

Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative



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REMINDERS

Scholarship Applications are due on February 14, 2025

Save the Date: Lyon Rural Electric's Annual Meeting is scheduled March 31, 2025

2025 Power Cost Adjustment (PCA)

Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative has used a PCA to adjust its rates to reflect the changes in the cost of the power it purchases from L & O Power Cooperative (L & O). L & O purchases bulk power from the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) and Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin Electric). WAPA has implanted a rate increase for 2025 and has given notice of a rate increase in 2026. Basin Electric has also implanted a rate increase for 2025. L & O Power Cooperative has informed us that its rates will change for 2025. These changes are a result of a rate increase from L & O Power Cooperative, our Transmission Cooperative, due to

major investments in transmission line and substation improvements. The changes in the PCA (if any) is also the result of the estimated cost of any difference in rate components, demand vs energy, in the 2025 estimated usage. The change also reflects the over or under collection of actual power cost vs budget for 2025.

The PCA rate for General kWh will be \$0.05000 for 2025 compared to a PCA of \$0.04304 for 2024. The Farm and Residential Rate cost for 1,000 kWh will be \$6.96 more in 2025 over 2024 costs. The Base Year or year this calculation is based on was 2006.

The 2025 PCA rate for Electric and Dual Heat will be \$0.01730 per kWh compared to the current 2024 PCA of \$0.01530 per kWh. The Electric and Dual Heat cost for 1,000 kWh will be \$2.00 more in 2025 over 2024 costs. The Base Year is 2006.

The 2025 PCA rate for energy used in the Casino Resort rate will be \$0.02159 compared to the current 2024 PCA of \$0.01635. The cost for 1,000 kWh will be \$5.24 more in 2025 over current 2024 costs. The Base Year is 2010.

2025 Energy Efficiency Adjustment Clause (EEAC)

In 2010, Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative began collecting an EEAC to implement its Energy Efficiency Program as filed with Iowa Utility Board. This plan was required by legislation passed by the Iowa Legislature. Each year the EEAC will be recalculated by first looking at the amount collected in the previous year (2024) compared to amounts paid

out for program expenses for that year (2024). The under collection or over collection will be added to or deducted respectively from the estimated expenditures needed to meet the program goals for 2025. Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative has completed a new five-year energy efficiency plan that is effective as of January 1, 2025

Based on these calculations, the 2025 EEAC will be as follows:

Farm and Residential	1.01%
Small Commercial	0.00%
Large Commercial	0.00%
Public Buildings	0.00%
Casino Resort	0.00%
Electric Heat / Dual Fuel . . .	1.01%

Board of Director Nominees

The members below were nominated by the Nominating Committees from their districts. Voting ballots will be included in the annual meeting packets that will be mailed out in early March. Ballots can be mailed in, dropped off at the Cooperative office or you may bring them to the annual meeting on Monday, March 31, 2025.

CHAD HOOGENDOORN

Liberal Township

DISTRICT 6



Chad and his wife, Teresa, have two daughters. Chad has lived in Lyon County his whole life. Chad currently farms and raises hogs and has been a mechanic at Mulder Implement for 25 years. Chad previously served on the Rock Rapids Gun Club Board.

DAVID DEBOER

Grant Township

DISTRICT 6



David and his wife, Heather, have two children. He has lived in Lyon County all his life. David has served as a deacon for the Bethel Reformed Church and a Grant township trustee. He is currently the Board Secretary for Lyon REC and the President of the L & O Board of Directors. David is involved in livestock and grain farming.

(Incumbent)

MICHAEL BLIEK

Sioux Township

DISTRICT AT LARGE



Michael and his wife, Lindsay, have one son. He has been grain farming and raising livestock for 25 years. Currently, he serves as a County Committee member for the Lyon County FSA office, where he works to support local farmers.

RODNEY MOGLER

Logan Township

DISTRICT AT LARGE



Rodney and his wife, Lois, have four sons and one daughter. Rodney has lived South of Lester for 67 years. He is involved in a family farming operation with his main responsibilities in the agronomy department. Some of Rodney's previous board experiences have been with local co-ops, Lyon County Extension Council, Logan Township Trustee, 4-H Leader, and various church committees. He is a current director of the Lyon REC Board.

(Incumbent)

Don't Let Pipes Freeze

When the heat is off in unused property or rooms—such as vacation homes, guest rooms, or attics—you may think you are saving money. But diving temperatures can freeze pipes or sprinkler systems, potentially causing pipe damage and flooding—and costing you thousands of dollars in repairs.

When water freezes, it puts great pressure on its container—including metal and plastic pipes. To avoid freezing, keep the thermostat at 55 degrees or higher in all vacant areas. For parts of your house without

heat, like exterior walls and attics, check insulation around pipes. Any area of pipe exposed to the cold is at a greater risk for freezing.

Another way to keep your pipes—and the rest of your house—warm is to install insulation throughout your attic, basement, or anywhere else you might nix the heat when it's coldest. This will lower the cost of heating the areas you do inhabit and prevent spring from greeting you with a flood.



Love Your Electric

Cooperative

February is the month of love, and while that usually means candlelight and flowers, your heart might fill with appreciation and gratitude for your electric cooperative if you take some time to remember—or learn about—how it operates.

Cooperatives, including the one that keeps your lights on at home, are consumer-owned businesses, which means that every consumer of your electric cooperative, including you, is also a member and an owner.

