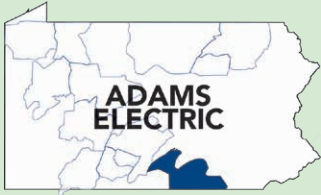




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Strength in Numbers



STEVE RASMUSSEN

DID YOU KNOW ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES power 56% of the American landscape, serving one in eight U.S. residents in rural communities? Or, that co-ops serve, on average, only eight consumer-members per mile of line, while investor-owned utilities serve about 32 members per mile?

I'm a numbers guy; my background is in accounting. All this talk about our 85th anniversary has me thinking: What other important numbers should we be discussing or sharing?

My favorite number is 13 — yes, 13 — and eight plus five equals 13, so our 85th year must be lucky, right?

Eighty-five is the number of years we have been in business.

The eight in 85 could represent August, the month we were incorporated. The exact date was Aug. 21, 1940, and we will celebrate that event on the same date again this summer.

The five in 85 could represent the number of counties we serve. It still surprises me how many people think we're "Adams COUNTY Electric." We're not: We're Adams Electric Cooperative, and we serve consumer-members in Adams County as well as parts of lower Cumberland County, upper Franklin County, western and southern York County, and even a few in Perry County.

Here are a few other numbers of significance, mostly end-of-year numbers from 2024:

- I have **nine** bosses, and they make up your board of directors. Glenn Bange is the president and Nadine Hubner the vice president. Each director represents one zone of the co-op's territory, but once elected to serve on the board, the director represents the cooperative as a whole.
- Adams is one of **13** rural electric cooperatives in Pennsylvania. One co-op in New Jersey joins our family to make it **14** total.
- We own **66.9%** of our energy resources. Through Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc., our wholesale energy provider, Adams Electric uses a mix of nuclear power (57.3%), hydro (9.4%), member-owned renewable interconnections (0.2%) and market purchases (33.1%).
- Adams Electric has **76** employees across its three district offices and our headquarters facility.
- Your cooperative maintains **2,996** miles of energized lines, with more than 2,000 of those being overhead lines.
- We have **35,000** points of service.
- In total, **\$58 million** in patronage capital credits — what we call Ownership Rewards — has been returned to active and former co-op members over the history of the program.
- The co-op's total utility plant (net total) is **\$195.3 million**.

Cooperatives individually may operate as small utilities, but our strength is in the number of nationally connected rural electric cooperatives (900). As we prepare for our 85th anniversary celebration, we look forward to continuing building on our legacy to power the future. 

STEVE RASMUSSEN
CEO/GENERAL MANAGER

Wired for Service

KAMI NOEL, CCC, COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER RELATIONS COORDINATOR

IN THE QUIET HOURS BEFORE dawn breaks, while many of us are still nestled in our beds, lineworkers begin their day, clad in flame-resistant clothing, safety glasses, rubber gloves and heavy boots.

They epitomize dedication to service. As we celebrate Lineworker Appreciation Day on Monday, April 14, this is an important moment to reflect on the essential role they play in our daily lives.

“It is an honor to be able to celebrate National Lineworker Appreciation Day with some of the best linemen in the industry,” Adams Electric CEO Steve Rasmussen says. “Adams Electric is very fortunate to have a great group of linemen as part of its ‘family,’ and that shows in their dedication to ensure that we continue to provide the best possible service to our members every day and in the safest way possible.”

Lineworkers exhibit a strength far beyond the physical. Whether battling inclement weather, troubleshooting technical problems, or navigating treacherous heights, they keep our lights on, our homes comfortable, and our communities connected with quiet determination.

“While April 14 is observed as Lineworker Appreciation Day, one day is not nearly enough to thank a utility lineman for the sometimes-thankless job that they do each day,” says Mike Feathers, Adams Electric’s manager of operations. “It takes a special breed of person to be willing to leave their home and family at all hours of the day and night, often missing important family events, to brave the elements and

restore power to those in need, many times enduring Mother Nature’s harshest fury.

“Yet, that is what these folks do every day,” he adds. “When you couple responding to after-hours outage calls with handling live electricity during most normal workdays, it’s easy to see why our linemen are a vital part of our team here and deserve our heartfelt appreciation.”

