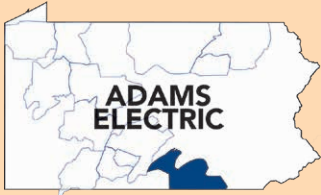




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A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 



One of 14 electric cooperatives serving Pennsylvania and New Jersey

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## Back to Our Roots



**STEVE RASMUSSEN**

**AS WE BEGIN TO REFLECT** as a nation on the 250th anniversary of America, it brings me back to the roots through which rural electric cooperatives began. I'd like to share some of that history — as well as some history of our own cooperative — here with you.

The Rural Electrification Act was passed by Congress on May 11, 1935, and set up the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) a year later under President Franklin D. Roosevelt to help spread electricity to rural areas. In 1994, a reorganization of the U.S. Department of Agriculture placed rural electric cooperatives under a division called the Rural Utilities Services and eliminated the REA.

Today, electric cooperatives serve about 12% of the population of this country. More than 800 electric cooperatives provide power to 19 million homes, schools, churches, and businesses — or to more than 42 million people in 47 states.

Electric cooperatives have an average of seven members per mile of line compared with 34 customers per mile of line for investor-owned utilities (IOUs), like FirstEnergy companies. Adams Electric Cooperative's density is greater than many co-ops, with 11 members per mile of line. Electric cooperatives collect annual revenue of about \$15,000 per mile of line, while IOUs collect about \$75,500 per mile of line.

Adams Electric and other electric cooperatives are "not-for-profit," and therefore, their margins (income, minus expenses and working capital) are retired to their consumer-members based on their use of the cooperative's service. This margin distribution is called patronage capital. We call it "Ownership Rewards."

Cooperatives pay all the taxes paid by other forms of business, including real estate, payroll and excise taxes. However, corporate income tax is based upon profit, and because cooperative profit is returned to members, the cooperative does not pay this tax.

In a cooperative, the ownership and control is in the hands of the consumer-members. This is one of the Seven Cooperative Principles and the reason we often say, "We are owned by those we serve." The other six principles are: voluntary and open membership, members' economic participation, autonomy and independence, education, training and information, cooperation among cooperatives, and concern for community.

Adams Electric is an electric distribution cooperative, which means we deliver the power; we don't generate it. With nearly 3,000 miles of lines in the rural areas of Adams, Cumberland, Franklin, Perry and York counties, we distribute power to nearly 35,000 electric meters. Adams Electric purchases all of its power from Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Allegheny). Our cooperative was incorporated on Aug. 21, 1940, and the first substations and lines were energized May 3, 1941.

The cooperative has a nine-member board of directors, whose terms expire on a three-year rotation, so there are always experienced directors serving the membership. Dale Myers is the current president of the board.

All of Adams Electric's 79 full-time employees (36 union and 43 non-union) are organized into eight departments to include the office of the general manager, legal/corporate services, human resources/communications, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, billing/accounting and safety, operations, and information technology/member services. The headquarters office is in Gettysburg at 1338 Biglerville Road. Our three district offices are open by pre-scheduled appointment only in Gettysburg, Shippensburg and York.

Adams is a member of the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association (PREA) in Harrisburg and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA)

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## In the Spirit of American Pride

**KAMI NOEL, CCC,** COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER RELATIONS COORDINATOR

**THE UNITED STATES WILL CELEBRATE** its 250th anniversary of independence on July 4, marking a historic milestone in our nation's history. Also called the "semiquincentennial," America250 commemorates the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, when the Second Continental Congress voted for the independence of the original 13 colonies. This year's momentous event will honor the enduring principles of our great nation — freedom, democracy and civic engagement.

The co-op recently acknowledged this occasion with the distribution of garden flags at its annual meeting events. We also gave away denim tote bags with the co-op's logo and the America250 logo both proudly displayed. We hope the members who joined us for these events are also proudly displaying their new flags.

