

understand local needs, and make decisions based on what's best for the membership—not for Wall Street.

If you have a question or concern about your service, you don't have to track down someone at a far-away corporate office. You can speak directly with your local board or co-op staff—people who work and live where you do.

Serving Where Others Won't

Most co-ops were founded because investor-owned utilities didn't want to serve rural areas, where fewer homes per mile made building power lines less profitable. That's still true today: Co-ops average only about 8 members per mile of line, compared to 32 for other utilities. That means more infrastructure to maintain with less revenue. Yet co-ops work hard to keep rates as low as possible while maintaining reliability.

Community Commitment

Electric cooperatives don't just deliver power—they invest in their communities. From sponsoring local events to supporting economic development, co-ops are committed

to improving the quality of life where they serve. We provide jobs, pay taxes, and support local schools, nonprofits, and emergency services.

Working Together for Stronger Service

Another thing that sets co-ops apart is our commitment to cooperation. Through partnerships with other co-ops, we share resources, build joint projects like solar fields, and improve service reliability. This spirit of collaboration, guided by the Seven Cooperative Principles, ensures that co-ops remain innovative and resilient, no matter what challenges come our way.

Regulated, Responsible, Reliable

Like all electric utilities, co-ops are regulated by state and federal agencies, which oversee safety, reliability, and pricing. But what makes co-ops truly unique is our member-first mindset and our deep local roots.

When you're part of an electric co-op, you're not just a customer—you're an owner, a voter, and a vital part of a community-powered organization.

Notice to Members of Ontonagon County Rural Electrification Association (OCREA) A Special Board Meeting Is Set for Sept. 22 at 9:30 a.m.

The board of directors will consider changes to the cooperative's rates and tariffs at its special meeting on Sept. 22, 2025, to be held at the cooperative's office at 500 J.K. Paul Street, Ontonagon, Michigan. The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. and is open to all OCREA members.

The following items will be discussed:

1. The board will establish the 2026 Power Supply Cost Recovery Factor to be applied to the cooperative's retail member-consumers' kilowatt-hour use. The Power Supply Cost Recovery (PSCR) Factor represents the power supply costs as established by the cooperative in conjunction with Wolverine Power Cooperative. The factor is established annually and reviewed monthly; and
2. Consideration of revisions to the cooperative's Energy Waste Reduction (EWR) surcharge.

Notices of changes or additions to the cooperative's rates or service rules shall be sent to all members, as required by P.A. 167, by first-class mail or by publication in Michigan Country Lines at least 30 days prior to their effective date.

Participation: Any interested member may participate and should contact OCREA at 906-884-4151 a week in advance to request information. Comments may also be made before the meeting date by emailing CEO Dallas Aho at daho@ontorea.com

Notice to Members of Ontonagon County REA Case No. U-16595 2024 Renewable Energy Plan Annual Report Summary

Michigan law requires all Michigan electric utilities to get at least 15% of their power supply from renewable sources during 2024.

Under this requirement, Ontonagon County REA submits an annual report to the MPSC regarding its Renewable Energy Plan. In 2024, Ontonagon County REA acquired a total of 3,897 renewable energy credits. Ontonagon County REA will continue to acquire renewable energy and bank unused renewable energy credits for future use and compliance with statutory renewable portfolio standard requirements on behalf of all of its members.

A full copy of the cooperative's Renewable Energy Plan annual report that was filed with the MPSC is available on the cooperative's website at ontonagon.coop or by request at any of the cooperative's offices.