

# Current Conversations

June 2026



## How We're Protecting the Cooperative's Members

In April's board meeting, directors approved a structured process for handling large load inquiries. This is one more way this leadership team protects members from financial risks that should never become your burden.

Much of the debt mountain we inherited came from subsidizing private development. We stopped that practice immediately in 2024. Tri-County Electric will not repeat it with large loads.

Here's what you need to know: the electricity industry is experiencing an unprecedented wave of large load inquiries. Without proper guardrails, cooperatives could spend millions on studies and infrastructure for projects that never materialize, with members footing the bill.

Our new framework ensures that if a developer wants to connect a large industrial load to TCEC's system, they cover every cost: studies, construction, equipment, infrastructure, and ongoing expenses.

In 2025, the Texas legislature passed Senate Bill 6. It requires large loads, typically above 75 megawatts, to complete formal engineering studies and pay for their own grid impacts. The law reflects a broader recognition across the utility industry that existing members should never subsidize private commercial development.

We are applying that same logic to all large loads from 2 megawatts and up. The principle is simple: developers pay their own way, and members are protected from financial risk. This is the financial discipline that has guided every decision this leadership team has made: ending construction subsidies,

locking in fixed wholesale power rates, and tying infrastructure costs to the projects that drive them.

For complete details on how this four-step framework works, read the full article at [on the TCEC website](#).

Thank you for your continued partnership.



**Scott Spence**  
President & CEO

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday, June 22**

Board of Directors  
Applications Open

## JOIN ROUND UP



## STAY CONNECTED



# TCEC Board of Directors Elections Open This Month

Three TCEC Board of Directors seats are up for election this year, representing Districts 1, 2, and 4. Members who meet the residency requirement can apply starting Monday, June 22.

Candidates must have lived in their district for at least three years (TCEC Bylaws Section 2.3). Members can only vote in the election for the district where they reside (Section 2.4).

## Key dates:

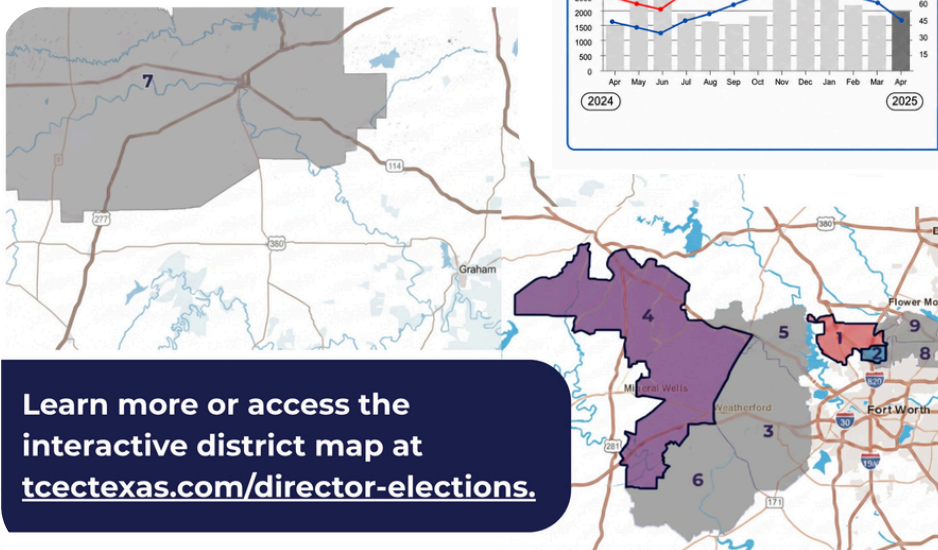
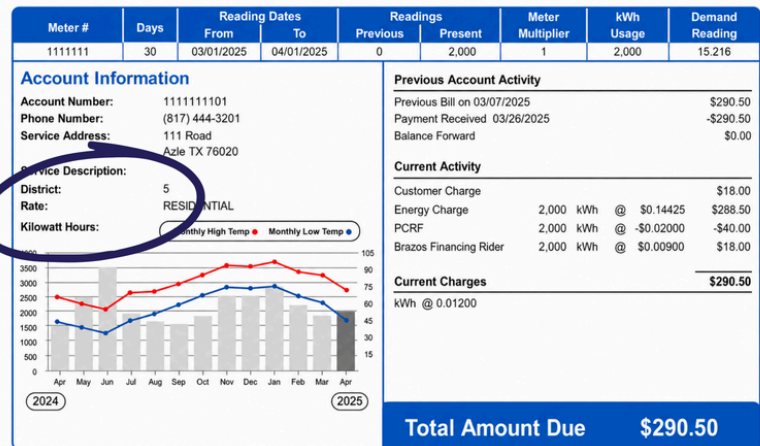
- **June 22:** Applications open online
- **July 10 at 5 p.m.:** Application deadline
- **July 31:** Committee completes candidate review and interviews
- **August 7 at 5 p.m.:** Petition nomination deadline for qualified applicants
- **August 12:** Final candidate list confirmed
- **September 8: at 8 a.m.:** Election opens
- **September 17 at 5 p.m.:** Voting deadline
- **September 22:** Results announced at Virtual Annual Meeting



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*Not sure which district you live in?*

*Check the left side of page two on your bill or refer to this map.*



# ENHANCING MEMBER SERVICE

## June is National Safety Month

Whether at home, at work, or in the field on the job, safety takes all of us. At Tri-County Electric Cooperative, safety is always our top priority. Our mission is to provide safe and reliable power at the lowest possible cost, and safe comes first for a reason.

