

Capital Credit Refund Options

Boone Electric members can choose how they receive their capital credit allocation.

Look at this month's bill for your choice of refund options regarding any capital credit allocations that may be returned later this year. Members were first offered a choice in how they wanted to receive their portion of the cooperative's margins in 2007.

Only capital credit amounts greater than \$19.70 will be paid. Allocations less than \$19.70 will accumulate with future years' capital credit retirements, then paid once they reach that minimum amount.

Choose one of the options listed on your bill before returning your payment to the cooperative.

Following are your options:

Apply to Bill

The capital credit allocation is credited directly to the member's account. The first bill following the release of capital credit allocations will reflect this credit.

Electronic Deposit

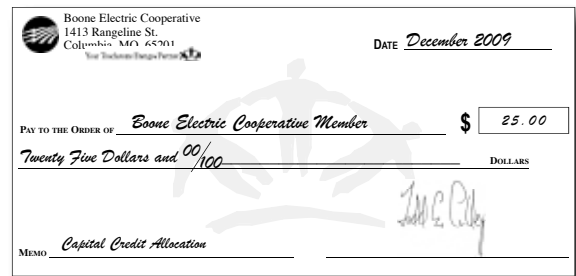
If you choose this option, BEC will apply the capital credit amount to your checking or savings account. We must have a voided check in order to apply to your bank account.

Gift to C.A.S.H. or H.E.L.P.

The C.A.S.H. and H.E.L.P. programs assist other BEC members with paying their electric bill. C.A.S.H. assists seniors and disabled members. The H.E.L.P. program assists single-mothers who have small children.

Gift to Community Trust

The Boone Electric Community Trust provides grant funding to not-for-profit groups throughout the cooperative service territory. The majority of program dollars are raised through Operation Round Up, where members "round up" their bill payment to the next higher whole dollar. The cumulative extra change funds worthwhile Trust programs.



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Traditional Check

If you like the old fashioned way and want to receive a check, simply choose this option. In addition, all members who are due a capital credit allocation, but do not choose any option, will receive a traditional check.

If you have any questions about the capital credit allocation or the choices offered, call Boone Electric at 449-4181. Barring any unforeseen difficulties, capital credit allocations will be available in mid-December.

Member Information

Community Support Programs You Can Add to Your Bill

Operation Round-Up

Helps fund the Boone Electric Community Trust, which provides financial assistance to charitable organizations in BEC's service territory.

C.A.S.H.

Provides utility assistance to low-income senior citizens and persons with disabilities. Funds administered by City/County Health Department.


H.E.L.P.

Provides utility assistance to low-income families with children. Funds administered by City/County Health Department.



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CFL Purchasing Guide

Use these tips from Energy Star® to help you make the best selection of compact fluorescent bulbs.

Most people understand by now that compact fluorescent light bulbs use considerably less energy and last longer than traditional incandescent bulbs. However, the cooperative continues to receive common questions about the bulbs from a large number of members.

Let us try to answer some of those questions:

How to Choose the right ENERGY STAR® Qualified Bulbs

	TABLE/FLOOR LAMPS	PENDANT FIXTURES	CEILING FIXTURES	CEILING FANS	WALL SCONCES	RECESSED CANS	TRACK LIGHTING	OUTDOOR COVERED	OUTDOOR FLOOR
SPIRAL									
ROUNDED A-SHAPED									
GLOBE									
TUBE									
CANDLE									
INDOOR REFLECTOR									
OUTDOOR REFLECTOR									

Use this guide to help buy CFLs for particular uses around the home.

CFLs come in a variety of colors.

Light color is measured on the Kelvin scale (K). The light from bulbs with a lower Kelvin number appears more yellow, while light from a bulb with a higher Kelvin number is more white or more blue.

Warm white or soft white bulbs -- the standard color of incandescent bulbs

Cool white, bright white -- good for kitchens and work spaces

Natural or daylight -- good for reading

Other Helpful Hints

- * Screw in CFL bulbs by holding the ballast (the white plastic part), NOT the glass tubing.
- * Maximize the lifetime savings and effectiveness of your CFLs by keeping them on for 15 minutes or more at a time.
- * Only use bulbs labeled as three-way in three-way sockets.
- * Only use bulbs labeled as dimmable in dimmer switches.
- * Most photocells, motion sensors and electric timers are not designed to work with CFLs. Always check with the manufacturer of the control for compatibility.
- * CFLs are sensitive to extreme temperature, so place your CFLs in open fixtures indoors. Using them in enclosed fixtures can create a hot environment that reduces the lifetime of your bulbs. Covered reflectors are best used in recessed cans.
- * Protect bulbs from the elements by placing them inside enclosed fixtures outdoors. For colder climates, look at the packaging for optimal operating temperatures.

Are You Using Your Discount Card?

Be sure to take advantage of the savings with your Co-op Connections Card.

Hopefully you are using your Co-op Connections Card, taking advantage of the many savings opportunities both on a local level and nationally. More than 100 different businesses throughout Boone County participate in the program.

