

INFORMATION KEY



Butler County REC
Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

Office Hours: 7:00 am to 3:30 pm, Monday - Friday
Visit us online at www.butlerrec.coop
Phone: (319) 267-2726 or (888) 267-2726
Pay-By-Phone: (855) 918-3803 24/7

4. Important Messages

If you know a student in high school, let them know about the Iowa Youth Leadership Academy. They could win AirPods or a scholarship! Read our September newsletter for more information.

1.

Total Due

\$240.83

Due Date:
09/28/2025

Member Name	John Doe	Account #	2.	99999999
Billing Date:	09/03/2025			
Current Bill Due Date:	09/28/2025			
Previous Balance	\$263.70			
Payment Received	- \$263.70			
Balance Forward	\$0.00		3.	
Current Charges	\$240.83			
Total Amount Due	\$240.83			

Service Address: 1123 ANY ST.

Service Location: 430922

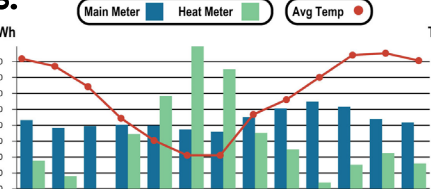
5. Description

Description	Meter No.	Reading Dates From To	Days
1 PHASE	12345671	08/01/2025 09/01/2025	31
MAX DEMAND	12345672	07/31/2025 09/01/2025	32
ELEC HEAT - SUB	12345673	07/31/2025 09/01/2025	32
MAX DMD EH - SUB	12345674	07/31/2025 09/01/2025	32

Readings		Mult	kWh Usage	On-Peak kW	Max-Peak kW
Previous	Present				
63600	65044	1	1,044	0.672	0.000
0	0	1	0	0.000	8.748
1450	1470	20	400	1.440	0.000
0	0	20	0	0.000	2.480

6. kWh Usage History

Main Meter Heat Meter Avg Temp



PERIOD ENDING	2024	2025
Avg Daily Temp	70	69
Total Monthly kWh	1,519	1,444

Current Service Detail

Meter Number	12345671	
Facility Charge		\$52.50
Energy Charge	800 kWh @ 0.145236	\$116.19
Energy Charge	244 kWh @ 0.107336	\$26.19
Energy Cost Adj	1,044 kWh @ 0.00126	\$1.32
Meter Number	12345673	
Energy Charge	400 kWh @ 0.105613	\$42.25
Energy Cost Adj	400 kWh @ 0.0000	\$0.00
Local Option Tax		\$2.38
Total Current Charges		\$240.83

For more detailed Usage History, please visit ButlerREC.smarthub.coop

KEEP SEND



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521 N. Main
PO Box 98
Allison, IA 50602-0098

8.

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PAY YOUR BILL 24/7
ONLINE: Check or credit/debit card at butlerrec.coop or download the mobile app.
PHONE: (855) 918-3803

9.



BUTLER COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
PO BOX 374
HAMPTON IA 50441-0374

JOHN DOE
123 ANY ST.
ANYWHERE, USA 99999



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- 1.** Amount due on account.
- 2.** Your account number. Please refer to this when calling in or making payments.
- 3.** Bill summary showing activity since last billing.
- 4.** Message center for important messages from Butler County REC.
- 5.** Meter number and meter reading information.
- 6.** Your monthly usage and the monthly average temperatures. You can compare your usage for the last 12 months.
- 7.** Current detail of charges for electric use.
- 8.** Account number and amount due. Return stub with your check or cash payment.
- 9.** Additional ways to pay. We accept Visa, Mastercard, and American Express.

***Be sure to call us at
888.267.2726
with any questions.***

InTouch

WITH MEMBERS OF
BUTLER COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

November 2025

Energy cost adjustment rate set to change

A WORD FROM



Craig Codner, CEO
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Last month I discussed the large wholesale power cost increase that we are facing and the factors that have led to that increase, including rising demand and reliability strains, transmission and infrastructure challenges, aging assets and maintenance needs, and labor and supply chain costs (see accompanying graphic).

Final numbers from Basin Electric Power Cooperative and Corn Belt Power Cooperative, our generation and transmission cooperatives, should be available to us by mid-November, but it is estimated that the increase in 2026 will be 10-12% and in 2027 will be 7-9%.