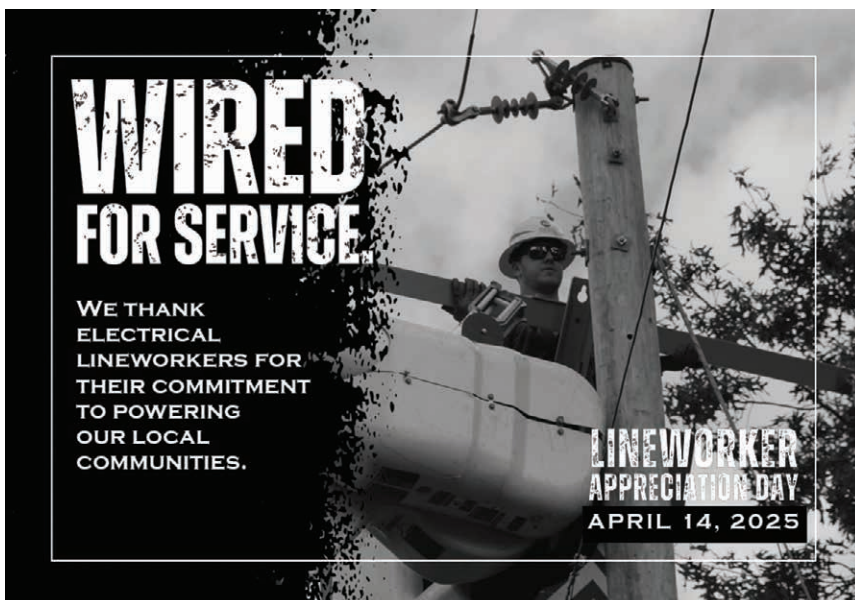
Adams’ crews travel across our five-county service territory daily, building, maintaining and repairing parts of our distribution system. Their extraordinary skills ensure our homes remain connected to the grid, businesses stay operational and emergency services remain accessible — they’re a lifeline that connects us all.

In times of crisis, when the power goes out and we find ourselves in the dark, lineworkers swiftly restore normalcy. Whether repairing storm-ravaged power lines or ensuring continuity during emergencies, their unwavering commitment illuminates our lives.

Cooperation among cooperatives is one of our seven guiding principles, and no one embodies this core commitment better than lineworkers, who often answer the call beyond the boundaries of home. Our crews travel to fellow co-ops, near and far, when widespread outages occur and additional support is needed. Last year, nine co-op employees spent 19 days in North Carolina after Hurricane Helene, helping to restore power to co-op members in that state.

This month, as we celebrate the remarkable men and women who ensure reliable power, let’s recognize their unwavering dedication to the communities they serve.

The next time you flip a switch, please take a moment to remember those who make it possible: lineworkers. They’re wired for service and dedicated to lighting our lives. 🌟



THANK A LINeworker: Electrical lineworkers are wired to serve and show strength that shines in darkness. They are committed to keeping our communities connected and illuminating our lives. On Lineworker Appreciation Day, April 14, we celebrate these remarkable individuals.

Member Candidates Seek Director Seats

THE CREDENTIALS & ELECTION COMMITTEE MET

Feb. 4 and certified three candidates to run in Zones 2, 6, and 7, respectively, for the opportunity to serve on the Adams Electric Cooperative Board of Directors. Below is a brief excerpt from each candidate's petition packet. For additional information about the candidates, visit adamsec.coop. The results of the election will be announced at the co-op's annual business meeting May 8 in Gettysburg.

Meet the Candidates

Zone 2: Jay Herman of Aspers



"I have lived all my life on co-op lines, on the family farm that my parents bought in 1949. I have worked for Knouse Foods Cooperative for more than 50 years in the information technology (IT) department. I am a computer programmer/analyst who has written and installed large systems, and I have integrated other systems into 'off-the-shelf' enterprise computer systems. My specialty in recent years has been in the connecting of our systems to the computer systems of our customers and vendors. [We use] American National Standards Institute standard transaction sets for such activities as order processing, invoicing and warehousing movements.

"I am in my second term as [an Adams Electric] director and, before that, served a three-year term on the Scholarship Committee. I regularly attend the district meetings and annual business meetings and keep up with news by reading *Penn Lines*.

"As a life member of the Heidlersburg Fire Company, I have served our community in many ways. I have also served on the district board and executive committee of the Southern Pa. District of the Church of the Brethren. My knowledge of business and technology and of our community has helped me to be a good member of the board of directors of Adams Electric Cooperative."

Zone 6: Nadine Hubner of Felton



"I am a 20-plus year member [of the Adams Electric board], elected in 2013 as a director for Zone 6. I hold the Credentialed Cooperative Director certificate, Board Leadership Certificate and Director Gold credential. I served as board secretary from 2015 to 2019. In 2019, I was elected vice president of the cooperative board and president of Adams Energy Resources, LLC.

"I retired after 26 years with the Pennsylvania General Assembly, holding legislative and managerial positions. Twenty-one of those years were spent working with former state Sen. Mike Waugh. My most recent position was with former state Sen. Scott Wagner as district director.

"I am a graduate of the University of Connecticut with a bachelor's in therapeutic recreation service education. I hold a master's from SUNY at Brockport in public administration. My hobbies include gardening, sewing, home repair, hunting and fishing.

"It is very gratifying to serve an organization that puts members first. I intend to continue focusing on your expectations for reliability, affordability, safety and community improvement while seeking opportunities to advance Adams' leadership position. It is an honor and privilege to serve on your behalf. Thank you for your continued support."


Zone 7: William French of Shippensburg



"I'm a native of Pennsylvania, originally from Sayre, and currently reside in Shippensburg with my wife, Mary. We have a son, Christopher, and a German shepherd named Maximus. I'm a military veteran, having served four years overseas in the United States Navy. I'm currently employed at Maximus, Inc. as a senior director of IT, overseeing corporate IT governance, and business continuity and disaster recovery programs.