Here is just a small sampling of the participating businesses. (For a complete list, visit our web site at www.booneelectric.com and click the Co-op Connections Card icon.)

Addie Jane Originals, Hallsville
10% off floral arrangements

Alan Anderson Designs, Ashland
10% off any regular retail price, excludes sale items.

AMF Town & Country Lanes, Columbia
Buy 1, get 1 free game of bowling. One coupon per person per day; shoe rental not included.

The Buzz Cafe, Sturgeon
10% off total purchase. Not redeemable with coupons or other promotions.

Chalkboard Antiques & Gifts, Harrisburg
10% off any regularly priced item \$50 or more. Excludes sale items.

Columbia Photo Supply, Columbia
10% off photo finishing; 10% off video transfers; 10% off movie transfers. Cannot be combined with other offers.

Duval & Reid Menswear, Moberly
10% off any in-store purchase. Not valid with other offer or discount.

Globe Hotel, Hartsburg
15% off one- or two-night stay

Johnston Paint & Decorating, Columbia
10% off retail price on all paint and sundries. Excludes special orders.

Key Largo Fitness & Tanning, Columbia
\$70 off enrollment; \$29.95 monthly rate

Loveall RV's, Columbia
10% off parts and labor; excludes purchase of RV.

Mr. Tuxedo and Bridal, Columbia
Free tuxedo with five rentals

Red Weir Athletic Supplies, Columbia
10% off in-stock merchandise. Excludes trophies and sale merchandise.

Ritchie & Sons Hardware, Centralia
10% off regular-priced merchandise. Excludes appliances and sale items.

Roto-Rooter, Columbia
15% off (\$50 maximum).

Summit Lake Winery, Hartsburg
10% off purchase; not valid with other offers or sale items.

Tint by Toalson, Columbia
10% discount on all services.

Tiger Turf, Columbia
10% discount on all services.

Vaughan Pools & Spa, Columbia
15% off all pool and spa chemicals; free water testing and analysis.

White Horse Antiques, Rocheport
15% off any single item.



Welcome the newest business to the Co-op Connections Card family:

Aaron's (Cleek's Inc.) -- 2 Columbia locations
50 percent off first month's lease payment, 90 days same as cash; 10% off retail sales.
Excludes six-month agreements or cash & carry items.

In addition, enjoy savings at these area businesses:

Courtyard by Marriott, 3311 Lemone Industrial Drive
King & Double Queen room rate \$94.

Elly's Couture, 914 E. Broadway
10% off \$100 or more

Racing to Meet Consumer Demand

Construction continues on a gas-based power plant in NE Oklahoma that will help meet the growing demand of Missouri cooperatives.



Todd Culley
General Manager/
CEO

Recently we received good news regarding the construction of a new power plant. Associated Electric Cooperative (AECI), our power supplier, is building a 540 megawatt gas-based power plant in Chouteau, Oklahoma, which is scheduled to begin power production in 2011.

You might wonder how a power plant in Oklahoma is going to help Boone Electric Cooperative members in central Missouri. In addition to providing power to Missouri electric cooperatives, AECI also serves co-ops in northeast Oklahoma and southern Iowa. There are 51 cooperatives in all under the AECI umbrella. A new power plant, no matter where it is located on the system, helps the entire group.

A study of the new power plant by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Utility Service found no significant environmental impact, allowing construction of the plant to continue. The no-significant-impact study (FONSI) is a requirement for AECI to receive RUS funding for the plant, which is expected to cost about \$490 million. RUS funding provides lower interest rates, enabling AECI and its member-owner cooperatives to save about \$5 million each year in financing costs over the 30-year life of the loan.

Associated received an air permit earlier this year from the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality. The permit establishes emissions limits for the plant that are among the strictest ever issued in the country for combined-cycle

gas plants, which typically are among the lowest-emission power plants. These combined-cycle units have greater efficiency than simple-cycle combustion turbine units because they employ both a steam turbine and a combustion turbine to power the generators.

Recent studies of load growth show demand from co-ops served by Associated continues to grow, although at a slower pace than previously projected. Officials equate this to economic conditions and the successful implementation of the Take Control & Save energy efficiency programs sponsored by AECI

and touted by each cooperative to their membership.

Although the load growth has slowed, in 2008 energy sales were a record at more than 18 million megawatt-

hours, an increase of about one percent from 2007. Member systems also set new record peaks during winter 2008-2009 due to growth on the system and a cold snap across the region.

There is no doubt that the number of cooperative members across Associated's service territory is rising; as is the electric use per household. Associated forecasts it will need additional generating capacity by 2011, when the Chouteau 2 power plant opens.

Two coal-fired plants and two natural gas plants supply the majority of Associated's power. AECI also purchases all of the power generated by three wind farms, comprised of 77 wind turbines, located in the northwest corner of Missouri.

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Touchstone Energy

Boone Electric Cooperative is a member of Touchstone Energy, a national alliance of local, member-owned electric cooperatives providing a high standard of service to customers large and small.

In order to qualify as a Touchstone Energy partner, electric cooperatives must be active members of their community and be dedicated to serving all customers with integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to their community.