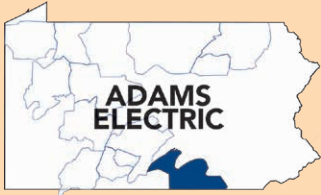




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Keeping Members Connected



STEVE RASMUSSEN

ADAMS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE IS IN the business of powering what matters. Our focus is getting you connected with the programs and services that can save you money and make your life a little easier. We “get connected” in ways you probably don’t even see through all the engineering technologies that take place behind the scenes here. Your board President Dale Myers and I addressed this and other topics during the cooperative’s recent annual business meeting May 14 in Gettysburg.

One of the many benefits of our cooperative business model is maintaining a strong financial position. Our consumer-members reap the benefits of that connection through the cooperative’s return of patronage capital credits. We call these Ownership Rewards, and after you’ve been a member for about five years, you start to receive payback for the power you’ve used in previous years. The co-op retired \$3 million in Ownership Rewards in 2025, which brings the total retired to more than \$61 million over our more-than-85-year history.

We are owned by the members we serve. Therefore, we invest money to provide reliable electrical service and maintain a financial reserve to help keep rates stable. Returning that money to our members through Ownership Rewards is an important benefit of being a cooperative member. It’s our mission to keep your rates competitive and keep you informed about changes that affect you.

Today, our rates are among the lowest in the state, even with a moderate increase this year. For the average residential member who uses 1,250 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity per month, the bill went up about 12%, or \$23.75, a month in 2026.

Rates are something we talk about a lot in the community and boardroom. And it’s great that we’re able to keep them as low as possible, still give you money back in Ownership Rewards and put an appropriate amount of money into maintenance programs to keep your service reliable. Your rates also do not limit our connection to the community. Cooperative boards around the country discuss rates and other challenges, but our mission also includes helping friends and neighbors.

We’ve made a lot of investments through the years to ensure our members have a person to talk to when they call the co-op, whether it’s for a rate question or a bill concern. We’ve been connecting our members to nonprofit assistance agencies for more than 40 years, primarily through the Project Helping Hand program, and more recently, through the co-op’s Hardship Fund with New Hope Ministries.

We also connect with the youth of our community by sending high school juniors on Youth Tour, awarding high school seniors and college undergrads with scholarships, and demonstrating electrical safety for elementary school students and emergency responders.

We made a special connection to one specific youth in 2025, when Kendall Woods of New Freedom was chosen as the Youth Leadership Council ambassador from Pennsylvania. A senior at Susquehannock High School, she is such an impressive student-athlete, who ran an amazing cold-weather clothing drive for us this past winter.

The colder months can be especially hard for our members, and we have a new-and-improved way to help you manage your electric bills. We give out helpful brochures with more than 100 energy-saving suggestions and provide multiple resources throughout our communities where members can turn for help. That said, one program really stands out for saving our members money.

The load management program has been in place since the late 1980s. We connect devices in our members’ homes that can interrupt their power flow during the hottest

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A Fun Way to Get Around Gettysburg

KAMI NOEL, CCC, COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER RELATIONS COORDINATOR

COMMUNITIES DON'T GET ENOUGH OUTSIDE activity anymore. Trading in four wheels for two wheels or even two feet is not only a health benefit, but it's also environmentally friendly and fosters community engagement.

Biking and walking reduce carbon emissions and increase sustainable transportation options. In addition, bike paths and trails create opportunities for social interaction. In Adams County, the nonprofit organization Healthy Adams Bicycle/Pedestrian, Inc. (HABPI) has been advocating for more road space since 2005.

"The only way we get things done is working with local government and helping them address other issues — sewer, stormwater management — that are mutually beneficial to us," says HABPI President Eric Meyer, a member of Adams Electric Cooperative.

A new trail?

Best known for its Gettysburg Inner Loop (GIL) project, HABPI's all-volunteer organization helps plan for, fundraise and develop new infrastructure for outdoor recreation.

The GIL is a network of roads, alleys and off-road trails that enables safe travel around Gettysburg Borough. It is being built and added to in phases, with new sections opening every few years. These trails are as simple as shared-lane arrows on the roads or as formal as an off-road path.

The 501(c)(3) organization's newest venture, which may start near the co-op's Gettysburg office along Biglerville Road and to which the co-op has donated financial support, is the Boyds School Road Pathway Project.

HABPI is exploring a possible 1.6-mile trail for pedestrians and bicyclists that would be developed along



ERIC MEYER

HITTING THE TRAILS: Adams Electric members Eric and Betsy Meyer of Gettysburg hit the trails for a bike ride. Eric is president of Healthy Adams Bicycle/Pedestrian, Inc., a nonprofit that develops infrastructure for outdoor recreation.

