




# Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative, Inc.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Being served by an electric cooperative is something special. Our business model assures the focus on delivering reliable, safe and economically priced electricity to those we serve, you are a member-owner. We need to do all we can to preserve the model for the future in an environment that doesn't always appreciate our uniqueness.

Being part of the political and legal process is a key to preservation. You can strengthen our political presence by becoming a member of the Co-op Owners for Political Action® (COPA). COPA is a political action committee that supports both state and federal lawmakers who will speak for and protect the interest of cooperatives and their member-owners. Now more than ever, cooperative members are recognizing the importance of participating in the political process of communicating to our representatives concerns with maintaining affordable electric to rural communities.

Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative remains vigilant of ever-changing emission regulations affecting the power plants we rely on every day. Emission regulations should be fair, affordable, and achievable because only a realistic plan can ensure long term success.

In the past, Co-op owners have been instrumental in stopping costly legislation, while remaining committed to a clean environment. Ohio Electric Cooperatives have invested more than \$1 billion over the last decade to upgrade our generating units with state-of-the-art environmental controls. Our base load generation facility, Cardinal Power Plant, is one of the cleanest power plants in the world and meets all guidelines outlined in the Clean Air Act.

We have proven our commitment to being good stewards of the environment while balancing the importance of keeping our electric rates affordable to our members. Enclosed you will see our current generation portfolio that describes the different avenues your cooperative is using to continue in providing reliable, clean, and affordable power.

That's why we ask for your continued support to prevent future regulations that could disproportionately affect cooperative members like you. Member engagement is the heart of the cooperative. Without strong support from our member owners, the traditional grass roots strategy can quickly erode.

On the back side of this letter is further information regarding the COPA program. Also, below is an enrollment form if you are interested in joining. Please feel free to complete the enrollment form and return with your bill payment, via fax at 330-674-1869 or electronically at [newmember@hwecoop.com](mailto:newmember@hwecoop.com).

On behalf of the Holmes-Wayne Electric Board of Trustees and staff, we would like to thank the HWEC members who have already joined COPA and those members considering raising your voice in support of electric cooperatives. Maintaining a strong grassroots presence in the political process is vital to the long-term success of our cooperative.

Best Regards,

Randy Sprang  
Board Chairman

Glenn W. Miller  
President/CEO

Yes! I want to help keep the voice of rural cooperatives heard in the political process by participating in Co-op Owners for Political Action®. Please add the following amount to my monthly electric bill:

\_\_\_\_\_ Regular Member: \$2.08 per month(\$25 per year)      \_\_\_\_\_ Century Club Member: \$8.33 per month (\$100 per year)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_ Already a member

I affirm that my contribution has been made with non-corporate funds:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_



Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative, Inc.; PO Box 112; Millersburg, Ohio 44654

\*Federal Election law requires the following information for contributions equal to or exceeding \$200

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

All contributions to ACRE/COPA are strictly voluntary. You may refuse to contribute without reprisal. Contributions to ACRE/COPA are not tax deductible for federal income tax purposes. Contributions may be stopped at any time upon notification to Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative, Inc.