

COLUMBUS[®] CURRENTS

NEW METER INSTALLATIONS CONTINUE

We continue to install new, automated meters to help increase the efficiency and reliability of our electric system.

Equipment to facilitate the process is being installed at each of our substations. Camp Cody substation in Deming was the first to come online. New meter installations began in June of last year with a testing and validation phase that lasted a few months. The full-scale installation of meters for services served off of the Camp Cody substation began in October, and we have now completed about two-thirds of those exchanges. We currently have just over 700 meters installed across the system.

Work to bring two more substations online was just completed. The Spanish Stirrup substation in Deming and the Columbus Substation in Columbus were both brought online in December. We have installed a handful of new meters at locations served off of these two substations and are currently testing and validating the information that we are receiving. Once the information is validated, we will begin installing new irrigation meters in the Spanish Stirrup and Columbus areas while irrigators are in the off-season. Once we complete the irrigation exchanges and the remaining meters for the Camp Cody area

then we will begin full-scale meter installations for locations served off of the Columbus substation.

We are keeping our website updated with maps of the locations where our field crews are working and sending out letters to members in advance of crews coming out to their location to exchange meters. Service personnel are in vehicles clearly marked with the Columbus Electric logo and are wearing a company uniform with our logo and their name so that they can be clearly identified. Please visit our website at www.columbus-co-op.org for information and a list of Frequently Asked Questions.

At Columbus Electric taking advantage of new technologies is one more way to help us serve you better.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY



CEC Board Approves 2020 Energy Efficiency Programs

At Columbus Electric Cooperative, we are committed to helping our members save energy and money through our rebate programs. We are happy to report that our power supplier, Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association, for 2020 will once again partner in the programs we offer to our members. Our rebate programs offer several types of rebates for residential, business, and irrigation customers. The types of products that qualify for a rebate can change on a yearly basis. If you are purchasing heating/cooling systems, appliances, lighting, or irrigation motors be sure to check out the rebates listed below. Visit our website at www.columbusco-op.org or call Member Services at (800) 950-2667 for more information.

- Energy Star Appliances
- Electric Heat Pumps
- Energy Star split system air-conditioners
- Commercial LED Lighting
- Irrigation Motors
- Variable Speed Drive Panels

Water Heater Program

If you find yourself in need of a new water heater be sure to take advantage of our water heater program. We offer 40- and 50-gallon electric water heaters to our active members. There is a \$50 fee for 40-gallon water heaters and a \$60 fee for 50-gallon water heaters.

Restrictions Do Apply



The Columbus Electric Scholarship Application Period is Now Open

Active members or the immediate family of an active member of the Cooperative who will be enrolled full-time in a college, university, vocational or technical school are eligible to apply. Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$1,000 per year (\$500 per student per semester). Academic accomplishment, character and need will be the determining factors in selecting the persons to receive these scholarships. Applications and full program details are available at the CEC office, high school counselors, or applications can be downloaded from the Cooperative website at www.columbusco-op.org. The deadline to return scholarship applications is Monday, March 2, 2020.

How Our Members Can Help

Sign up for Operation Round up! Operation Round up allows members to have their electric bill rounded up to the nearest dollar each month and those monies are deposited into the Scholarship Fund. On average, a member will contribute \$6.00/year. Donations are tax deductible and a year to date total will be printed on your January statement. For more information please contact Member Services at 1-800-950-2667 or visit our website at www.columbusco-op.org.

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