Boyds School Road between Route 34 (Biglerville Road) and Old Harrisburg Road. The trail will connect to the existing North Gettysburg Trail, which runs along Old Harrisburg Road and connects the Borough of Gettysburg and Gettysburg Area High School.

"Right now, we're at the tail-end of a feasibility study, which evaluates costs, right-of-way easements, routing for the pathway and how to address these issues," says Meyer. "C.S. Davidson has been critical in the planning and infrastructure design. And townships like Straban and Cumberland are starting to see the value in adding provisions to their ordinances that promote adding this type of infrastructure to their pre-build requirements for developers, like Table Rock Terrace, which is currently being sited on Boyds School Road."

Meyer noted that HABPI is not just about building trails, it's also about advocacy in action, noting how the group has installed bike racks, signage for bike safety and a bike repair station in the borough, engaged local government, and written numerous grant requests seeking project support.

"We engage with the general public and stakeholders to learn about the community's needs, concerns and level of support for a project," he says.

HABPI has a few annual fundraisers to increase project support. This fall, it will host a kids' bike parade, a tradition at the annual Gettysburg Heritage Festival, and its 11th Ride for Trails, which offers three optional routes for riders, all beginning at the Gettysburg Rec Park on Long Lane.

For more information, visit HABPI.com.



HABPI

LOOPING AROUND GETTYSBURG: Brad Lancaster and Jen Yablonsky, background, ride with their family on the Gettysburg Inner Loop, having just crossed the Susan Naugle "Blue" Bridge and Stephens Run in Gettysburg Borough. The trail was built by Healthy Adams Bicycle/Pedestrian, Inc., which is exploring a project near Adams Electric's Gettysburg office along Biglerville Road.

**FROM THE
CEO/GENERAL MANAGER**

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and coldest days of every month. This, in turn, saves members money on electric use and the cooperative money on avoided power purchases.

I mentioned this program is both new and improved. The improvement is that in 2026, we received a LEEP grant to increase the bill credits our voluntary participating members receive for their connection to the U-Shift, U-\$ave program. The new part comes in the creation of one-time bill credits for members who have never participated in load shifting before but are now installing interruptible U-Shift switches and meters in their homes so we can connect them to the program benefits.

We've added roughly 15 devices a month since January with the introduction of the one-time installation credits for water heating, air conditioning, controlled EV level II charging, and our favorite: interruptible U-Shift panels, which save members 40% on all the power running through the separately metered panel.

Since the program started, the co-op has saved more than \$30 million in avoided power purchases thanks to more than 10,000 members participating in various program incentives. The reliability these investments bring to our membership is priceless.

Speaking of reliability, it's safe to say that because of the investments we've made in engineering technologies, our reliability numbers are hard to beat. In nearly the last 10 years, our outage numbers in comparison with neighboring investor-owned utilities (IOU) have stayed level, while the IOU numbers have continued to rise exponentially.

A lot of that has to do with our comprehensive vegetation management program and our dedication to inspecting and updating our distribution system regularly. Most important, we have dedicated employees who work extremely hard to ensure safe and timely restoration of your electric service when needed.

Our cooperative employees have a wealth of knowledge and experience; they are trusted energy advisers.

We make it a priority to be more than just your electric distribution utility. It's our mission to connect you to the safest, most reliable and competitively priced power every day, all while helping improve the quality of life in the communities we serve. It's our job to stay connected. 📶

STEVE RASMUSSEN
CEO/GENERAL MANAGER



HEATHER OGEZ-WALLAS, RISK MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR, ADAMS ELECTRIC

COMPLEX CONSTRUCTION: The line crew from Adams Electric Cooperative's Shippensburg District, with some assistance from members of the Gettysburg and York crews, replaces a triple-circuit pole outside the Shippensburg office. With three buckets in the air, the lineworkers moved the bottom three-phase circuit, which is shown.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY
TIP OF THE MONTH

During these warm summer months, a smart thermostat can help keep your home comfortable while reducing cooling costs. Smart thermostats learn your routine and automatically raise the temperature when you're away and cool things down before you return, avoiding unnecessary energy use. You can also adjust settings remotely from your phone, so you're never cooling an empty house. Setting your thermostat a few degrees higher while you're away or asleep can lead to significant savings. Many smart thermostats provide reports and tips, helping you fine-tune your energy use and stay cool while keeping your electric bill in check.



