

Have Solar? Let Us Know.



Florida law requires utilities like Clay Electric to track the amount of electricity members send back to the grid from customer-owned alternative energy systems.

Right now, thousands of Clay Electric members have solar systems powering their homes. When those systems produce more energy than needed, the extra power flows back into our distribution system. A special meter tracks this, so you get credit for the energy you return.

If you already have solar or are planning to install a system, you must sign an Interconnection Agreement with us. If you're planning to upgrade or expand your existing system, we need to know that, too. This isn't just a co-op policy — it's required by the state.

Letting us know helps keep our system safe, ensures accurate billing, and makes sure you receive the proper credit for any excess power your system produces.

Questions? Need to update your info? Call Energy Services at 1-800-224-4917.

MEMBER SERVICES

MYCLAYELECTRIC

- **Track your usage.** See how much energy you're using and spot trends over time.
- **Pay your bill fast.** Make secure payments in just a few taps.
- **Compare past bills.** View billing history by month or season to track changes.
- **Stay informed.** Get the latest co-op news right from the MyClayElectric app.
- **Need help?** Contact customer service directly through the MyClayElectric app.
- **Available on any device.** Use on your smartphone, tablet or computer.

OPERATION ROUND UP — A program to generate and collect voluntary donations that are used to benefit organizations in Clay Electric's service area for the purpose of improving the quality of life of our members and their communities. Participating members' electric bills are rounded up to the next dollar amount. The funds are placed in a separate account to be allocated by the Clay Electric Foundation.

SURGE PROTECTION — High quality surge protection equipment at a low price.

ENERGY SMART REBATE PROGRAM — Rebates for members who install additional insulation in their homes, or who install a high efficiency heat pump or solar water heating system.

Power Line is an informational publication of Clay Electric Cooperative, Inc. It is distributed monthly with members' statements. If you have questions or comments about Power Line, write Nick Jones at P.O. Box 308, Keystone Heights, FL 32656; or email: NJones@clayelectric.com. Clay Electric Cooperative's Board of Trustees will meet at noon Aug. 21, Sept. 25 and Oct. 16 in Keystone Heights.

The Clay Electric Cooperative, Inc. _____

Power Line

August 2025

Costs forecast triggers Power Cost Adjustment increase

Data collected by Seminole Electric Cooperative, Clay Electric's wholesale power provider, suggests a spike in costs associated with providing reliable electricity. It's led your cooperative to implement a rate increase, which will first be reflected on August member billing statements in a Power Cost Adjustment (PCA).

Beginning in August, members using the industry household average of 1,000 kWh/month will now pay approximately \$148, an increase of \$10. The additional amount each member pays monthly varies based on how much electricity is used.

The increase is largely driven by the forecasted rise in the cost of natural gas, which remains the dominant and most reliable fuel source for generating electricity in Florida. Alternative sources simply don't yet offer the consistency or scale needed to meet daily demand across the state.

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Report from the manager

Ricky Davis

General Manager/CEO



In school? Over 22? This scholarship might be for you

The path to education isn't always a straight one. Life takes unexpected turns — jobs, family, priorities. At Clay Electric, we understand that. That's why your cooperative is proud to support members who are ready to take that next step and return to school.

We're once again offering five \$2,000 scholarships through our Back to Your Future program. If you're 22 or older and planning to attend — or already attending — college or trade school in the spring 2026 semester, we encourage you to apply.

Who's eligible?

To apply, you must:

- Be at least 22 years old.
- Live in a home served by Clay Electric.
- Have a high school diploma or GED.
- Be enrolled at or registered for an accredited college or trade school for spring 2026.
- Not be a previous recipient of a Clay Electric scholarship.
- Not be a Clay Electric employee.

How it works

Applications will be reviewed by an independent panel of judges. They'll score each one based on:

- Financial need (50%)
- Leadership and/or community service (20%)
- Educational goals and career plans (30%)

Applications must be received by **Sept. 12**. If you're selected, we'll also need proof of your spring 2026 enrollment by **Dec. 12**. Miss that deadline, and the scholarship will go to the next eligible applicant — so mark your calendar.

As a cooperative, we're about more than just keeping the lights on. We're here to support our members and communities — and that includes helping you invest in your future.

To apply or learn more, go to **ClayElectric.com/Scholarships** or scan the QR code.



POWER COST ADJUSTMENT

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The PCA is a separate line item on each Clay Electric billing statement, which reflects either an increase or decrease in the co-op's wholesale cost of power. When the cost of power is greater than the amount included in the base rate, the PCA is a charge; when the cost is less, the PCA is a credit. In 2023, Clay Electric was able to lower the cost of your power four times through PCAs.

Remember, members receive power at cost as Clay Electric is a not-for-profit cooperative. The Power Cost Adjustment ensures you're only paying real-time wholesale power costs on a month-by-month basis.

COMMON CAUSES OF POWER OUTAGES

There is never a good time for the power to go out. Here's why it typically does.