The increase is a Basin Electric Power Cooperative board decision. This is a pass-through amount from Basin Electric to Corn Belt Power to Butler County REC, meaning Butler County REC will not see any revenue from the increase. It will appear on your January usage bill, which you will receive in February, on the ECA (energy-cost adjustment) line item.

Wholesale power is the largest uncontrollable cost in our budget, making up almost 75% of our monthly costs. It is uncontrollable because it is based on the amount of and when power is needed

by our members, which is dependent on weather—hot or cold, wet or dry—and, therefore, the amount we are charged from our wholesale power provider Corn Belt Power, who receives power from Basin Electric. Corn Belt's costs from Basin Electric make up more than 80% of their monthly costs.

We understand this is a difficult situation. Butler County REC and others worked with Basin Electric, including asking them to run different scenarios, for a more agreeable solution so that our members would not be subjected to an

adjustment of this degree. Despite their final amount being the same percentage, we were able to convince them to stair step the increase, rather than implementing one large increase. In the midst of our budgeting process for 2026, as always, we are remaining mindful of our members' dollars.

Remember that we are here to help with energy-efficiency ideas and improvements, free audits, and rebates. Be sure to read your December newsletter for more information on the adjustment.

Cost Increases

The past five years have been a period of exploding costs for the electric utility industry and for broadband providers, pushed by soaring demand, supply chain challenges, raw materials shortages, increased labor costs and tariffs. The impact has been rapid increases in the cost of producing power, longer and more unpredictable project timelines and the need for more financing, all of which have driven electric rates up for residences, businesses and other end-users. Here's a look at what's contributing to the trend. **Percent increase since 2020:**

This figure illustrates the market for infrastructural materials and services, categorized into four main segments: Infrastructure, Build-outs, Broadband, and Generation. Each segment includes a list of materials or services, their respective market share percentages, and a corresponding illustration of the equipment or materials used.

● Infrastructure

Utility poles (wood, steel, composite)	+25–40%
Crossarms & braces (steel/wood)	+20–35%
Conductor wire (aluminum/copper)	+30–50%
Transformers	+70–100%
Grain-oriented electrical steel	+80–100%
Oil/dielectric fluids	+25–40%
Copper wiring	+50%
Concrete	+25–35%
AMI meters	+20–35%
Pad-mounted switchgear	+25–40%
Circuit breakers/reclosers	+20–35%

Illustration: Various utility materials including poles, crossarms, conductors, transformers, and circuit breakers.

● Build-outs

Utility construction labor	+20–40%
Freight/logistics	+30–60%

Illustration: Workers handling materials and equipment, representing construction labor and logistics.

● Broadband

Fiber-optic cable	+25–40%
Splicing & telecom gear	+20–30%

Illustration: Fiber-optic cables and telecom equipment.

● Generation

Diesel gensets	+20–40%
Gas turbines	+20–30%
Solar PV systems	+25–35%
Wind turbines	+25–35%
Hydropower components	+20–30%
Battery storage	+25–40%
SCADA/EMS systems	+20–30%
Inverters	+20–30%
Relays & switchgear	+25–40%
Natural Gas	+20–120%
Coal	+30–60%
Diesel/fuel oil	+40–70%

Illustration: Various power generation equipment including gensets, turbines, solar panels, wind turbines, and fuel storage tanks.

Sources: IIS; energynews.com; Reuters; Wood Mackenzie; NREI; IFA

Feast mode: Powered by turkey...and electricity!

Think about how much you rely on electricity to make your Thanksgiving special: Your refrigerator; the oven; slow cookers; and the lights, fans, and chargers that keep guests comfortable and connected while the house is busy.

A successful Thanksgiving celebration depends on steady electricity. It keeps your uncooked turkey cold until it's time to pop it in the oven. It's ready when you are to bake pies and heat up side dishes, and it keeps your family and visitors warm as you enjoy the feast.

We're grateful to serve you and your family this holiday season and every season.



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The cooperative advantage in two minutes (or less!)