Taking the Co-op Message to Legislative Leaders

KAMI NOEL, CCC, COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER RELATIONS COORDINATOR

ADAMS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE LEADERS traveled to Washington, D.C., and Harrisburg recently to urge policymakers to take action and support reliable, affordable electricity amid skyrocketing demand.

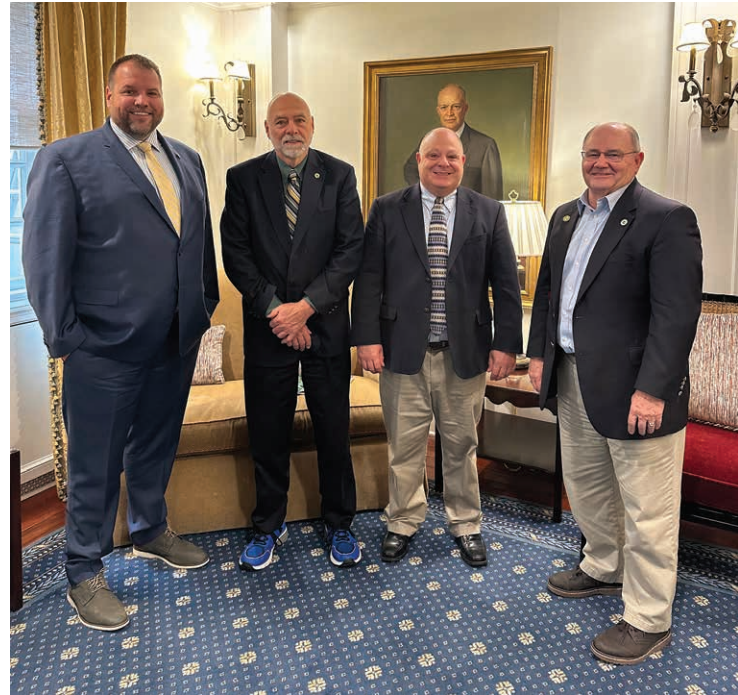
Co-op leaders spent two days in Washington, D.C., for the annual National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Legislative Conference, visiting the federal offices of Senate and House members to advocate for smart-energy policies that help co-ops deliver reliable electricity at rates their consumer-members can afford.

Leaders asked lawmakers to focus on four major pieces of legislation: FEMA reform, the bipartisan Fix Our Forests Act (wildfire mitigation), permitting reform, and increased funding for the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Electric Loan Program. Among the details leaders discussed were:

- ▶ FEMA reform is critical to speeding up the delivery of relief funds to electric cooperatives after natural disasters occur.
- ▶ Fix Our Forests would give cooperatives more leverage in removing “danger trees” on federal lands, including removing trees 150 feet into a right of way as opposed to the 10 feet currently allowed by law on government land.
- ▶ Under permit reform, the SPEED Act and the PERMIT Act would help protect affordable power nationwide by reducing delays for cooperatives seeking federal approval to make crucial system improvements.
- ▶ The RUS loan program helps electric cooperatives pay for construction, improvement and modernization of their systems. Cooperatives are asking Congress to boost funding and urging RUS to raise its loan cap.

During time in Harrisburg in May for the annual Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association Legislative Event, state legislators were given three critical take-away messages:

- ▶ Electric cooperatives are locally owned, member-driven organizations covering more than one-third of the Commonwealth and serving more than 600,000 consumer-members.
- ▶ Electric cooperatives keep power affordable through their not-for-profit, member-owned structure, owned energy resources through Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc., energy-efficiency programs and strategic use of federal cost-saving initiatives.
- ▶ Rising electricity demand — driven primarily by large loads like data centers and limited new generation — has increased energy and transmission costs, underscoring the need for policies that fairly assign costs to



ADVOCATING FOR CO-OPS: This year’s lobbying team from Adams Electric included, from left, Safety/Key Accounts & Accounting Manager Mike Johnson, board President Dale Myers, CEO/General Manager Steve Rasmussen, and Director Gene Herritt, who represents Pennsylvania on the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association’s Board of Directors and is treasurer of the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association’s board.

large-load users and accelerate new power generation in Pennsylvania.

To learn more about the co-op’s legislative initiatives, join our political action committee (PAC), America’s Electric Cooperatives PAC, or our national grassroots engagement group, Voices for Cooperative Power. Learn more at adamsec.coop.



DRU HARTMAN

LINEMAN PROMOTED

Effective April 10, Dru Hartman moved to journeyman third class in the York District. He started with Adams Electric in January 2023. Dru currently lives in York.



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