"I have been a member of Adams Electric for more than 31 years, and I look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve on the cooperative board of directors, contributing to the perpetual success and commitment to community that has been exhibited throughout its 85-year history. I am proud to support Adams Electric and its members in participating in the Project Helping Hand Round-Up program and the U-Shift, U-\$ave initiatives.

"I hold a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Penn State University, a master's degree in information systems from Shippensburg University, and a master's degree in business administration from Mount St. Mary's University. I have certifications in program management, as a government chief information officer, IT project management and IT Infrastructure Library.

"As a lifelong member of this community, I am deeply committed to upholding the values in my role on the board. If re-elected, I would represent the best interests of our member-consumers and ensure that Adams Electric Cooperative remains a reliable, affordable, and sustainable provider of electricity." 

Co-op Returns \$2.8 Million in Member 'Rewards'

KAMI NOEL, CCC, COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER RELATIONS COORDINATOR

IN FEBRUARY, THE ADAMS ELECTRIC Cooperative Board of Directors approved returning more than \$2.8 million in capital credits to its members for retirements for 2024. The cooperative, which refers to capital credits as "Ownership Rewards," has surpassed \$58 million for total rewards retired (returned) to members so far in its 85-year history.

Ownership Rewards exist because Adams Electric is a not-for-profit electric cooperative owned by its consumer-members. We don't have shareholders or investors who take a portion of the revenue we collect.

There are seven cooperative principles, the third of which refers to members' economic participation and is best measured through their ownership, or equity, in the cooperative. Each member's ownership is tracked separately and fluctuates because of two main factors:

1. **Allocation of margins.** Revenue we record in excess of what we need to operate the co-op belongs to

our members. To record how much of that surplus belongs to each member, the board of directors allocates it based on how much of that surplus is attributable to that member. Allocations increase members' ownership, or equity, in the cooperative.

2. **Return of Ownership Rewards.** The board of directors decides annually if, and how much, money can be retired to members while still maintaining an appropriate financial position for the cooperative. This retirement of funds decreases members' ownership or equity in the cooperative.

While we can never be sure if each year will bring a retirement of Ownership Rewards, the board of directors strongly believes you should be rewarded as a member of the cooperative and will do its best to continue this practice.

It's our privilege to continue to make returns on your ownership in the cooperative.

For more information or to update an electric account, please call 800-726-2324. To see answers to frequently asked questions about capital credits, visit adamsec.coop.

CO-OP MEMBER BENEFIT

OWNERSHIP REWARDS

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ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Turn your suds into savings. Lower your energy use in the laundry room by washing clothes with cold water whenever possible, as heating water accounts for most of the energy used in a laundry cycle.

Wash full loads to make the most of energy savings, and use high-efficiency detergent designed for cold washes. For drying cycles, clean the lint filter before each load to improve airflow and use dryer balls to reduce drying time.

Co-op Spotlight

Getting to know your employees and directors



**DID YOU
KNOW?**



Dru Hartman

Who I am: Third-year lineman apprentice. I assist and learn from journeymen and lead linemen. I have two years of service.

Family life: I enjoy waterfowl hunting with close friends and going to car shows.

Co-op difference: Cooperatives are a tighter knit group compared to others and work hand-in-hand with other businesses in their community.

Co-ops stand out because of: Response time!

Julia Cardenas



Who I am: I am a dispatcher. I will have been with the cooperative for two years in May. My duties include tracking field personnel, entering and assigning outages, SCADA functions, automated meter reading, and general member engagement.

Family life: I have three grown children and a fourth arrived in March. We enjoy bowling, darts, camping,

fishing, hiking and hunting.

Favorite part of the job: Everyone's biggest focus is supporting and satisfying our members. Everyone in the cooperative is easy to communicate with and reachable.

Co-op difference: The smaller size makes for a close-knit team, and employees are generally here for the long term, sharing a lot of wisdom and insight.

Angie Phillips



Who I am: I have been with Adams Electric for a little over a year as a member services representative. Some of the responsibilities I have day-to-day involve setting up payment arrangements, discussing billing questions and concerns, processing payments, answering phone calls, adding and processing service orders, taking outage calls, doing transfers, disconnects and reconnects as well as attending to other member needs.

Family life: I live in East Berlin with my husband, Buzz, and our two dogs — Piper, a silver lab, and Dallas, a yellow lab. I enjoy spending time with my husband, daughter, family and friends. I also love camping, working out, caring

for my two labs, gardening, breakfast/lunch dates with friends and reading. We are also hoping to get some new vacations in and explore new states.

Favorite part of the job: My favorite thing about working for the co-op is assisting the members. We are encouraged to further our training and that allows us occasional travel to other co-ops. I feel we function like a well-oiled machine. While we all have our jobs and duties, we all work well together.

Co-op difference: Co-ops are different from other businesses because we are member-owned. I feel like there is more of a personal touch with our members and this allows us to help meet their needs.

