



## 2017 Nominations Committee

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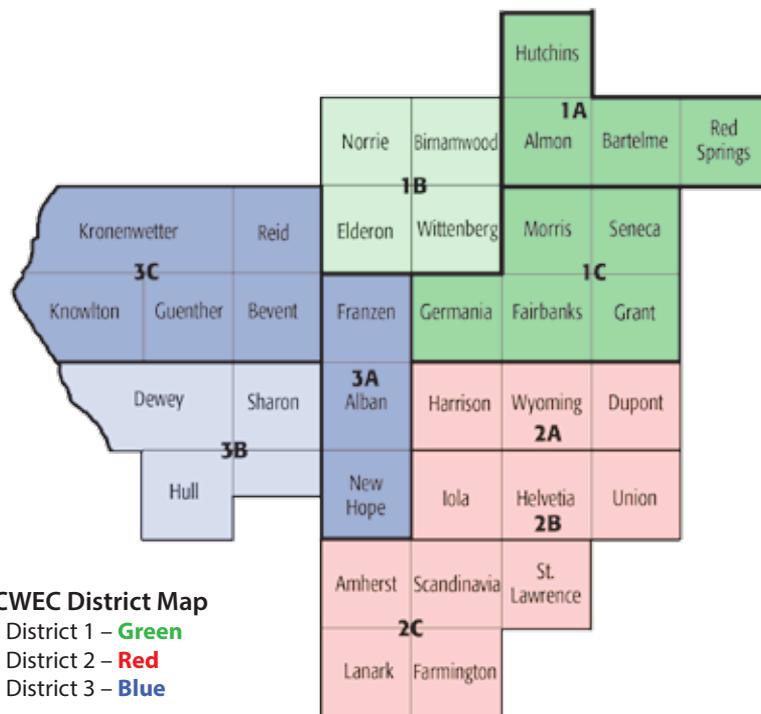
## 2017 DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

In January, the nominations committee will be meeting to set the slate of nominees for director at Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative. There are two districts and the Director at Large position up for election this year. Terms for District 1 and District 3 are three-year terms. If you know of anyone interested, please contact a member of our nominations committee by Wednesday, January 18.

**District 1** – Consists of sub districts 1A & 1C – Townships of Hutchins, Almon, Bartelme, Red Springs, Morris, Seneca, Fairbanks, Germania, and Grant. Current director is Tom Smith.

**District 3** – Consists of sub districts 3A & 3C – Townships of Franzen, Alban, New Hope, Kronenwetter, Reid, Knowlton, Guenther, and Bevent. Current Director is Sue Rombalski.

**Director at Large** – Can be from anywhere in our service territory. Current director is Ron Onesti.



### Qualifications to Serve on the Board of Directors

In order to serve as a representative on the Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Board of Directors, a member must...

- 1) Be a member and bona-fide resident in the district from which elected.
- 2) Not be employed by or have any financial interest in a competing enterprise or business selling electric energy or supplies to the cooperative or engage in selling electrical or plumbing appliances or supplies to members of the co-op.
- 3) Not be employed by the cooperative.



# RATE STUDY:

## New Commercial Rates

As we reported in last month's magazine, your cooperative completed a rate study. Working through the rate study process, your board of directors has had long discussions to determine what, if any, rate adjustments are necessary. At the board meeting in September, your board of directors approved a new schedule of rates to take effect December 1, 2016. In last month's magazine we discussed the residential rates, so this month let's take a look at the new commercial rates.

Not including irrigation accounts, which we'll discuss at a later date, your cooperative has three major classes of commercial services, each with its own specific load characteristics. They are:

### Rate O - Small General Service

Available for single or three-phase electric service to farm and small commercial consumers with maximum demands of 75 kW or less. This is the co-op's largest class of commercial accounts.

### Rate P – Medium General Service

Available to any commercial consumer with a monthly demand greater than or equal to 75 kW but less than 250 kW. Currently we have 17 commercial accounts in this class.

### Rate S – Large General Service

Available to any commercial consumer with a monthly demand greater than or equal to 250 kW. Currently we have five businesses in this service class.

