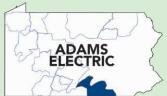


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Come, Join Us



ONE OF MY FAVORITE SEASONS is upon us — it's member meeting month!

It's great to gather our membership together three times in March, once in each district — Gettysburg, Shippensburg and York. I always look forward to these meetings because it's a great opportunity for me, our board, and our employees to talk with our members and hear what's on their minds.

We hope you'll join us for the meeting that best suits your

schedule and location. Your participation means so much to us.

During the meeting, we'll share a few brief business updates on the state of the cooperative and board elections, and I'll provide an update on our current rates. We're also going to have a little fun, too! We'll have a great catered meal at each location, some door-prize drawings and each membership in attendance will leave with a small token of our appreciation.

This year's theme is "It's All About ME (Member Engagement)." You might even see us feature some of your friends and neighbors, who are our co-op volunteers, during the events.

Spending time with you and hearing your take on our community's energy future is so important to us. In fact, it's essential because everything we do is shaped by the members of our cooperative. As I'm sure you know, the energy industry is amid massive changes. Consumer needs and changing technology impact nearly every aspect of how we manage and deliver energy to local homes, schools, and businesses.

As we navigate major changes in the coming years, we need to hear from you and your neighbors to help form our future as a cooperative, as we strive to meet the long-term needs of all Adams Electric members.

You have a say.

You may be wondering if your opinion really makes a difference, and yes, it does. Gaining guidance and perspective from our members and board helps set priorities for the co-op and future decisions. That's why we open the floor to your questions, and we try hard to provide immediate answers.

Your input is an investment in our community.

Every year, we invest funds to make updates to our distribution system, which helps maintain reliability and grid resilience. Most consumers don't equate active involvement with their electric company with helping their community. But we are not your ordinary utility company. We're a cooperative, and our business model is meant to serve the members and the community in which it operates.

Our core purpose and mission are to provide safe, reliable, and affordable power. But as a co-op, we're also motivated by service to our community, rather than profits. We hope you'll exercise the benefits of your co-op membership and join us for a member meeting later this month.

Registration is still available online at *adamsec.coop* or by calling 800-726-2324. Don't wait, reserve your seats (limit 2) today for: Gettysburg on March 21; York on March 22; or Shippensburg on March 29.

We look forward to seeing you!

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Glimpse Beyond the Battle at New Gettysburg Museum

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IRREPLACEABLE ARTIFACTS FROM GETTYSBURG AND

Adams County finally have a safe, secure, and protected home — all under one roof. After a massive capital campaign and just over two years of construction, the new Gettysburg Beyond the Battle Museum and Adams County Historical Society will host its grand opening April 15-16 at 625 Biglerville Road, Gettysburg.

Adams Electric Cooperative was an early major contributor to the campaign for the new 25,000-square-foot facility. Besides the museum, the space includes exhibit galleries, a research room, education center, gift shop, café and archive.

"We also have a Battlefield Overlook Event Center for group meetings, small weddings or other community or corporate events," says Michaela Shaffer, director of marketing & development for the historical society. "But the crown jewel of the project is the new museum."

The museum was created by HealyKohler Design and fabricated by 1220 Exhibits. While some of the exhibition spaces are fluid, others will be permanent. The first exhibitor to be featured in the changing gallery is William Frassanito, who is sharing a collection of photography he has acquired from before and after the Battle of Gettysburg.

Some of the stationary pieces in the museum include a



PIECES OF HISTORY: Several pieces of Adams County history are on hold in the new archive storage room, awaiting processing by archivists for the Adams County Historical Society.



ON DISPLAY: Historian Tim Smith, director of education for the Adams County Historical Society, points to a fossilized dinosaur footprint that is part of the new Gettysburg Beyond the Battle Museum. The Sauropodomorpha track was found at Trostle's Quarry, along the Bermudian Creek in Latimore Township, Adams County, and is included in the dinosaur exhibit. The museum is considering hosting a "naming rights" contest for the dinosaur on display.

"Devil's Den" rock, a one-of-a-kind dinosaur image and fossilized dinosaur footprints, and a tree with a cannonball lodged in its trunk. Each plays a role in the storytelling of a different Adams County tale.

