

Current Conversations

February 2026



A Focus on Reliability and Progress

As February begins, I want to acknowledge the recent winter weather that moved through North Texas.

Temperatures remained below freezing for an extended period, and icy conditions tested travel and infrastructure across the region. Overall, TCEC's system performed well considering the conditions, while recognizing that any power outage is a disruption for those experiencing it. We appreciate the patience members showed as crews worked to maintain reliable service.

Operations teams monitored the system around the clock, and crews responded as conditions safely allowed. Member and employee safety remained the top priority throughout the event.

Last month, we shared TCEC's [2025 Annual Report](#) with members. The report reflects the Cooperative's first full calendar year under current leadership and highlights meaningful progress: debt reduction for the first time in six years, growth in member equity, and a clean audit opinion — the highest level an auditor can provide.

These results reflect disciplined financial management and the dedication of employees who work every day to fulfill our mission of providing safe, and reliable power at the lowest possible cost.

February also brings opportunities beyond winter weather. The energy efficiency rebate program continues, with expanded options planned for 2026. Youth Tour and scholarship applications are due February 13, and local businesses continue offering exclusive discounts to members — a reminder that Cooperative membership extends beyond the electric meter.



Scott Spence
President & CEO

The progress documented in the 2025 Annual Report and the system's performance during recent winter conditions reflect what makes this Cooperative strong: dedicated employees and engaged members working together.

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Youth Tour Applications Due
Scholarship Applications Due

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2025 Annual Report Now Available

TCEC's 2025 Calendar Year Annual Report is available for members to review online. This report documents the Cooperative's first full calendar year under current leadership and highlights significant progress: debt reduced by \$64.9 million, member equity growth, and 99.98% system reliability maintained throughout the year.

The report also details how TCEC stopped a \$40 million annual subsidy drain, secured a five-year power supply agreement, and formalized the TCEC Essential Attributes that guide how the Cooperative serves members.

Every decision documented in this report serves one purpose: delivering safe, and reliable power at the lowest possible cost while strengthening the Cooperative for decades to come.



Vegetation Management: Working Together for Reliability

TCEC manages vegetation along power lines year-round to comply with state wildfire mitigation requirements and maintain safe, and reliable service. Contract crews trim and remove trees within utility easements throughout the 16-county service area, following strict industry standards under HB 145 and Texas Administrative Code 25.96.

Members play a critical role in right-of-way safety:

- Never trim trees near or touching power lines—contact TCEC at 817.444.3201 to report vegetation concerns.
- When planning landscaping projects, call 811 before digging.
- Leave at least 10 feet between vegetation and electric equipment, and
- Never plant trees under power lines.

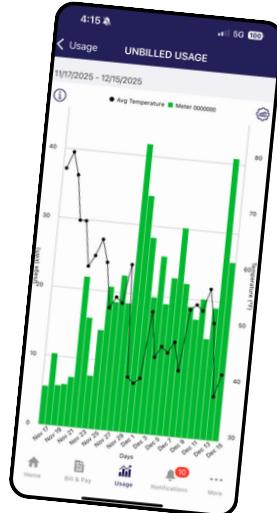
Members along planned maintenance routes receive email notifications and door hangers before crews arrive. Trees within the utility easement will be removed, while trees adjacent to the easement may be pruned to the standards of HB 145 and Texas Administrative Code 25.96. Learn more at tcectexas.com/vegetation-management.

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Winter Weather Impact: Track Your Usage

During this billing period, North Texas experienced historic winter weather. According to the National Weather Service, temperatures stayed below freezing for over 58 consecutive hours in the DFW area. These freezing temperatures may have increased heating costs as systems worked harder to keep homes comfortable.

Stay ahead of bills by downloading the [MyTriCountyTX](#) app to track daily usage and catch unexpected spikes before the next bill arrives. The app provides near real-time usage data and account management—all in one place.



Did You Know? Multiple "Tri-County" Cooperatives Exist

Did you know several electric cooperatives across the United States share similar names to Tri-County Electric Cooperative? Cooperatives in South Carolina, Florida, Illinois, Oklahoma, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, and Pennsylvania use variations of "Tri-County Electric" or "Tri-County EMC", but they are completely separate organizations serving different regions.

During winter storms and outages, following the correct channels is critical for accurate, timely information about North Texas service areas. TCEC serves 16 counties in North Texas with headquarters in Azle.



Verify you're following the right Cooperative:

- **Website:** tcectexas.com
- **Facebook:** facebook.com/tcectexas
- **Instagram:** [@tcectexas](https://instagram.com/@tcectexas)
- **Phone:** 817.444.3201

The [MyTriCountyTX](#) app provides the fastest access to information about your account and Cooperative.