The goal of a sound rate design is to align the rate being applied to each class of service with the cost of providing the service. With the new rate plan some service classes will experience a rate increase; likewise, some will see a decrease. Good news is most of our commercial members will see a slight decrease in their electric bills (based off recent usage history). A few may see a slight increase. Before we look at the rate changes, we thought it would be beneficial to review the major components of your electric bill.

**Facility Charge** The Facility Charge (now called Service Availability) component of your bill recovers some of the fixed costs that come from providing service regardless of how much electricity is used. This charge covers such things as trucks, wire, transformers, and power poles needed to build and maintain the electric distribution system; labor to build and maintain the lines; cost of insurance; interest; and taxes. Calculated on a daily basis, the Facility Charge currently ranges from \$40 to \$55 per month on commercial accounts.

**Power (KWH) Charges** A second component of your electric bill is comprised of power charges arising from the costs

associated with the generation, transmission, and distribution of electricity. Another portion of Power Charges is Power Cost Adjustment, or PCA. PCA is determined by how much CWEC has to pay its power suppliers for the energy our members use each month. This amount changes month to month, depending on market conditions and the cost of fuel. When the actual cost CWEC pays varies each month from the amount we build into our rates, we charge or refund the difference to our cooperative members.

Different from the Facility Charge, Power Charges are based off the electricity you use measured in kilowatt hours (kWh).

**Demand Cost** The Demand Cost component is based on the highest demand measured in a billing period. The demand cost is a fixed charge per peak kilowatt (kW) during the month. Currently Small General Service accounts are exempt from demand cost.

**New Schedule of Rates** As stated earlier your board of directors approved a new schedule of rates to take effect on December 1, 2016. Here are the changes by rate class.

### Small General Service – Rate Class O

Facility Charge – Increase from \$1.3151 per day to \$1.5124 per day (approximately \$6 per month)

Power Charge – Decrease from 11.66¢ per kWh to 11.33¢ per kWh

Here is a chart that shows the impact of the Rate O changes for a variety of kWh usages:

kWh	2,000	4,000	6,000	8,000	10,000
Old	\$273.20	\$506.40	\$739.60	\$972.80	\$1,206.00
New	\$272.60	\$499.20	\$725.80	\$952.40	\$1,179.00
Net Change	-\$0.60	-\$7.20	-\$13.80	-\$20.40	-\$27.00

### Medium General Service – Rate Class P & P2

Facility Charge – Increase from \$1.8082 per day to \$2.1370 per day (approximately \$10 per month)

Demand Charge – Increase from \$9.78 kW to \$10.50 kW

Power Charge – Decrease from 9.24¢ per kWh to 8.83¢ per kWh

## Large General Service – Rate Class S & S2

Facility Charge – Increase from \$1.8082 per day to \$2.1370 per day (approximately \$10 per month)

Demand Charge – Increase from \$8.91 kW to \$9.50 kW

Power Charge – Decrease from 9.6¢ per kWh to 9.12¢ per kWh

We're pleased to report most businesses in the Rate P & S classes will see a decrease in their monthly bill (using the last

12 months load and usage profiles). Businesses in these classes have their own unique energy profile, which makes it tough to show examples of the impact of the new rate schedule, so we invite these businesses to contact us to run an analysis specific to their business.

As 2016 comes to a close we want to extend our appreciation to all of our commercial and agriculture members for your patronage and wish you all a prosperous and healthy new year.

If an energy efficiency upgrade is in your plans, make sure to contact us to see what incentives are available.

## OPERATION ROUND UP

### Thirteen years of making a difference

One might think the penny has lost its power in today's economy. Those in the Central Wisconsin Electric Co-op service area, however, have found that a few pennies can make a real difference.

Through a giving program known as Operation Round Up, our members have donated more than \$422,000 to charitable and educational projects—and they've done it a few pennies at a time.

"Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative brought the program to our members in 2004," said Mark Forseth, vice president of member relations. "By allowing us to round up their power bills to the next whole dollar, participating members donate an average of 50 cents per month to the Operation Round Up trust fund. That doesn't seem like a lot of money at first glance, but it adds up fast when thousands of our members join the effort."

