

Many cooperatives, one strong voice in Washington

One electric cooperative doesn't have much influence on federal policy. However, hundreds of cooperatives, working together, provide a strong voice that can encourage legislators to consider the concerns and needs of co-ops and their valued members. Each April, leaders from co-ops around the country go to Washington, D.C., for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Legislative Conference. During the conference, several key topics were discussed.

1. Environmental Protection Agency Regulations

The previous administration ushered in a suite of EPA rules that were harmful to power generation, imposing significant new costs and threatening the reliability of electric cooperatives.

2. Permitting Reform

The federal government has enacted regulations that make it difficult to improve electrical generation, transmission, and distribution. As the demand for power increases, we need to be able to act more quickly in permitting and siting projects that will ensure the needs of members.

3. The Rural Utilities Service loan program

Since their advent in the 1930's, electric co-ops have been able to use federal loans to build and improve infrastructure to ensure rural areas have access to adequate electricity. We're asking legislators to support continued funding for RUS loans, which are an important part of how co-ops finance key projects.



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The annual conference allows cooperatives to come together and amplify our voices for the benefit of our co-ops and our members.

Member Appreciation Week

Join us!
August 25-29

To better accommodate our members and reduce traffic/wait times, we will be extending Member Appreciation Day to a week!

- Stop by our office from 8am-6pm!
- Each membership will receive a \$15 bill credit, along with a t-shirt!
- Be entered into a member giveaway!

Look for the tent in the office parking lot in front of our building

**Members do not need to register*

HANCOCK-WOOD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
 Virtual Agent

HWOH Virtual Agent:
 How may I help you today?

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Balance Payment Reset Outage Agent

Type a message...

Check out the new "chat" feature on the website.

- access and pay your bill
- report an outage
- speak to a member services