

# Electricity Remains a Good Value

*What's the bottom line?*

**WHETHER IT'S A NEW BIG-SCREEN TV**, the electric bill, an evening date on the town, a full tank of gas for your vehicle or a credit card statement, the first thing you probably look at is the price tag.

Think about your daily necessities (electricity and gasoline, to name a couple), and then think about the cost of the special treats we allow ourselves to purchase on a weekly basis (some maybe even on a daily basis).

We don't often question the cost of a Big Mac meal—it costs more than \$1 more to buy a Big Mac meal than it does to purchase a day's worth of power. Yet, we frequently become upset if our electricity rates rise. Even in our country's shifting energy climate, electricity remains a good value.

For example, from 2002 to 2012, gasoline shot up 12.66 percent on average annually, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. A loaf of white bread rose 3.73 percent annually, and a dozen eggs jumped 7.39 percent per year.

Reports in December 2015 noted that cable and satellite television providers will be increasing monthly bills for customers in amounts anywhere from \$2 to \$10 per month.

In comparison, electricity increased just 3.7 percent a year nationally. When you consider how reliable electricity is, the value goes up even more.

Electricity has, for most of us, gone from a luxury commodity to a necessity and an expectation. We expect the lights to come on when we flip the switch, and we expect our power to stay on during the best and worst conditions. How else would we keep our food fresh and our homes cool in the summer or warm in the winter?

It is easy to cut a Big Mac out of your spending routine here and there to save a few dollars. We can conserve electricity, but we cannot simply cut electricity out of our budgets if times get tough or we decide that we want to scale back our spending to save.

## ELECTRICITY PUTS BREAD ON YOUR TABLE. AND KEEPS IT IN YOUR WALLET.

LOAF OF BREAD	
1936.....	8¢
2013.....	\$1.41
<b>INCREASE.....</b>	<b>18X</b>

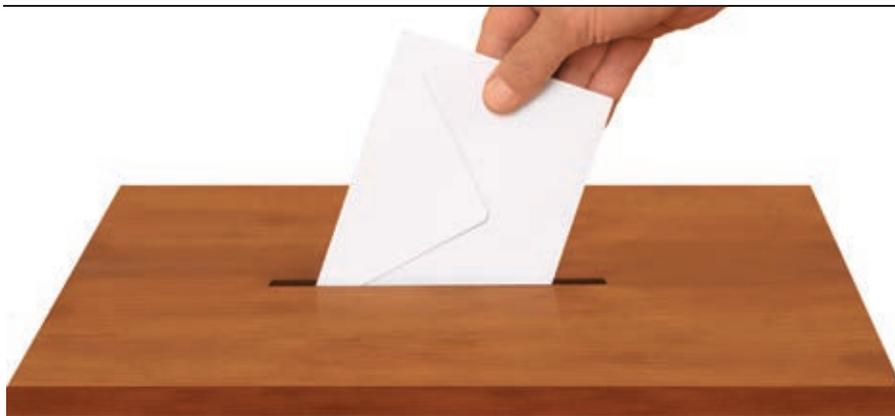
ELECTRICITY	
1936.....	5¢
2013.....	11¢
<b>INCREASE.....</b>	<b>2X</b>
<small>BASED ON AVERAGE COST PER KILOWATT HOUR</small>	



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So the next time you flip a switch, use your toaster or run your washing machine, remember the value electricity holds. And know that Central Texas Electric Cooperative looks out for you by working together with you to keep electric bills affordable, controlling costs through innovation and putting you—our members—first.



# Deadline Approaches To Appear on District Meeting Ballot

**THE MARCH 15 DEADLINE** is approaching for Central Texas Electric Cooperative members interested in running for a seat on the cooperative's board of directors.

Any member seeking to have his or her name placed on the ballot for director nomination at the district meetings in June must deliver a completed application and petition to the cooperative before this deadline, according to CTEC bylaws.

## Director selection process

Director candidates for director must meet bylaw requirements for director.

Candidates must reside in the area served by the cooperative and receive electric service in the district for which they are seeking to be placed on the ballot.

Persons seeking the district meeting nomination must submit an application and a petition signed by at least 10 cooperative members who receive electric service in the district in question.

Persons who do not submit an application and petition before the deadline will not be eligible to be named as a district meeting nominee, as the bylaws no longer provide for nominations from the floor.