Once the funds are collected the task of administering the program is han-

dled by a Trust Board consisting of one member from each of the co-op's nine sub-districts. Current Trust Board members are Marie Skowen, Sheri Beilke, Marlene Wepner, Gary Kolodziej, Renee Groshek, Maxine Lemke, Bonnie Paulson, Sue Halverson, and Clifford Kessen.

"The success of Operation Roundup is due in large part to the volunteer efforts of the Trust Board," said Forseth. "On behalf of the co-op, I'd like to thank all current and past trust board members."

Founded on the principle of Neighbors helping Neighbors here is a summary of what Operation Round Up has been able to accomplish:

- Provided hardship assistance to 100 co-op member families
- Provided over 300 donations to 100-plus area organizations
- Provided \$197,400 in scholarships to 616 college-bound students
- Grand total in excess of \$422,000

"This shows that for just pennies a day we can and do make a difference," said Forseth. "We thank all of our members that participate in this wonderful program."

If you don't participate but would like to, please give us a call. Not sure whether you're a participant? Check your most recent CWEC bill. If you participate in this program you should see a separate "Operation Round Up" line item under the Current Bill Information section.

The Operation Round Up Trust Board recently approved donations totaling \$4,200 to the following: Embarrass River Lions, Wittenberg-Biramwood High School Dance Team, Toys for Tots, Iola Lioness, Sheveland-Taylor American Legion, and 11 area food pantries. In addition, hardship assistance was given to two area families.



Left: Lyle Mork, representing Sheveland-Taylor American Legion, accepts a check from Sue Halverson, Operation Round Up board member. Center: Mary Jo Lashua, Toya Lund, and Ila Sanders from Share a Tea accept a check from Bonnie Paulson, Operation Round-Up board member. Right: Stacy Delforge, representing the Wittenberg-Biramwood High School Dance Team, accepts a check from Marlene Wepner, Operation Round Up board member.



## DATES TO REMEMBER IN JANUARY

**Monday, January 2**

**Office Closed**

CWEC wishes you all the best in the New Year!

**Rosholt Blizzard Busters 27th Annual Fisheree**

**Saturday, January 14**

10 a.m.–4 p.m., Lake Helen, Rosholt. Fish prizes for kids and adults, bike raffle for kids, door prizes, raffle drawing, food and beverages in heated shelter. No charge to enter the fisheree. For more information call Nancy at 715-677-3235.



**Taste of Tigerton Soup and Cookie Contest**

**Saturday, January 14**

Starts at 10:30 a.m. Held at the Village Community Center. For more information call 715-535-2110.



**Walls of Wittenberg Quilt Show: "Home Grown, Home Sewn"**

**January 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29**

11 a.m.–3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. For more information call 715-253-3525 or visit [www.wallsofwittenberg.com](http://www.wallsofwittenberg.com).

To submit your community events email

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## REBATE REMINDER

Have your projects around the house included any energy-saving home-improvement measures? Perhaps you've updated your appliances to new, energy efficient models or insulated your home.

If so, be sure to check the energy rebates available to our members. Go to [www.cwecoop.com](http://www.cwecoop.com) to see which Energy Star products qualify for a rebate. Items must be purchased and installed in 2016 to qualify.

Don't delay—submit a copy of your receipt with the Energy Star label as soon as the equipment is purchased and installed to ensure rebate.



## 2016 CWEC SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

You will soon be approaching the end of your first quarter or semester of college, vocational, or technical school. Congratulations! Please remember to submit a copy of your grades and proof of enrollment for second semester to receive your scholarship money. Scholarship winners must have maintained a 2.0 grade point average and have been a full-time student, 12-plus earned credits, during the first quarter or semester of college, vocational, or technical school to receive the scholarship money. You can mail your grades and proof of second semester enrollment to:

CWEC  
Attn: Scholarship Program  
P.O. Box 100  
Rosholt, WI 54473

## OUTDOOR LIGHTING FEE CHANGES

Due to the increased maintenance, operating, and replacement costs of outdoor lights, we found it necessary to increase the monthly rental, maintenance, and transformer fees. CWEC members that pay a Rental Fee will see a 75 cent monthly increase per outdoor light. Members who pay a Maintenance Only Fee will see a 25 cent monthly increase, and those who pay a Special Transformer Fee will see a 50 cent monthly increase.



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