



MESSAGE
FROM
PRESIDENT/
CEO

**RYAN
BARTLETT**

Reflecting on Progress, Planning for the Future

AS WE BEGIN another year, I want to express gratitude for you, the members of Taylor Electric Cooperative, for your continued trust and support. Our cooperative was built on the promise of people coming together to improve the quality of life in their communities, and that promise still guides everything we do today.

Each decision—whether it's about delivering reliable electricity, innovating for the future or advocating for smart energy policies—comes back to one simple question: How will this benefit you, our member?

The past year has been marked by meaningful progress, both in strengthening our local system and in working at the national level to influence energy policies that directly affect reliability and affordability.

Over the past year, electric co-ops across the country came together for advocacy efforts on the Environmental Protection Agency's power plant rule. As originally written, the rule would have forced a rapid shift away from always-available power generation resources, threatening the accessibility of a diverse fuel supply that ensures reliability.

Renewable energy sources are an essential and growing part of our energy future, but we also know that the demand for electricity is rising rapidly, and natural gas, coal and nuclear remain essential for ensuring power is available around the clock.

As we collaborated and engaged with policymakers alongside other cooperatives, we pressed for a more balanced approach to generating power—one that supports clean energy innovation while still recognizing the role of traditional resources.

Modernizing federal permitting to strengthen the grid and meet growing demand is another area we're working on. This year, electric co-ops helped move the needle on permitting reform, advocating for policies that make the process faster, more predictable and more efficient.

Achievements like these are not just wins in Austin and Washington—they're wins for Taylor Electric members like you. In addition to advocacy efforts, we're proactively preparing for the future by investing in new technologies and programs that improve service. With advanced monitoring systems, we're better equipped to identify issues before they occur.

As we look ahead to a new year, I see challenges and opportunities on the horizon. The energy industry is undergoing significant change driven by rising demand for electricity, new tools and technologies, and federal energy policies.

I'm confident that with the dedication of Taylor Electric employees and the continued support of our members, we are well-positioned to adapt and meet challenges head-on. Through it all, our promise to you remains steadfast: reliable power for today—and tomorrow.

SAVE THE DATE
Taylor Electric
Cooperative's
87th Annual
Meeting



THURSDAY
APRIL 16, 2026

NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR A PLACE ON THE ELECTION BALLOT

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that applications for a place on the Board of Directors for Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., regular election ballot may be filed during the following time:

FILING DATES AND TIMES

START DATE:
JANUARY 2, 2026

END DATE:
FEBRUARY 2, 2026,
AT 5:30 P.M.

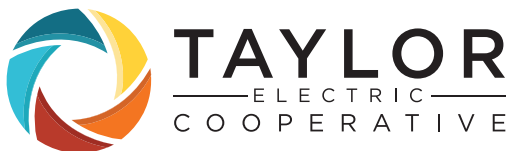


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Substations Perform Powerful Role

The electrical system depends on devices behind the fences.

ELECTRICAL SUBSTATIONS ARE vital to delivering power to our community’s homes and businesses. The complex array of equipment serves as transit points in this system, with the ability to raise (“step up”) and lower (“step down”) voltage. High voltage helps speed power across long distances on transmission lines. However, if electricity enters your home at too high a level, electronics could be damaged, as happens with lightning strikes. That’s why, as power gets closer to its final destination, substations reduce it to a safe and constant voltage level. Several types of substations are found between power plants and homes. Each contains different equipment, including transformers, lightning arrestors, circuit breakers and insulators. Initially, step-up substations at power plants increase electricity’s voltage to various levels (between 115 and 765 kilovolts) so it can be shipped through high-voltage transmission lines. Once electricity nears its destination, transmission substations typically reduce the voltage to between 23 and 69 kV. From there, the power moves through smaller transmission facilities to electric co-op distribution systems. Distribution substation transformers then slash the voltage even lower, typically to 12,500 volts. At this point, the distribution lines you see running up and down rural roads and across fields bring power to you. To make that energy safe for household use, a pole-mount transformer (the round object resembling a small gray garbage can be located near the top of a utility pole outside your residence) or a padmount transformer (the gray boxes dotting your neighborhood) cuts the voltage once more, to between 120 and 240 V. Remember, the voltage entering and exiting substations far exceeds anything you’ll find at home. Substation fences protect you and the equipment housed within and help ensure that your co-op can continue providing you with a safe, reliable and affordable supply of power.



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NOTICE

Effective June 1, 2024, all credit/debit card transactions will be assessed a 2.45% convenience fee.

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