Bookmark tcectexas.com and verify social media accounts show "Azle, Texas" to ensure access to the right information when it matters most.

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Even More Energy Savings: Rebate Program Expands for 2026

The 2025 Energy Efficiency Rebate Pilot Program returned \$386,000 to nearly 3,700 members through HVAC tune-up and Energy Star appliance rebates. **The program is funded entirely by unclaimed capital credits** earmarked for energy efficiency, not member electric bills.



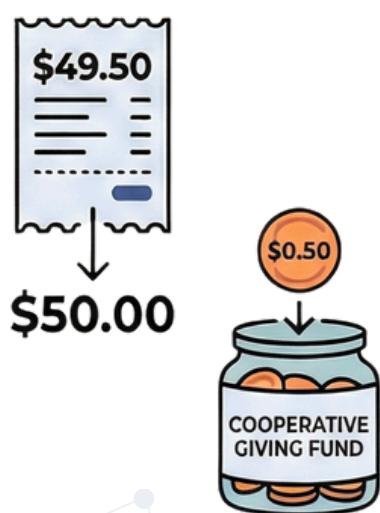
Limited funds available. First come, first served.

The 2026 program expands with new options. Members can now receive rebates for heat pump tune-ups, Energy Star certified products, heat pump installations, and mini-split systems. Rebates range from up to \$50 for Energy Star products to up to \$125 for heat pump tune-ups. New for 2026: members can receive up to \$200 for installing new heat pumps (16 SEER or higher) or mini-split systems (20 SEER or higher).

Receipts and invoices must be dated December 2, 2025, or later to qualify. Members can apply for up to two tune-up rebates and up to two Energy Star rebates per account through 2026. All HVAC installations must be completed by licensed contractors and include equipment model numbers and AHRI Reference numbers.

Learn more at tcectexas.com/energy-efficiency-rebates.

Round Up Program: Spare Change, Big Impact



More than 600 members round up their bills each month, turning spare change into bill payment assistance help for neighbors in need.

The program has provided assistance to 130 members totaling \$31,891 in direct bill support for local families facing hardship.

Members who enroll have their monthly bill rounded to the nearest dollar, with the difference going to the Cooperative Giving fund. Enroll at tcectexas.com/cooperative-giving.

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Winter Blood Drives: TCEC Employees & Members Answer the Call

TCEC employees and members made a life-saving impact during three recent blood drives in partnership with Carter BloodCare. From January 6-8, drives in Azle, Keller, and Granbury drew 42 donors, including 14 first-time donors, who collectively gave 43 units of blood.

Each blood donation helps:

- Save up to three lives
- Support patients undergoing surgery, cancer treatment, or trauma care
- Maintain critical blood supplies during winter months when donations typically decline

Members who missed the drives can visit carterbloodcare.org/donate-blood to find nearby donation centers and upcoming drives.



Don't Miss These Youth Programs: Applications Due February 13



Washington D.C. Youth Tour (10th & 11th graders)

The Washington D.C. Youth Tour application deadline has been extended to February 13, 2026, due to recent inclement weather. This summer, TCEC is sponsoring four high school students for this all-expenses-paid trip.

Applications are available at tcectexas.com/youth-tour.



2026 Scholarship Program (12th graders)

Forty high school seniors graduating in 2026 will receive \$5,000 scholarships toward college or technical certification. Students must reside with a TCEC member to qualify. The \$200,000 scholarship program uses unclaimed capital credits, not member bills. Download applications at tcectexas.com/scholarships.

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Valentine's Day: Support Local with Member Discounts

Local businesses offer exclusive discounts to TCEC members at no cost. Save up to 30% at Great Wolf Lodge, 10% off at Christian Brothers Automotive, discounted admission to Fort Worth Zoo, and special offers at restaurants, entertainment venues, and service providers throughout the region.

Featured Partners: Palio's Aledo (15% off), NRH2O (season pass discounts), Jeremiah's Italian Ice (BOGO), Twisted Scissors (\$10-35 off services), Fort Worth Stockyards (free Heritage Club admission), and more.

View the complete list on the [MyTriCountyTX](#) web portal or mobile app.

Are you a local business owner? Contact communityengagement@tcectexas.com to join this partner network.

Business Partnerships Power Community Programs

Local companies invest in community impact through TCEC programs, and we are deeply grateful to Wagner's Composite Fibre Technologies in Cresson for their generous \$2,500 contribution in 2025, which helped reach the \$50,000 [Cooperative Giving](#) milestone and provided bill payment assistance to families facing hardship.

Corporate partners support Cooperative Giving while gaining brand visibility and meaningful community connection.

Businesses interested in partnership opportunities can contact communityengagement@tcectexas.com.



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