

HIGHLINES

NEWS FOR THE MEMBERS OF PELLA COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC

JULY 2026

Take Note of Summer Lobby Hours

Beginning Monday, July 6, and continuing through Friday, Sept. 4, our office lobby will observe the following summer schedule:

July 6-Sept. 4 Lobby Hours:

Monday–Thursday: 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Friday: 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

These adjusted hours are only for the summer months, and regular lobby hours will resume after Sept. 4.



While our hours will change a bit, members can be confident that our commitment to service remains unchanged. Our team will provide the same responsive support, clear communication, and dependable electric service you count on throughout the year.

Need to report an outage? We're still available around the clock. Outages can be reported 24 hours a day, seven days a week by calling our outage reporting line at (800) 619-1040. As always, outage response and restoration efforts remain a top priority, regardless of lobby hours.

Summer is a busy season for everyone, and these temporary hours help us make the most of the longer days while continuing to serve our membership efficiently. Whether you stop by the office, call with a question, or need assistance during an outage, you can expect the same friendly service and dedication from the Pella Cooperative Electric Association team.

We appreciate your understanding and flexibility during this seasonal schedule adjustment. Thank you for allowing us to serve you, and we wish you and your family a safe, enjoyable summer. If you have questions about the temporary summer hours, please contact our office. We're always happy to help.

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2025 CIPCO Power Supply Report: Action Today, Impact Tomorrow

As a representative of Pella Cooperative Electric Association on the Central Iowa Power Cooperative Board of Directors, I've had the opportunity to see firsthand the significant progress CIPCO made in 2025 to strengthen the reliability and future of our power supply system. In recent years, CIPCO has been committed to pursuing cooperative solutions to the generation challenges facing us. Today, that commitment is turning into action.



*Duane Ver Ploeg
Representative on the
CIPCO Board of Directors*

Guided by its Integrated Resource Plan, CIPCO moved forward with several major generation projects last year that will help meet growing energy demand, support economic development, and ensure long-term reliability for the communities it serves. Together, these projects will add nearly 400 MW of generation resources to CIPCO's portfolio in the years ahead.

One of the most important developments was the announcement of a new 240 MW natural gas-fired peaking facility in eastern Iowa. This plant will provide dependable energy during periods of high demand and help balance intermittent resources like wind and solar generation. Significant progress has already been made and, once completed, the plant will become the largest capital project in CIPCO's history and a critical reliability resource for PCEA.

CIPCO also reaffirmed its commitment to the Coggon Solar project, a 100 MW solar facility in Linn County. After overcoming regulatory and legal hurdles, the project is now moving forward with construction expected to begin soon and completion targeted for 2028. This project reflects CIPCO's continued commitment to a balanced, all-of-the-above generation strategy.

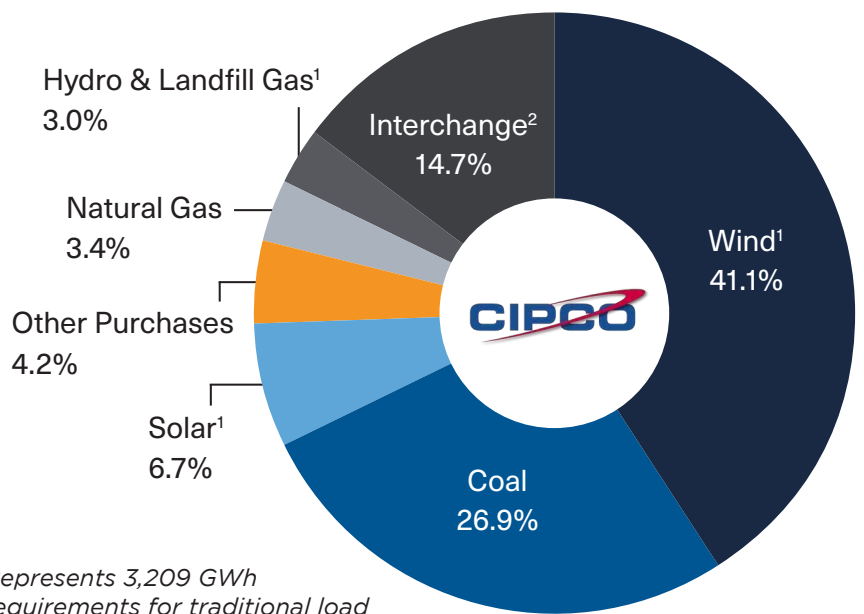
Another major milestone came with the announcement that Duane Arnold Energy Center, Iowa's only nuclear facility, will return to service through a collaboration involving CIPCO, NextEra Energy, and Google. CIPCO secured a long-term agreement to purchase a portion of the plant's output once operations resume in 2029. Nuclear energy has long played an important role in Iowa's energy mix, and restarting DAEC will provide CIPCO Member-owners like PCEA with reliable, carbon-free baseload generation for decades to come.

