

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT/CEO

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Electricity Remains a Great Value

LATE LAST YEAR, the U.S. minted the final penny.

The one-cent coin was one of the first made in 1793 after the mint was established, but by the end of its run in 2025, a penny cost as much as 3.7 cents to produce. It just wasn't worth it to keep making pennies.

This got me thinking about how the value of things changes over time. A penny used to be able to get you a piece of candy, a stamp, even a newspaper. Not so much these days.

It might seem like a penny couldn't get you much of anything now. But there is something of value you can still get for a cent: electricity.

Let's pretend the average rate for a kilowatt-hour of electricity is 20 cents. (In actuality, it's several cents lower than that). That's 60 minutes of 500 watts of electricity for a dime, so a penny of electricity equates to 50 watts. It's enough to power a 9-watt LED light bulb for five and a half hours—all for only a penny.

That value is just as evident in other situations. Take, for instance, your smartphone. Using the same 20 cents per kilowatt-hour price, one penny's worth of electricity allows you to fully charge your iPhone more than nine times. You can charge it every day of the year for about 40 cents total.

We are fortunate that electricity is such an excellent value because we have a huge appetite for it.

We use it for lighting, heating, cooking, cooling, refrigeration, cleaning, washing, pumping, entertainment, communications—even transportation these days.

That's real value.

As technology has evolved, we've only grown more dependent on electricity. It's hard to even imagine life without it, and it's incredible to realize how much value it brings us, especially when you compare the cost of electricity to other goods.

Rising prices for gas, groceries and other goods put pressure on all of us, but I'm proud of the work we do at Taylor Electric Cooperative to minimize costs where we can and help keep electricity a great value.

Electric cooperatives were created more than 80 years ago when investor-owned utilities decided it wasn't worth it to provide electricity to rural areas. They believed they wouldn't be able to make a profit.

But farmers recognized the value electricity would bring to their farms and homes and banded together to power their communities.

At Taylor EC, we're proud to continue the co-op tradition. Our team works hard every day to power our community with safe, reliable and affordable electricity.



THE SEVEN COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES

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4 AUTONOMY AND INDEPENDENCE

THE FOURTH COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLE, "Autonomy and Independence," states that cooperatives are autonomous, self-help organizations controlled by their members. When cooperatives enter into agreements with other organizations or raise capital from outside sources, they do so in a way that ensures democratic member control and preserves the cooperative's independence.

At Taylor Electric Cooperative, this principle is demonstrated through the cooperative's commitment to remaining member-owned and member-controlled. Taylor Electric's Board of Directors is elected by the membership and is responsible for making decisions that reflect the long-term needs and interests of the members and communities the cooperative serves. This structure allows Taylor Electric to operate independently, with decisions focused on providing safe, reliable and affordable electric service rather than generating profits for outside investors.

Autonomy and independence also allow Taylor Electric to make investments based on the needs of its members and service territory. Whether expanding electric infrastructure, investing in new technology, improving system reliability or providing access to high-speed internet through ACCESS FIBER, the cooperative can make decisions with its members and communities at the center.

Because Taylor Electric is owned and governed by the members it serves, the cooperative has the freedom to make decisions that support the long-term well-being of the membership. Through democratic governance, responsible decision-making and a continued focus on serving local communities, Taylor Electric upholds the Fourth Cooperative Principle and demonstrates the strength of cooperative ownership. To learn more about the Seven Cooperative Principles and how Taylor Electric puts them into action, visit Taylorelectric.com.

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SERVICE ANNIVERSARY
October 2026



Jason Devaney, 20 years
WORKING FOREMAN

HONORING EDUCATORS
A Taylor Electric Tradition

AT TAYLOR ELECTRIC Cooperative, we take great pride in serving the communities that make up our cooperative family. One of the Seven Cooperative Principles is Concern for Community, and each August we have the opportunity to bring that principle to life by recognizing and supporting the educators who invest so much in our students.

As teachers prepared for the start of another school year, Taylor Electric Cooperative was honored to provide lunch during their in-service days as a small token of appreciation for their hard work and dedication. Educators spend countless hours preparing classrooms, planning lessons, participating in professional development, and getting ready to welcome students back through their doors. We wanted them to know just how much their commitment is valued.

This year, Taylor Electric employees volunteered to serve lunch to teachers and staff at each of the member schools: Merkel ISD, Wylie ISD, Hawley ISD, Trent ISD, and Abilene Christian Schools. Our employees enjoyed the opportunity to personally thank these educators and show appreciation for the positive impact they make throughout our communities every day.



Providing these meals has become a meaningful tradition for our cooperative. While it may be a simple gesture, it reflects our belief that strong schools are essential to strong communities. Teachers play a vital role in shaping future generations, and we are grateful for the care, dedication, and encouragement they provide to students year after year.









The cooperative difference is about more than delivering electricity—it is about supporting the people and communities we serve. By honoring local educators, we were proud to demonstrate our commitment to the Seventh Cooperative Principle and to invest in the future of our communities.

On behalf of everyone at Taylor Electric Cooperative, we extend our appreciation to all the teachers and school staff who work tirelessly to educate, inspire, and lead our students. We are grateful for your commitment, and we hope the school year has gotten off to a wonderful start.

Thank you for all that you do to make our communities stronger.







Taylor Electric Employees celebrate back-to-school by honoring the educators that support the students at member school districts.



How to Identify a Co-op Employee

Scammers will sometimes pose as utility employees, trying to get you to give them payment on a supposedly overdue bill or hand over your credit card information. Taylor Electric Cooperative will never call and demand an immediate payment.

If you get a call and it seems fishy, hang up and call us at **(325) 793-8500.**

Here's how to know you're dealing with an actual Taylor EC employee.

Our crews carry identification, and you'll recognize our logo on our trucks when you see us out in the field. If you have questions about someone claiming to be affiliated with the co-op, give us a call and we'll be happy to confirm whether they're an employee or hired contractor.

Our crews may need to access your property, but they will very rarely, if ever, need to access the inside of your home. If a worker is requesting to enter your house, don't hesitate to contact the co-op to verify they are who they say they are.

Taylor EC employees are members of the community, and we don't want to see our neighbors get scammed. If you suspect you've fallen victim to a scam, please contact the cooperative and local authorities.