

Thank You for Your Membership!



Butler County REC

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 



Welcome! Butler County Rural Electric Cooperative (REC) is an electric distribution utility providing electrical power and related services to almost 5,100 consumers. Our service territory lies mainly within Bremer, Butler, Chickasaw, and Floyd Counties. We also provide wholesale power to Aplington, Fairbank, Fredericksburg, and Readlyn.

Mission *To improve quality of life for those whose lives we touch.* One advantage of receiving electrical power from us is that you belong to a locally owned company directed by the people it serves.

The cooperative difference Anyone who purchases electricity from Butler County REC is a member of the co-op. As a member, you are entitled to all the benefits of membership and have a say – and voting privileges – in the way the cooperative is run.

Governed by members Your cooperative is governed by a board of directors elected by its members, including you. The board consists of nine members elected to serve three-year terms. Every year at your annual meeting, three positions on the board come up for election.

Profits are returned Each year after reviewing the operating revenues, your board of directors may approve to set aside excess margins. These margins – retained as patronage capital – will be used to help keep your electric co-op financially sound and the quality of service as high as possible. The funds will also be used to retire debt and build equity in the co-op's distribution system. Your share of this margin – your patronage allocation – will be scheduled to be paid back to you in the future.

Committed to our communities Touchstone Energy® cooperatives demonstrate their commitment to communities in a variety of ways. For example:

- **We visit area schools** to educate youth about electrical safety. Sessions are free and include take-home items such as coloring books, crayons, and dry-erase boards with safety tips.
- **Line crews provide assistance with community projects** such as installing a new scoreboard at a football field and placing posts for a playground.
- **Contributions are given** annually to support local fire and volunteer ambulance services and a number of other organizations.
- **Free promotional items are available** to assist with community fund-raising projects. These items have been given to support projects for libraries, youth, families in need, and community improvements.

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