"In our exhibit called 'The Aftermath,' the tree represents the tree from the Sherfy Farm that was battle-damaged by cannonball fire," Shaffer explains. The exhibit will also include other items damaged during crossfire, like a bed post, headboard and store sign.

Other highlights include a Native American archeology display, with lots of arrowheads; a section on frontier life that portrays the story of Mary Jemison; and a colonial tavern based on the Gettys' Tavern, where visitors can overhear a recorded conversation between members of the Gettys family about the Revolutionary War in 1775. There's also "Caught in the Crossfire," which is an immersive experience that lasts less than 5 minutes but places visitors in the battle itself.

"The walls are covered in bullet holes, and some of the shell casings are real from the battle itself, shared by our Historian Tim Smith from his private collection," Shaffer explains. "Visitors will hear the family talking in the cellar below."

Not wanting to give everything away, there are also tributes to Abraham Lincoln and the Gettysburg Address as well as Thaddeus Stevens and Dwight and Mamie Eisenhower. There is also a "wall of modern faces" that highlights Adams County influencers and those who made important impacts locally, such as Wee Willie Sherdel, Col. Jacob Sheads, Cliff Arquette, and others.

To plan a visit, go to *gettysburgbeyondthebattle.org* and preorder tickets. Museum hours are Thursday through Monday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. or call 717-334-4723. Timed ticketing will be required for the first few months and during the grand opening. **2**

Co-op to Begin Aerial Patrol

EACH YEAR, ADAMS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE surveys its power system via helicopter, looking for damage that's hard to spot from the ground, especially in more remote locations.

The co-op will be initiating aerial inspections over its power system beginning in March, weather permitting. In the Shippensburg and York Districts, only critical line feeds will be evaluated. In the Gettysburg District, a comprehensive review of all lines and feeds will be conducted.

Adams Electric service is intermingled with other investorowned utilities (mainly Met-Ed and Penelec) in the distribution of electricity in Adams County, as well as parts of lower Cumberland, upper Franklin, and western and southern York counties. There are also a few accounts in Perry County.

Pine Bottom Aviation of Martinsburg, Pa., will conduct the helicopter patrols. The crew will consist of a pilot and one lineman. Crews will be on the lookout for broken cross arms, damaged or floating wires, and other electrical issues, such as burnt pole tops and tree interference.

Aerial inspections can take several weeks to complete, depending on weather and other schedule interruptions. Mike Feathers, the cooperative's manager of operations, says the crew will fly an average of six to eight hours a day when conditions are appropriate and will attempt to avoid flying over congested areas or hovering over agricultural operations.

If you see a problem with a power line, pole or electrical equipment, never attempt to correct the situation. Report problems immediately by calling 800-726-2324.

Pole Inspection Taking Place in Gettysburg District

EACH YEAR, ADAMS ELECTRIC HIRES Osmose Utility Services Company to inspect approximately 10% of its utility poles for damage, decay and reliability.

Members with poles on or near their property should receive a postcard announcing when the work will take place.

Once an inspector is on-site, you may see digging taking place at the base of the utility pole, and possibly, identification markings may be placed on the poles.

This year's inspections are scheduled around Adams County, including parts of Hamiltonban, Mount Joy, and Straban townships and within Lake Heritage.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the cooperative at 800-726-2324.

Holiday Storm Among Worst in Five-Year History

THE SEVERE WEATHER THAT CAME through Adams Electric's service territory Dec. 23-24, 2022, caused the third highest number of outages in the past five years for the cooperative. The storm brought high winds and extreme cold temperatures, both of which followed a period of heavy rain. In comparison, the Dec. 15-16, 2022, ice storm was the co-op's ninth worst outage event in recent years.

Pole and wire damage was spread across all three districts, but the higher elevations in western Adams County were the worst hit. At the storm's peak, about 3,000 members were left in the dark. There was one power supply outage through transmission service provider Met-Ed, which severely impacted power outages to the co-op's Valley metering point in Hamiltonban Township, near Orrtanna (2,029 members). The co-op's Fairfield substation, also in Hamiltonban Township, but closer to Fairfield and Carroll Valley, was the second-most affected.