All applications and petitions will be reviewed by a Credentials and Election Committee composed of cooperative members.

The names of all candidates whose applications and petitions are approved by the Credentials and Election Committee will be listed on the District Meeting Notice mailed to all cooperative members in the district in question.

The deadline for submitting the required materials will be 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 15. Applications and petitions submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

Members wishing to be placed on the ballot are encouraged to turn in completed applications and petitions as soon as possible. If materials are submitted early enough, CTEC staff members will review the materials and make a preliminary determination regarding their sufficiency, and give potential candidates an opportunity to remedy any deficiencies before the deadline expires.

Members submitting petitions are also urged to secure petition signatures from more than the minimum 10 members to provide a margin for error in the event that one or more of the signatures submitted is not recognized as valid by the Credentials and Election Committee.

Application and petition forms are available by contacting the CTEC headquarters office in Fredericksburg. To have one mailed or emailed to you, or if you have questions about the director selection process, please call the cooperative's toll-free number at 1-800-900-2832, or locally in Fredericksburg at (830) 997-2126.

## Central Texas Electric Cooperative

### Fredericksburg (headquarters)

386 Friendship Lane  
Fredericksburg, TX 78624

### Llano

1410 E. State Hwy. 29, Llano

### Kingsland

Nob Hill Subdivision  
706 Cottonwood St., Kingsland

### Mason

983 N. U.S. Hwy. 87, Mason

### Office Hours

8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday

### Website

ctec.coop

### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Robert A. Loth III

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Riley Kothmann, President, *Mason County*  
James Low, Vice President, *San Saba County*  
Jack Asbill, Secretary, *Mason County*  
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## Emergency Contact

To report electric service interruptions, please call the Central Texas Electric Cooperative office in your area at the numbers listed below:

### FREDERICKSBURG AREA

**(830) 997-2126**

**1-800-900-CTEC (2832)**

including Gillespie, Kendall, Kerr, Blanco, Real and Kimble counties

### LLANO AND SAN SABA AREAS

**(325) 247-4191**

### THE LAKES AREA

**(325) 388-4542**

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**(325) 247-4191**

after business hours

### MASON AREA

**(325) 347-6314**

including McCulloch, Menard and Kimble counties

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# CTEC College Scholarship Deadline Set for February 26

**CENTRAL TEXAS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE** will award 20 \$1,000 college scholarships to youths in 2016, bringing the combined amount of financial help awarded to area students over the program's 18-year history to \$509,000!

"This is a great opportunity for the co-op to continue doing something to help our membership at really no cost," says CEO Robert A. Loth III. "Using the state's escheated money also assures that at least some of that money comes back into the area and is used for the benefit of our members."

H.B. 3203, a state law passed in September 1997, allows nonprofit electric cooperatives to put unclaimed capital credits funds—previously collected by the Texas comptroller's office for the state's general fund—to use for student scholarships.

## Program guidelines

A scholarship selection committee appointed by the board of directors of Central Texas Electric Cooperative will choose candidates and alternates for the 20 scholarships to be awarded. Scholarships will be awarded based upon each applicant's eligibility and will be granted to attend a recognized Texas institution of higher education. Recipients must carry a minimum of 12 hours or be considered by the registrar to be a full-time student. All scholarships will be mailed directly to the financial aid office of the selected school for the fall 2015 semester.

## Eligibility

CTEC will accept and consider scholarship applications from all active members and their immediate families (not just high school students) whose primary residence is served by CTEC. Applicants must be of good character as evidenced by at least two letters of recommendation from teachers, principals, counselors, etc., from the school they attend. For applicants returning to school after an extended absence, recommendation letters will be accepted from previous employers, supervisors, ministers, etc. Applicants must demonstrate a coherent degree plan and willingness to pursue a course of higher learning.

## How to apply

For high school seniors, applications and guidelines are available at all school districts in which CTEC has meters. For members already out of high school, applications are available at all CTEC offices and can be downloaded from the co-op's website at [ctec.coop](http://ctec.coop). Questions can be directed to the Member Services Department in Fredericksburg at 1-800-900-CTEC (2832) or (830) 997-2126. Successful applicants will be announced in late April.

## Deadline

Completed applications must be in the Fredericksburg CTEC office by 5 p.m., Friday, February 26.



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