As such, you can run for a seat on the cooperative’s board of directors, which is made up entirely of consumers like you and your neighbors. If you don’t want to serve, you can vote. Every household gets one vote when it comes to electing the board members.

Which other utilities or businesses do you have that kind of relationship with?

Operating Statistics

DECEMBER		
	2023	2024
KWH Purchased	11,069,180	12,214,895
KWH Sold	10,552,530	11,759,941
Percentage of Line Loss (Year to Date)	3.15%	2.89%
Total Demand	17,792 KW	20,261 KW
Average Farm Consumption	4,171 KWH	3,799 KWH
Average Farm Bill	\$419.05	\$405.86
Income Per Mile	\$1,172.11	\$1,303.21
Expenses Per Mile	\$1,218.75	\$1,255.37
Miles Energized	872.86	887
Cost of Wholesale (For the Month)	5.91¢	6.55¢

TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS

Scammers will try anything to deceive utility customers, including a tactic that claims customers have overpaid their bill. If you receive a call, text or email from someone claiming you overpaid a utility bill and need to provide your banking or credit card information to receive a credit, it’s likely a scam. In most cases, your utility will apply a credit to your account to cover future charges or refund an overpayment with a mailed check.

Source: Utilities United Against Scams



STUDENTS:
Apply now for a trip to Washington, D.C., from June 15-21!



Area high school students interested in government and public service are encouraged to apply.

Learn more at IowaYouthTour.com

Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative is sponsoring one high school junior from Lyon County to go on an all expense paid trip to Washington D.C. Contact your high school guidance counselor for more information.

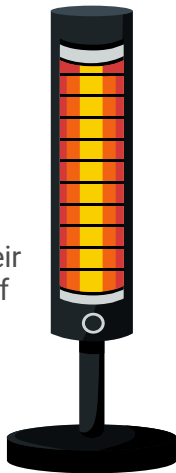
Give Space Heaters Space

Personal space heaters can be both efficient and comfortable if it's only a small area that needs heating. But for their tiny size, space heaters can cause a lot of damage.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that more than 25,000 residential fires every year are associated with the use of space heaters, causing more than 300 deaths.

To use a space heater safely, use it wisely. Follow these tips for smart use:

- ▶ Only use space heaters that carry the mark of an independent consumer product testing laboratory, like Underwriters Laboratories. Certified models will offer the most current safety features.
- ▶ Keep all objects, bedding and people at least 36 inches away from the space heater.
- ▶ Have fixed space heaters installed or checked by a qualified technician.
- ▶ Choose a space heater with a thermostat to avoid overheating the room.
- ▶ Oversized heaters will only waste energy. Buy the correct size heater for the room.



Say Good-Bye to Winter Energy Hogs

As harsh February weather sets in, now is the time to confront your winter energy hogs and show them the door. Look for these common winter culprits throughout your house:

- ▶ **Drafty doors and windows.** An easy fix with a big payback is weatherstripping. Caulk or apply weatherstripping around all window and door seams, especially those leading to the basement or the attic. Weatherstrip your attic access door.

- ▶ **Dirty air filters.** Dirty filters make your system work harder to heat the air. Aim to change the filter every three to six months.



- ▶ **Leaky ducts.** A contractor can test your ducts for leakage and repair any problems. Repair visible or accessible leaks with metal tape—not duct tape!
- ▶ **Chilly water heater.** If your water heater is older or not well insulated, wrap it in an insulating jacket.
- ▶ **Wood fireplace.** Traditional fireplaces pull heated air out of the house. When not in use, check that the damper is completely closed.

♥ Go Green for Valentine's Day ♥

Move over red. Green is the new color of Valentine's Day, and it's out to prove that saving energy with your loved ones this February can be romantic. Stores are stocking up with earth-friendly gifts, but it's not about what you give, but how you celebrate, that can make this Valentine's Day energy efficient. Follow these tips for an energy-conscious day:

- ▶ Save on gas – and reduce emissions – by staying home and cooking a meal together this year.
- ▶ Buy local food for your home-cooked meal. Buying locally grown food supports your neighbors and ensures that your food hasn't traveled energy-wasting miles to reach you. While local food may seem scarce in the winter, farmers are often selling winter vegetables or root vegetables stocked from the summer.
- ▶ To save both electricity and your own time and

energy, cook your romantic meal in a crock pot. A slow-cooked meal makes a warm and delicious Valentine's treat, and the smaller appliance uses less energy than oven cooking.

- ▶ If you don't own a crock pot, avoid the oven and try dishes you can cook in the microwave, toaster oven or air fryer. On the stovetop, use the correct size pan for the burner, keep the lids on and turn the burner off shortly before the dish is done.
- ▶ Candlelight is romantic and doesn't cost a penny of electricity. If you must flip a switch, make sure your fixtures contain energy-efficient LED bulbs.
- ▶ Make your gifts more sustainable. Give greeting cards printed on recycled paper, and opt for a longer-lasting potted plant rather than fresh-cut flowers.

Nondiscrimination Statement

"This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer."

To file a program discrimination complaint, a complainant should complete a Form, AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, which can be obtained online at <https://www.ocio.usda.gov/document/ad-3027>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA containing all the information requested in the form. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by mail to U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; by fax (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or by Email: program.intake@usda.gov