The extreme cold temperatures not only added to the restoration challenges for the line crews, but also caused issues with overloading power lines as devices approached trip capacity. This caused recurring blinks in areas of Southhampton Township in Cumberland County and Straban Township in Adams County, including Wheatland Acres.

Home heating sources struggled to hold temperature settings during the cold spell, causing many to change over to auxiliary or emergency heat, a predominately electric-based feature. This also caused demand peaks, which contributed to blinks and faults on the system.

As protective devices began to trip and reset, energy loads soared higher. In time, the co-op's dispatchers and engineers were able to adjust device settings, shift loads to prevent the blinks, and allow the power levels to finally settle in with staggered startups.

Outages, which began around 9 a.m. Dec. 23, were mostly restored by noon on the 24th, with some residual cleanup continuing through the holiday weekend. Adams Electric linemen were assisted in their restoration efforts by Asplundh Tree Expert Co. and two contract crews, E.G. Anderson and O'Connell Electric.



Herritt Named PREA Board Treasurer

S. EUGENE "GENE" HERRITT, OF Shippensburg, a member of the Adams Electric board since 1985 and



Eugene Herritt

the Pennsylvania representative on the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Board of Directors, was elected board treasurer during the Nov. 11,

2022, reorganization meeting of the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association. He will serve a two-year term, through 2024. 3



LEARNING THE ROPES: Journeyman First Class Jacob Strausbaugh, left, passes a piece of power line cover-up to Caleb Fowler, a senior at Bermudian Springs High School. Fowler spent a day in January shadowing a line crew from the co-op's Gettysburg District as a career exploration opportunity.

Co-op Hires Five Linemen to Fill Open Positions

FIVE NEW UNION LINE PERSONNEL were hired by the Operations Department of Adams Electric in December 2022 and joined the cooperative in January 2023.

Andrew Koser, of Shippensburg, started Jan. 9 as a journeyman third class lineman in the Shippensburg District. Before coming to Adams, Koser worked for Penelec as a journeyman lineman. He has an associate degree in electrical distribution from Blue Ridge Community and Technical College, Martinsburg, W.Va.

Dru Hartman, of Gettysburg, also started Jan. 9 as a first-year apprentice in the York District. Before coming to Adams, Hartman worked for Kinsley

Construction Inc. as a carpenter's apprentice. He graduated in August 2022 with his pre-apprentice electrical lineworker certification from the Northwest Lineman College in Edgewater, Fla.

Christopher Gilbertson, of Newmanstown, joined the co-op Jan. 11 as a first-year apprentice in the York District. Before coming to Adams, Gilbertson worked for Henkels & McCoy as a telecommunications lineman trainee. He graduated in December 2021 from the Southeast Lineman Training Center in Trenton, Ga.

Wyatt Taughinbaugh, of Abbottstown, joined the co-op Jan. 16 as a firstyear apprentice in the York District. Before coming to Adams, Taughinbaugh was a machine/equipment operator for TNT Underground Contracting, Inc. He graduated in December 2022 from the Southeast Lineman Training Center in Trenton, Ga.

Wesley Graham, of Everett, started Jan. 23 as a first-year apprentice in the Shippensburg District. Before coming to Adams, Graham worked for Henkels & McCoy as a groundman. He also served as an LAV crewman in the U.S. Marine Corps from 2017 to 2021, and was stationed in Camp Pendleton, Calif. He is a June 2022 graduate of the Global Powerline Academy in Hollidaysburg, Pa. 2



Andrew Koser



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Meter Change-Out Plan Moving Forward

IN 2017 THE CO-OP STARTED purchasing Aclara Technologies-brand power line carrier meters.

In August 2021, the decision was made to plan for a system-wide change-out of all the co-op's automated meters to the Aclara product. The meter order was placed in November 2021, but due to supply and demand issues, only 3,000 were received in 2022.

According to Brian Shearer, senior staff engineer in charge of the meter change-out program, nearly 8,000 new Aclara Technologies meters have already been installed on system.

"The transition has been very smooth," Shearer says. "I'd like to see us moving along a little quicker, but I think we'll get caught up in this first quarter of the new year."