- Electric co-ops are *community-focused* organizations that deliver safe and reliable energy to their member-consumers.
- Butler County REC is unique because *we belong to the communities we serve*. The co-op is led by its members, which gives us a unique understanding of the needs of our local communities. In fact, many of our leaders and employees live in the communities and are members of the co-op—just like you!
- *We answer to local members* (that's you!) rather than far-away shareholders. That means we're more flexible and able to respond quickly to the changing needs of our community. We even share any excess revenue with our members.
- Electric cooperatives are *not-for profit, member-owned, and focused on providing electricity and reinvesting profits*; investor-owned utilities (IOUs) are for-profit, shareholder owned, and focused on generating profits for investors.
- Even though we're locally owned and operated, *we cooperate with other electric cooperatives* across the country to develop new technologies, invest in equipment and infrastructure that benefits multiple co-ops in a region, and assist with major outages. This type of collaboration allows us to address complex challenges while remaining true to our local roots.
- Cooperatives *set their rates to cover the cost of doing business*, not to ensure shareholders are earning a return on their investment.
- We are *accountable to our members*, not shareholders.
- Members of a cooperative *vote for their board of directors*; IOUs appoint their board among the shareholders.
- Our electric co-op was *built by the community, belongs to the community, and continues to be led by the community*—that's the cooperative difference!



Congratulations

...to Jo Groth of Plainfield! Jo's recipe for Mulberry Apple Streusel Pie was published in the September issue of *Iowa Electric Cooperative Living* magazine. She received a \$25 bill credit. Check out page 9 of the magazine each month if you are interested in submitting your own recipe for a chance to win a bill credit. In addition, their website, ieclmagazine.com, includes recipes for fresh cooking ideas.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM BUTLER COUNTY REC!

Butler County REC will be closed
Thursday, Nov. 27
Friday, Nov. 28

Our phones are answered 24/7:
888.267.2726



Scholarships available!



TECHNICAL/TRADE INDUSTRY OR ELECTRIC LINE APPRENTICESHIP

Who: High school seniors who live in the Butler County REC service territory planning to pursue a degree in the technical/trade industry or electric line apprenticeship program that supports the cooperative business model

Scholarship: One of two \$500 scholarships

Apply: butlerrec.coop, Member Perks, Students OR 888.267.2726 for an application

Deadline: March 1, 2026

BASIN ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE

Who: Dependents of cooperative members

Scholarship: \$1,000 for tuition at a two-year or four-year college

Apply: butlerrec.coop, Member Perks, Students OR 888.267.2726 for an application

Deadline: Feb. 1, 2026

CORN BELT POWER COOPERATIVE/IOWA LAKES COMMUNITY COLLEGE, ESTHERVILLE, IOWA

Who: Students enrolled in the Wind Energy and Turbine Technology Program at Iowa Lakes Community College

Scholarship: One \$500 scholarship

Apply: iowalakes.edu

Deadline: March 1, 2026

CORN BELT POWER COOPERATIVE/NORTHWEST IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, SHELDON, IOWA

Who: Line program students who reside in a county served by a cooperative in the Corn Belt Power system

Scholarship: One of four \$500 scholarships

Apply: nwicc.edu

Deadline: March 1, 2026



Feeling chilled? HEAT your SPACE safely

- Only use space heaters as the manufacturer recommends
- Do not leave them unattended
- Give them space: remove any flammable items within 3 feet
- Plug them directly into outlets; don't use an extension cord
- Consider using a dedicated circuit to avoid overload
- Keep children and pets away from space heaters at all times
- Turn them off before you leave the room or go to sleep

Learn more at: SafeElectricity.org



**"Speechless!
Totally glad I went!"**

Amelia Thompson, 2025

Butler County REC

Youth Tour Representative

**High school juniors!
Win a FREE trip!**

Is Washington, D.C. on your bucket list? If so, apply for the Youth Tour to be held June 14-20, 2026!

High school juniors whose parents are Butler County REC members or residents of Aplington, Fairbank, Fredericksburg, or Readlyn are eligible.

We will select one lucky student to join approximately 40 students from Iowa and over 1,800 students from co-ops around the country to go on this all-expense paid adventure to our nation's capital. The places you will visit include the White House, the Capitol, and several monuments. You will also take a boat cruise on the Potomac River.

In addition, the top three students from Butler County REC who apply and interview will receive a \$500 college scholarship.

Be sure to check our website, Facebook and Instagram pages, and future newsletters for more information on how you might be able to check off this bucket list item! You can also contact Anne at 888.267.2726, ext. 111, or anne@butlerrec.coop.

**Apply for the
chance to go on the
trip of a lifetime!**