for your account, you will continue to receive the same electric bill. The only difference will be a note printed on your bill indicating the payment will be debited from your bank account or charged to your credit card.

You will need to continue to submit your meter reading. You may do this by simply logging onto our Web site at www.hwecoop.com and use our E-Bill feature, or send an e-mail to jbaker@hwecoop.com. You also may mail in your reading or call 1-866-674-1055 or 330-674-1055 to submit it by phone.

If interested, complete and return the authorization form below. Expect one to two months before the EFT payment process begins on your account. Please remember to reduce the balance reflected in your checkbook by the amount of the payment. Also, verify each month that adequate funds are available for the EFT bill payment. If funds are insufficient to cover the amount of the debit, the payment will be treated as a "Not Sufficient Funds" (NSF) item, and an additional charge of \$28.50 will apply.

We hope that you will find this method of payment convenient. Please notify the Cooperative in writing if you wish to withdraw from the EFT payment option, allowing 60 days for processing.

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

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 cancellation of this arrangement.

Signature _____ Date _____

Direct payment Financial institution's 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 _____ [] VISA or [] 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.

Important!

Medical Awareness Certification

Is someone living in your home with a medical condition that requires electrical assistance? If so, you must notify Holmes-Wayne by completing the form below to be added or remain on our Medical Awareness list.

HWEC's Medical Awareness list is used to notify you of any planned outages for maintenance and repair, as well as uncontrollable outages such as weather conditions or car accidents. During these "standard" outages, the member on the list is given first consideration when your specific line is being restored.

Holmes-Wayne makes every effort to keep power flowing to every member's home at all times. Because of factors beyond our control, it always is our recommendation that you create a backup plan in case of a power outage. This may be as simple as having a generator or another location to relocate to if such a case should occur.

The Medical Awareness Certification form must be completed on an annual basis.



Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative, Inc. Medical Awareness Certification

If you or someone in your home is dependent on medical equipment operated by electricity, please provide the following information:

Name _____ Map location _____
Address _____ Phone number _____
_____ Cell phone _____

We request the attending physician please complete and certify the following information:

Equipment in use _____
Physician's signature _____ Date: _____

Return completed form in your next bill or to: **Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative, Inc.**
Attn.: Medical Awareness List
PO Box 112, Millersburg, OH 44654

Nominating Committee report

The 2008 meeting of the Nominating Committee, appointed by the Board of Trustees, was held at the Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative office in Millersburg, on Thursday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. Eight of the nine districts were represented by the members listed below. A special thanks to the appointed members for their willingness to work on the Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee selected 10 members in order of qualification for each of the three districts (districts 4, 5 and 6) for the 2008 trustee elections. The current vice chairman of the Board will contact the list of potential candidates.

Any member from district 4, 5 or 6 may nominate a trustee candidate for the trustee election in writing by March 17. The candidate must live within the election district and all nominations must include 15 signatures of members in the election district.

All nominations will be posted at the Cooperative office according to the Holmes-Wayne Electric Code of Regulations.

Dist. 2 — Tom Brewer
Dist. 3 — William McKee
Dist. 4 — Wes Starker
Dist. 5 — John Crone
Dist. 6 — Craig Garrett
Dist. 7 — Nate Johnson
Dist. 8 — Gene Varns
Dist. 9 — Dan Burkhart