The project launched full-force in June 2022 when the first shipment of 3,000 meters was received. Work began with more than 900 meters fed by the cooperative's Rinely substation in East Hopewell Township, York County, and then another 1,300 meters fed by the co-op's Stewartstown substation in Hopewell Township, York County being replaced.

In the Shippensburg District, nearly 1,000 of the 1,730 meters fed from the co-op's Bloserville substation in Upper Frankford Township, Cumberland County, have been replaced. The next Cumberland County project will be the 1,800 meters fed by

the co-op's McCrea substation in Lower Mifflin Township.

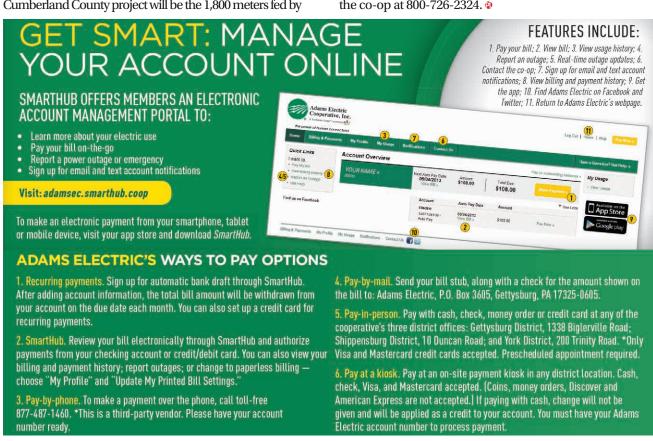
"We also made a start in the Gettysburg District (Adams County)," Shearer notes. "There are 1,164 meters fed from the Germany substation (Mount Joy Township), and we've changed out 282."

With 6,000 meters on order for 2023, the co-op hopes to complete the work at the Rinely, Stewartstown, Bloserville, McCrea, and Germany substations, plus pick up the Winterstown substation in North Hopewell Township, York County, and the Orrstown substation in Lurgan Township, Franklin County.

"The fact that our own crews are doing these replacements adds time to the process, but it's important," Shearer says. "It allows us to do a service inspection at every location when the meter is changed."

The inspection includes checking the meter base, conduit, triplex and all connections. Any equipment issues are either repaired by the line crews or a letter is sent to the property owner if a repair requiring an electrician (and possibly an electrical inspection) is involved. Members then have anywhere from 10 to 30 days to make repairs, depending on the work required.

Members will be notified in person or by a door hanger when their meter has been replaced. For questions, call the co-op at 800-726-2324. •



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Notice of Hearing, under and pursuant to, Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA)

Adams Electric Cooperative seeks input on Energy Policy Standards

In 1978, the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act ("PURPA"; 16 U.S.C. Ch. 46, Sections 2601, et seq.) was enacted into law to encourage energy conservation, efficiency in the use of electric utility facilities and resources, and equitable rates for electric consumers. PURPA identifies energy policy standards for electric utilities to consider and determine whether it is appropriate to implement such standard(s). These standards are set forth in PURPA Section 111(d)(as codified at 16 U.S.C. Ch. 46. Section 2621(d)).

This Notice concerns the two most recent Federal standards under PURPA Section 111(d) (the "Two Standards"). These Two Standards were added to PURPA as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, as signed into law on Nov. 15, 2021.

The Two Standards are set forth below, along with a brief description of Adams Electric Cooperative's (the "Cooperative") activities and efforts already in place with respect to the Two Standards. The language of each Standard has been taken, in part, directly from PURPA Section 111(d); however, it is for informational purposes only and shall not, nor is it intended to, replace the full text of the law.

The Cooperative will consider the Two Standards and will determine if they are applicable to the Cooperative and if it is appropriate to implement all or a portion of the Two Standards.

This Notice is the official notice to the Cooperative membership and to the public of the opportunity to provide written comment on either, or both, of the Two Standards. All written comments must be received at the Cooperative by March 1, 2023. All timely written comments shall be considered at the hearing to be held by the Cooperative (as described below) on the Two Standards. The opportunity of the Cooperative membership and the public to contribute and participate in the hearing (as described below) on the Two Standards shall be through, and is limited to, the submission of written comments.

