

Taylor Report



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Top 10 Reasons We Appreciate Lineworkers

As we celebrate Lineworker Appreciation Day on April 14th, we realize that utility work is essential to our daily and modern lives. From powering our homes and schools to supporting our economy, electricity is a constant — until it's not.

That's when the true heroes step in. Line crews work directly with high-voltage power, often in severe weather and dangerous conditions, to maintain or restore service and safeguard communities from downed lines. Their vital role deserves more than a day of recognition — it deserves our ongoing gratitude.

It takes a special kind of person to be an electric lineworker. Here are 10 of the many reasons we appreciate them:

- They are expertly trained to work on power lines and equipment.
- They are dedicated to safely and efficiently maintaining power.
- They have a heart for service, always looking out for their communities.

- They conquer heights without hesitation.
- They prioritize safety every second of every day.
- They answer the call — day or night — to restore power.
- They endure it all: rain, shine and extreme weather conditions.
- They go when they are needed, supporting communities nationwide when severe weather strikes.
- They have each other's backs, and work together like family.
- They power our lives and energize our communities! Lineworkers are protectors of safety and keepers of comfort for our communities and beyond. Every day, they bring a spirit of service, unwavering focus and specialized knowledge to a job that demands both skill and heart. Their commitment to safety isn't just a requirement — it's a way of life.



Taylor Electric Linemen back row (l to r): Colten Cummings, Geoff Mueller, Jessie Knoll, and Leadman Justin Fuchs. Front row (l to r): Mike Eloranta and Tim Habermeyer

So, to all the lineworkers out there, thank you for running toward electrical challenges when others step back. Thank you for your continuous training, hard work and dedication to keep us all safe. Thank you, lineworkers, for all you do to keep the lights on.

ATTENTION MEMBERS:



This month we are sponsoring a mail survey sent to a randomly selected group of our residential members. The survey will ask about your home, appliances, energy efficiency, and opinions regarding a handful of energy topics. If you receive a copy of the survey, we request that you

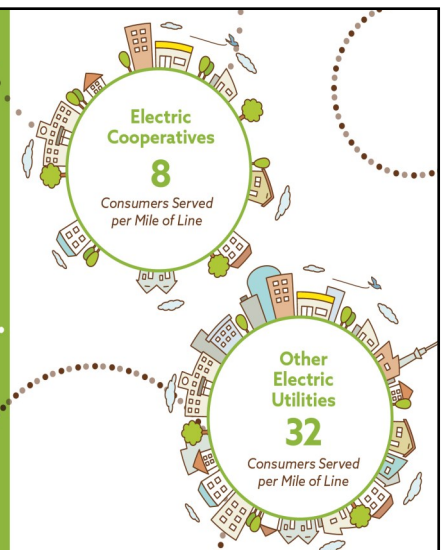
take about 10 minutes to complete it and return it to our survey processor in the postage-paid envelope that will be provided or by using the online survey provided.

We appreciate your participation and thank you in advance.

ELECTRIC CO-OP SERVICE DENSITY compared to OTHER ELECTRIC UTILITIES

Electric cooperatives maintain more power lines per consumer than other types of electric utilities.

Even though we serve fewer consumers per mile of line, we will always go the extra mile for our members.



NOTES FROM THE CEO

It was great to see so many members at the home show, March 21-23, 2025, and have the chance to visit about the upcoming rate structure change. This is revenue neutral, meaning the average member will not see a change. The energy charge is going down and demand is becoming a separate item on the bill. It has been there for about 5 years; we are just attaching a value to it. This will give members some control over their bill. If you can level or lower your usage during the hours of 3-8 PM on weekdays, you can see some savings. If you are not able to, or you are already a low user, you may see a slight increase in your bill.

Using the example we have shown in the past, the big 3 users in most homes are the stove, dryer and water heater (the dishwasher and laundry are sneaky second place devices, since they can make the water heater run). If you can use those devices outside the 3-8 PM weekday window, that is best. However, if you can't, you should at least stagger the use across those times. Also consider using energy-efficient appliances, such as toaster ovens or microwaves, instead of the oven.

APRIL IS SAFE DIGGING MONTH



Be sure to call Diggers Hotline, 811, before starting any projects requiring digging.



BOARD REPORT—FEB. 2025

- Approved January disbursements totaling \$377,363. 10 new member applications, and January 2025 construction in the amount of \$54,265.
- Reviewed financial results for January with \$105,723 Operating Margins and \$107,988 Total Margins year to date.
- There were 2 outages in January, with an average YTD outage time per meter of 0.0007 hours.
- Six applications for discounted early retirement of capital credits to estates were approved with total capital credits of \$6,158 to be paid out at the net present value of \$2,486.
- 35 delinquent accounts were processed for collection following the February 20th due date. The total amount owing on these accounts is \$18,238.
- Other topics covered included updates on the metering issue, financial form education, donation requests, education reports, and updates on the rate structure change.

Calling All 3rd Graders:

You're invited to participate in the Wisconsin
Electric Cooperative Association's

ELECTRICAL SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

Submit an original poster supporting electrical safety to Taylor Electric Cooperative by April 30, 2025, for a chance to win a \$25 gift card! The top three posters will be entered into the statewide poster contest for a chance to win one of three great prizes:

1st place - Chromebook
2nd place - \$100 Gift Card
3rd place - \$75 Gift Card



Posters should be at least 8.5x11 inches but no larger than 11x14 inches.

Entries must include completed entry form and student's name on the back of the poster.

Contact Taylor Electric at 715-678-2411 or go to www.weca.coop for registration form.