



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO

CO-OP POWER: RELIABLE, AFFORDABLE, AND SAFE

At Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative, we have a mission to provide you safe, reliable access to electric power, offer that service as affordably as possible, and do both of those things in a fiscally and environmentally responsible fashion.

Because Holmes-Wayne Electric is a not-for-profit cooperative, we don't have to worry about distant shareholders. As an organization, we are well-positioned to make any necessary investments to ensure safe, reliable, and affordable electricity.

Your cooperative is represented by a nine-member board of trustees who are members of the cooperative throughout our service territory. The board reviews monthly HWEC financial reports. Additionally, they complete systematic strategic plans for infrastructure upgrades and other capital investments, and they also utilize a third party to review our retail rates.

We are currently in the midst of the rate review process, assessing not only the cost to maintain and manage our distribution system but also the future cost of purchasing wholesale power.

Our wholesale power generation facility, Buckeye Power, continues to work diligently to meet continuously changing regulations. As an organization, we also continue to provide factual information to our

legislators at both the state and federal level. In all our communication, we emphasize the importance of the impact of policies and laws on you, the members, who pay their electric bills every month.

We are considering all of these factors and many more. In next month's edition, I will share the results of our rate study. GDS Associates Inc., an independent, nationally recognized consulting firm headquartered in Marietta, Georgia, is working with HWEC personnel to complete the analysis. They will make recommendations to the board of trustees if they determine that changes need to be made to our retail kWh rates, capacity charges, and/or our monthly consumer charge, which is the monthly service fee that generates revenue needed to provide electric service to each meter in our almost 2,300-mile system.

While considering the need for any adjustment to our rate structure, we will continue our year-round commitment to providing you the information and tools necessary to manage your energy consumption and your electric bill.



Glenn W. Miller
PRESIDENT/CEO





Energy-efficient windows in four easy steps

Looking to save money and increase the comfort of your home? These simple measures can help.

Windows provide natural light and a panoramic view of the outdoors, but they can also add to your energy bill by creating cold air drafts in the winter. This is especially true if you have older, single-pane windows.

Although upgrading to new energy-efficient windows will reduce your energy costs, an expensive window replacement project may not fit your budget. Fortunately, there are a number of simple, low-cost measures you can take to improve the efficiency of your existing windows.

1. Weatherize

Caulking and weatherstripping are two of the easiest and most cost-effective ways to reduce leaks and drafts due to small cracks and gaps around window frames. Use caulk to seal gaps around window frames. Install weatherstripping to tighten window panels, while leaving room for opening and closing.

2. Use window treatments

Shades, blinds and draperies save energy by reducing summer heat gain and winter heat loss.

Shades are the simplest, and often the most effective, window treatment for saving energy. Mount shades close to the glass with the sides touching the wall to create a sealed space. In the winter, raise shades on south-facing windows during the day and lower them at night.

Draperies may help to reduce heat loss, depending on the color and weight of the fabric. Studies have shown that conventional draperies can reduce heat loss by 10%.

3. Install storm windows

Storm windows save energy by reducing air leakage. They can be installed on the inside or outside of windows and are available in plastic or glass. Interior storm windows are more convenient; they're easier to install and maintain. Glass units offer better visibility and longer life. Plastic panes cost less and are easier to install and remove with the changing seasons.

4. Install window film

Window films are available as a simple, do-it-yourself project for reducing winter heat loss. The film is typically sold in sheets that you can cut to fit each window. Attach the film to the window frame with double-sided tape and use a hair dryer to shrink the film, creating a tight seal. Low-emissivity (low-e) window film is made from a nearly invisible metallic coating that is more effective at reducing heat loss. However, low-e film is more expensive and more difficult to install than standard film.

If you decide to replace your windows, select units that are ENERGY STAR certified. ENERGY STAR windows are 15% more energy efficient than standard models. The Efficient Windows Collaborative provides valuable information on window selection, performance and available incentives.

As always, your cooperative has an on-staff energy advisor, Kenny DePriest. Contact Kenny for any questions you may have or to schedule a home energy assessment.



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Service Awards

Holmes-Wayne Electric would like to recognize these employees and trustees who recently celebrated a milestone in their careers with the cooperative!



Terri Adams
Member Services Representative
10 years



Taylor Harris
Class A Lineman
5 years



Nolan Hartzler
Supervisor GIS Mapping and
SCADA
15 years



Matt Morris
Class A Lineman
5 years



Robyn Tate
Human Resources and
Community Relations
15 years



Tim Vickers
Contract Coordinator and Staking
Technician
15 years



Ronnie Schlegel
Board Trustee
35 years



Jonathan Berger
Board Trustee
5 years



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