Should you wish to submit written comment on the Two Standards, please provide your submission: (a) via mail or other delivery service to Adams Electric Cooperative, Attention: Communications, P.O. Box 1055, 1338 Biglerville Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325, or (b) via email to communications@adamsec.coop.

The Cooperative will conduct a hearing on July 31, 2023, at its Gettysburg corporate offices at 1338 Biglerville Road, Gettysburg, PA to consider the Two Standards. Information and evidence to be received at the hearing and considered by the Cooperative will include, in part, all written comments that are about the Two Standards and which are received at the Cooperative by the March 1, 2023 deadline. After the hearing and on or prior to Nov. 15, 2023, the Cooperative's Board of Directors shall determine whether it is appropriate to implement the Two Standards, in whole or in part. The determination will thereafter be available to the Cooperative membership and the public.

PURPA 111(d)(20) standard (16 U.S.C. Ch 46, Section 2621(d)):

- (20) Demand-response practices.
- (A) In general. Each electric utility shall promote the use of demand-response and demand flexibility practices by commercial, residential, and industrial consumers to reduce electricity consumption during periods of unusually high demand.
- (B) Rate recovery.
 - (i) Each State regulatory authority shall consider establishing rate mechanisms allowing an electric utility with respect to which the State regulatory authority has ratemaking authority to timely recover the costs of promoting demand-response and demand flexibility practices in accordance with subparagraph (A).
 - (ii) A nonregulated electric utility may establish rate mechanisms for the timely recovery of the costs of promoting demand-response and demand flexibility practices in accordance with subparagraph (A).

Current Co-op Activities: The Cooperative began its demand-response program in 1985. The program, referred to now as "U-Shift, U-\$ave," engages residential members to volunteer for installation of a remotely controlled switch on their water heaters, heating/cooling systems, or a separate subpanel that can be interrupted during times of peak energy usage. Members reduce their energy use and overall demand on the power grid, and in return receive a bill credit or reduced rate, depending on their participation. Commercial and industrial members can volunteer to participate in a load curtailment program, wherein the Cooperative can send an automated signal to shed loads or notify the member to shift their loads to another form of power, e.g., diesel generator, and receive a rate incentive. There are approximately 9,500 Cooperative members currently participating in the demand-response program.

PURPA 111(d)(21) standard (16 U.S.C. Ch 46, Section 2621(d)):

- (21) Electric vehicle charging programs.
- Each State shall consider measures to promote greater electrification of the transportation sector, including the establishment of rates that:
- $(A)\ promote\ affordable\ and\ equitable\ electric\ vehicle\ charging\ options\ for\ residential,\ commercial,\ and\ public\ electric\ vehicle\ charging\ infrastructure;$
- (B) improve the customer experience associated with electric vehicle charging, including by reducing charging times for light-, medium-, and heavy-duty vehicles:
- (C) accelerate third-party investment in electric vehicle charging for light-, medium-, and heavy-duty vehicles; and
- (D) appropriately recover the marginal costs of delivering electricity to electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Current Co-op Activities: (Note: this new PURPA 111(d)(21) standard is directed to the State level; the Cooperative does not have authority to direct the State to implement, not implement, or adopt a modified version of the 111(d)(21) standard. However, as may be appropriate, if applicable, and within the scope of the standard as written, the Cooperative will voluntarily consider and make a determination on this standard.) The Cooperative is already promoting greater electrification locally. In 2019, the Cooperative saw the opportunity to utilize the existing U-Shift, U-\$ave demand management subpanel program to shift electric vehicle charging equipment to off-peak times. By doing this, our membership can avoid paying higher peak demand costs for purchased power. Members who utilize the U-Shift subpanel see a reduced kilowatt-hour (kWh) rate for the connected items they allow the Cooperative to interrupt during times of peak electricity demand, such as electric vehicle (EV) chargers. The Cooperative also added the "My EV" tab to its website. On the My EV pages, members can educate themselves on the pros and cons of electric vehicles and utilize a savings calculator to calculate their potential savings based on their electric rate, as well as access other information and resources pertaining to electric vehicles. The Cooperative's affiliate company, Adams Energy Resources, LLC, was also formed with the current goal of installing commercial charging stations to improve access to EV charging for the public.