We encourage you to continue to show your patriotism this season, and year round, by treating the American flag with the respect it deserves. The United States Flag Code was established by federal law in 1998 and provides advisory rules for the display and care of our national flag. Here are just a few suggested guidelines from *uscode.house.gov*:

- It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and stationary flagstaffs



**SHOW OFF YOUR PATRIOTISM:** Adams Electric Purchasing/Work Order Coordinator Tasha Sanders, left, and Safety Energy Use Specialist Lori Kemper, stand near the flag display at the Gettysburg drive-thru gift station during the co-op's recent annual meeting. Show us your new co-op American flag by sharing your photos on Facebook and tagging our page at [facebook.adamsec.coop](https://facebook.adamsec.coop).

in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed 24 hours a day if properly illuminated at night.

- The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, floor, water or merchandise.
- During the ceremony of hoisting or lowering the flag or when the flag is passing in a parade or in review, all of those present in uniform should render the military salute. Members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may also render the military salute. All other people present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, or if applicable, remove their hats with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, with their hand over their heart.
- The flag, when it gets worn and is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning (and burying the ashes).

Typically, residential flagpoles are installed in the ground at 25 feet tall, with a recommended maximum flag size of 4-by-6 feet. We'd be remiss if we didn't advise you to "look up and look around" before doing any sort of flagpole installation. Power lines and flagpoles don't mix. Any metal structure should be at least 51 feet away from any overhead line, with a 20-foot clearance around all sides.

If you are looking to dispose of a worn flag, many VFW posts collect them. VFW guidelines recommend that worn, faded or torn flags be retired respectfully. Therefore, many VFW posts maintain a collection point.

If you have an old flag and your local VFW post doesn't collect them, you can still retire it yourself by following the flag code's guidelines, or checking with nearby American Legion posts, AMVETS, or community groups like the Boy Scouts for assistance.

Happy semiquincentennial! 🇺🇸



**FLAG DROP:** If you are looking to dispose of a worn flag, East Berlin VFW Post 8896 has a public drop box in its lobby for used residential flags, according to post manager Tony Groft, an Adams Electric member from Lake Meade.

# Set Your Home to Energy-Savings Mode

**KAMI NOEL, CCC,** COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER RELATIONS COORDINATOR

**WHEN ADAMS ELECTRIC SAYS IT'S** time to “Shift & \$ave” that’s a call to action for our consumer-members to try and reduce their energy use. Using less energy during the hottest summer days can ease the strain on the electric grid, benefiting your electric cooperative and saving you money on your electric bill.

As energy demand grows, all of us can do our part to help conserve energy.

## What can you do?

Peak times vary from day to day and month to month, depending on the weather, but also your own energy use schedule. Typical summer peak hours are from 1 to 7 p.m. You can avoid expensive power purchases by timing energy-intensive activities in your home.

For appliance use, do laundry later in the evening or on the weekends and delay running the dishwasher until overnight hours. Also, consider upgrading to more energy-efficient appliances or using the energy-saving features on your existing appliances.

Reduce your water heater’s energy use by showering and bathing during off-peak hours or lowering the temperature on your tank. Some models also have timer

capabilities or can better maintain heat by being wrapped in an insulated casing.

During the summer, consider grilling your dinner to avoid oven use during high temperature days. Also, consider using a programmable thermostat and adjust the temperature to 78 degrees. If you have a “smart” thermostat, you can control the setting from your smartphone or tablet, so consider adjusting the temperature right after you leave your home or right before you return.

If you haven’t already, switch your lighting to LEDs. These use about 75% less electricity than incandescent and about 40% less than CFL bulbs and tend to last up to 25 times longer. In addition, weatherized windows and doors and added insulation can improve your comfort and energy consumption.

If you’re planning to take a vacation, close the curtains while you’re away for the dual benefit of security and keeping the summer heat at bay. Also, add timers to your exterior lighting to provide the illusion of someone being home. You’ll use less energy than leaving multiple lights on the entire time you’re away.

Finally, unplug charging cables and small appliances when they’re not in use. For bigger items like TVs, try plugging them into a power strip that can be turned off and on. Switching your charging habits for electronic devices to off-peak hours can help reduce your energy use, too. 🌱



**HEAT UP THE GRILL**  
**TO SAVE ENERGY THIS SUMMER**

Nothing screams summer more than firing up the grill.