June is National Safety Month, an initiative led by the [National Safety Council](#) to raise awareness of the leading causes of preventable incidents. TCEC is proud to observe it by emphasizing a culture of safety in the workplace and everywhere else.

This commitment continues all year, not just in June. This year, TCEC is participating in the [Rural Electric Safety Achievement Program \(RESAP\)](#) for the first time. RESAP is a national program built for electric cooperatives, and it uses peer safety reviews to look at our practices and help us keep improving.

All TCEC employees have also made the Commitment to Zero Contacts, a nationwide pledge to eliminate the serious injuries that can come from electrical contact on the job. When a job does not feel safe or conditions change, our crews stop and reassess.

They speak up when something looks wrong and ask questions whenever they are uncertain. Safety is how we look out for one another and for the members we serve.



# ENHANCING MEMBER SERVICE

## The Round Up Program: Small Change, Big Help for Your Neighbors

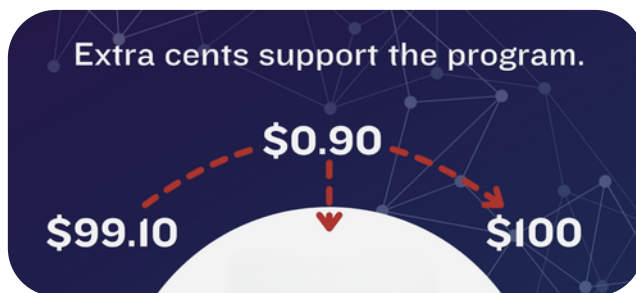
One of the easiest ways you can support other TCEC members is through the Round Up program.

By enrolling, your monthly bill is rounded up to the next dollar, with the difference going directly to Cooperative Giving – TCEC’s bill assistance program for members who need help covering their energy costs.

Most members contribute about 50 cents per month, or about \$6 per year. If 500 members enrolled, that would be worth \$3,000 in critical assistance.

Supporting neighbors is part of what it means to be a cooperative and Round Up is one way that commitment becomes something tangible.

Watch this video to see how the program works, then visit [tcectexas.com/cooperative-giving](http://tcectexas.com/cooperative-giving) to enroll.



## Paperless Billing Saves Time, Resources, and Money

Paperless billing sends your balance notification by email as soon as it is ready. No waiting for mail delivery. No paper clutter.

It also helps TCEC reduce printing and postage costs. Those savings go toward infrastructure investments, and cuts paper waste for all members.

Enrollment takes less than a minute and notifications arrive faster than mail. Enroll at [tcectexas.com/ways-to-pay](http://tcectexas.com/ways-to-pay).



# ENHANCING MEMBER SERVICE

## Improve Your Home, Get Rewarded

Looking for a more efficient system for your home? A new heat pump or mini-split system may help!

Both of these systems can help keep your home cool in the summer and warm in the winter more efficiently by using less energy and maybe even saving you some money on your electric bills.



**Funds are limited and first come, first served.**

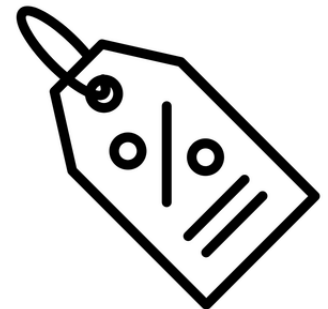
Installation, by a licensed HVAC contractor, of a new heat pump with a 16 or higher SEER rating, or a mini-split system with a 20 or higher SEER rating, could get you up to \$200 in bill credits as part of TCEC's Energy Efficiency Rebate program, paid for with unclaimed funds and not by members.

Visit [tcectexas.com/energy-efficiency-rebates](https://tcectexas.com/energy-efficiency-rebates) to see if you qualify.

## Support Local Businesses Through Exclusive Member Discounts

Being a TCEC member means you have exclusive access to discounts and offers at local businesses across the TCEC service area. These discounts are provided at no additional cost to the membership. You only pay for the items or services being purchased.

Find the full list by logging on to your [MyTriCountyTX](#) account and be sure to check back often for updated deals.



## HELPFUL LINKS

[Outage Center](#)



[Cooperative Giving](#)



[Power Cost Recovery Tracker](#)

[Ways to Pay](#)



[Office Locations](#)



[Member Information Center](#)