CIPCO's strong financial performance in 2025 also demonstrates responsible stewardship of member resources. Strong margins allowed CIPCO to defer revenue and create financial flexibility that will help maintain stable and affordable rates while these major investments move forward. Both Standard & Poor's and Fitch Ratings affirmed CIPCO's 'A' rating as a result of this financial strength. In 2025, CIPCO realized a net margin of \$28 million, well ahead of budget. This in turn allowed margins to be returned to CIPCO Member-owners in the form of patronage, a key component of the cooperative business model. For 2025, CIPCO returned patronage totaling \$210,225 to our cooperative.

We are already seeing the impact of increased electric demand throughout our communities. CIPCO's energy sales reached an all-time high in 2025, driven by growth and economic development

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A Balanced, Responsible Energy Portfolio



Save the Date for Member Appreciation Day!

Saturday, Sept. 19



11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Pella Cooperative Electric
2615 Washington St., Pella

Drive-Thru



Hamburgers and
hot dogs on us!

Giveaways!



Free giveaway
per car!

Board Briefs

Recent Substation Outages

Directors received an update on two recent substation outages. On June 17, lightning damaged equipment at the Howell Substation. While crews worked to restore service by transferring members to neighboring substations, follow-up testing determined that the transformer sustained damage and will require repair or replacement. While Howell remained out of service, crews responded to an unrelated outage at the Knoxville Substation on June 22 caused by animal contact with substation equipment. The Board also received an update on restoration efforts and the Cooperative's plan to return the Howell Substation to service.

Fleet Vehicle Sales

The Board discussed plans for the sale of two fleet vehicles that were recently replaced as part of the Cooperative's vehicle replacement program. Additional information, including vehicle details, inspection opportunities, and bid instructions, will be shared once the sale process is finalized.

TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS



Scammers are increasingly using "smishing" - fake text messages designed to look like they're from legitimate businesses, including your electric utility. These texts may claim your bill is overdue, your service will be disconnected or you're owed a refund. They often include a link that directs you to a fake payment site or asks for personal information. Never click suspicious links or respond to unexpected texts, even if the message appears urgent. Instead, call us or log into your SmartHub account to verify any claims. We will never ask for sensitive information like passwords or banking details through texts!



MAKE YOUR MARK AT THE FAIR!

Stop by our booth in the 4-H Exhibits Building; we'll have crayons and coloring pages for kids! (while supplies last)



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Program information may be made available in language other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language) should contact the responsible Mission Area, agency, or staff office; the USDA TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY); or the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a complainant should complete a Form, AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, which can be obtained online at <https://www.usda.gov/forms/electronic-forms>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA.

The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of the alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

- (1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
 - (2) Fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
 - (3) Email: program.intake@usda.gov
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opportunities across the system. With this in mind, CIPCO maintained an overall outage rate of 0.26 per consumer, well under the target of 1.00 hour per consumer. In 2025, PCEA's was 0.89 hours per member.

At the heart of all this progress is cooperation. CIPCO exists to serve its Member-owner cooperatives, and these accomplishments reflect what can be achieved when cooperatives work together with a shared purpose. I am confident that together, CIPCO and Pella Cooperative Electric Association will remain steadfast in delivering stable power at stable rates today and in the decades to come.

¹CIPCO invests in the development of renewable energy projects in several ways. We operate six small-scale solar arrays near communities we serve and retain the renewable energy certificates associated with each. We also contract with energy producers for the electricity output from wind, solar, hydro, and methane gas from a landfill (converted into electricity). CIPCO cannot claim these resources as renewable within our supply portfolio as we have either sold to third parties or do not receive the renewable attributes associated with the electricity produced from these renewable power sources. By selling these attributes (RECs), we not only support other organizations in meeting their renewable energy goals, we also generate revenue to help us lower our wholesale power rate to our 12 Member-owner distribution cooperatives and 15 municipalities.

²A percentage of market purchases exist within the portfolio to meet additional supply needs not covered by existing contracts or CIPCO-produced generation. Weather volatility and unplanned operational events at power plants may also impact market purchases.



Sun's Out, Drills Out!

PCEA Linemen Matt Ainsworth (left) and Randy Reineke took advantage of perfect late spring weather June 18 to upgrade a service line in the Killduff area. Updating aged lines helps improve the reliability of your electric service and is a worthy investment in future power needs.