The good news is that using your grill in the great outdoors helps lower your energy bill. If you cook outside, less energy is needed to cool your kitchen.

- Nearly 70% of Americans own a grill.
- The Fourth of July is the most popular holiday for outdoor cooking.
- The hamburger is the favorite item to grill.
- The all-American hot dog gets the most votes from kids.
- More men grill than women.
- Grilling and barbecuing are not the same thing.
- Grilling means cooking over a fire, hot and fast.
- Barbecuing means cooking slowly over indirect heat.

Source: Breo Box

Safe Electricity.org



**LONGTIME FRIENDS:** During the cooperative’s annual business meeting May 14 in Gettysburg, CEO/General Manager Steve Rasmussen recognized its more-than-40-year friendship and partnership with Coopelesca R.L., an electric cooperative in Costa Rica. Visitors from Coopelesca spent the week of the meeting in Gettysburg, where they gathered with employees and directors, toured the co-op and cooperative substations, and visited historic sites in the area. Rasmussen presented Coopelesca Electric Distribution Manager Marlon Vargas and Directors Fidel Rodriguez and Luis Carella with a set of metal bookends, which match a set owned by the co-op.

**FROM THE CEO/GENERAL MANAGER**

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in Arlington, Va. PREA assists 14 rural electric cooperatives (13 in Pennsylvania and one in New Jersey) with state and national legislative activities, legal services, communications services, job training, risk management, and member services. NRECA was founded to unite rural electric systems under one banner to protect cooperative interests and work toward the common goal of strengthening and improving rural electrification.

Allegheny is our wholesale power-purchasing cooperative. It provides power supply and engineering services for all the rural electric cooperatives in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Responsible for setting generation rates, Allegheny also has transmission and generation facilities, a load management program and related engineering services.

Allegheny owns 10% of the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station in Berwick, Pa., a nuclear power plant that began operation in the early 1980s and accounts for about 60% of the electricity used by Pennsylvania and New Jersey cooperatives.

In 1988, Allegheny placed the William F. Matson Generating Station, a small-scale hydroelectric plant at Raystown Dam in Huntingdon, Pa., into commercial operation. Allegheny is also an agent for hydropower coming into Pennsylvania from New York's Niagara Project. These combine for about another 10% of our power generation.

The remaining 30% of co-op power requirements are purchased on the open market.

The co-op is also a member of Touchstone Energy. Adams Electric has adopted this national brand and is considered a Touchstone Energy Cooperative, which means we operate under a set of top-tier standards. These include accountability, integrity, innovation, and community commitment as evidenced by the service we provide.

I hope this trip through time and a review of who we are and where we came from is a welcome reminder of the trusted energy provider that you are a member of. While we all celebrate the 250th anniversary of America, I hope you also take time to celebrate the rich history of your cooperative. 🇺🇸

**STEVE RASMUSSEN**  
CEO/GENERAL MANAGER



**READY TO SERVE:** Incumbents Tom Knaub of Wellsville, Dave Frey of East Berlin and Glenn Bange of Hanover were each elected to three-year terms on the Adams Electric Cooperative Board of Directors during an election process that ended at the cooperative's May 14 annual meeting. Shown, from left, are CEO/General Manager Steve Rasmussen, Knaub, Frey, Bange and board President Dale Myers.



**BOARD REORGANIZATION:** The Adams Electric Cooperative Board of Directors held a reorganization meeting May 18, during which Dale Myers of Glenville was re-elected president, Dave Frey of East Berlin was re-elected vice president, Glenn Bange of Hanover was re-elected secretary and Tom Knaub of Wellsville was re-elected treasurer. Shown, from left, are all nine members of the board: Ray Schwartz of Fairfield, Knaub, Nadine Hubner of Felton, Myers, Jay Herman of Aspers, Bange, Gene Herritt of Shippensburg, Frey, and Bill French of Shippensburg.



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