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Monday through Friday
7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Looking into the Grid Resiliency Project



JOHN LYKENS

RESILIENCY, RELIABILITY, CAPACITY, SECURITY. These buzzwords seem to be at the forefront of nearly all conversations about the nation's electric grid. At a time when electric demand is rapidly increasing, the need to ensure power is available is more important than ever.

Grid resiliency, by definition, is the ability of an electric power system to withstand, adapt to, and quickly recover from disruptions caused by extreme weather, equipment failures, cyberattacks, or other disruptive events. A resilient grid also has the capacity to handle the explosive load growth we are currently experiencing.

Rewind the clock a few years. As America emerged from the pandemic, Congress recognized the nation's infrastructure — most importantly, the electric grid — was in dire need of upgrades. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) enacted in 2021 paved the way for utilities, like your cooperative, to invest in hardening, increasing electric capacity, and improving reliability through grants made possible under the BIL.

The 40101(d) Formula Grant Program, born out of the BIL, created what is now known as the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Grid Resilience Grants (GRG) Program. DEP was allocated \$40.5 million over a five-year period to provide funding to electric providers to improve the resilience of their systems.

In 2023, DEP allocated \$16 million for the first round of GRG funding. After carefully considering the requirements and the benefit of the one-third-match requirement, Sullivan County Rural Electric Cooperative decided to apply for a \$3.3 million grant for plant upgrades and improvements.

In November 2023, we provided a concept application for rebuilding our Estella substation, implementing SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition) in all our substations, and lastly, implementing substation and distribution automation schemes to automatically restore power during power supply interruptions. DEP greenlighted the cooperative to submit a full application in January 2024, and we were notified in July 2024 that we were awarded the grant. In August 2025, a contract was signed that requires the cooperative to complete the project by April 2030.

The Estella substation is the last of the cooperative's five substations to be rebuilt, and it's long overdue for an upgrade. That is not to say the cooperative hasn't wanted to rebuild that substation — the project has long been part of our long-range plan. However, as you can surmise from the grant award, it is a capital-intensive endeavor. This grant enables the cooperative to rebuild the substation for one quarter of the total cost.

SCADA is another project that always took a back seat to upgrades that were more pressing. Automating switching on the distribution system wouldn't be possible without the implementation of SCADA first. This GRG award enables the cooperative to construct the substation, implement SCADA, and provide automatic backfeed capability.

When completed, all these grid upgrades will improve the cooperative's resiliency well into the future.

Since executing the contract with DEP last August, the cooperative has purchased property adjacent to the existing substation where the new one will be

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Meet Our Washington, D.C., Youth Tour Representatives

SARAH PARRISH, COOPERATIVE COMMUNICATOR

SULLIVAN COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE (SCREC) is once again proud to extend the Youth Tour opportunity to local students. This year, the co-op is sending a full slate of six representatives to Washington, D.C. Meet our 2026 Youth Tour delegates:



Isaiah Botsford is the son of Kevin and Stephanie Botsford of Laporte. Isaiah is very familiar with co-op activities. His grandfather, Walter Botsford, represented District 4 on our board of directors for 30 years and served as the board's secretary/treasurer for 15 years. His brother Jacob attended Youth Tour in 2023.

Isaiah is a well-rounded home-schooled student. He is very active in violin lessons, performing in the Williamsport Symphony Youth Orchestra and at the Cherry Grove Church Christmas services. He is also an avid runner, completing ten 5K races, as well as a 15K race in 2025.



Cheyenne Fitch is also very familiar with our cooperative. Her mother, Lindsay, is our Member Service representative. The family, which includes her father, Bryan, live in Roaring Branch.

Cheyenne is very involved in activities at Canton High School, including 11 years of basketball. She is also extremely active in the school's FFA program and is interested in pursuing a career in the veterinary field.



Elsa Kehrer is a junior at Montoursville High School. She is a member of the girls' tennis and basketball teams, the Key Club, and the National Arts Honor Society. Outside of school, she is a member of Heilman Community Church. Elsa is the daughter of Brett and Ann Kehrer of Montoursville.



Chloe Laudenslager is a busy home-schooled student, who is interested in anything that involves being crafty: jewelry making, crocheting, sewing, painting, and more. She attends Ignite Christian Academy virtually and works part-time at Baumunk's General Store in Shunk. One day, she'd like to own her own business. Chloe is the daughter of Joshua and Ashley Laudenslager of Forksville.



Lydia Roupp is another co-op kid. Her mother, Heidi, is the chief financial officer and human resources representative for SCREC. The family, which includes her father, Phil, lives in Roaring Branch.

At Canton High School, Lydia is a member of the Lady Warriors basketball team. Outside of school, she has been involved in 4-H, her church's youth group, and cemetery maintenance. She has also been involved in the flag placement for Memorial Day. Lydia has worked as a babysitter and is a dishwasher at the Morris Run Legion. Her major study interest is nursing, and she'd like to one day be a labor and delivery nurse.



Ruby Watts is the daughter of Matthew Watts and Chelsea Cramer of Montoursville. At Montoursville High School, she is busy running on the cross country team. In the classroom, she is enrolled in Academic Decathlon, National Honor Society, National English Honor Society, Spanish Club, and Student Government, just to name a few of her activities. Her long-term plans include becoming a pharmacist.

Youth Tour is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for high school juniors to explore Washington, D.C. While learning about our nation's capital and the cooperative business model, students are simultaneously stepping outside of their comfort zones, making new friends, practicing independence, and creating memories. This year's trip is Monday, June 15, to Saturday, June 20.

For more Youth Tour information, visit screc.com/yt or contact Sarah Parrish at 570-924-3381 or sarahparrish@screc.com.

2026 SULLIVAN COUNTY REC VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING

6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 21

Agenda:

- 6:30 p.m. - Call to Order
- Report of 2025 Director Election (Attorney Koernig)
- Board Chair Report (Steve Brady)
- CEO Report (John Lykens)
- Questions Answered
- 7:15 p.m. (approx.) - Adjournment



Members must register before May 20 by visiting <https://bit.ly/screcAnnualMtg2026>, contacting Diane White at dianewhite@screc.com or 570-924-3381, or using the above QR code.

Questions must be submitted prior to the meeting by May 15.

Directors Robbins, Henderson, Aumen and Hamilton Re-Certified Gold

DIANE WHITE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

SULLIVAN COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE (SCREC) Directors Kathy Robbins, Ann Henderson, Dave Aumen, and Jeff Hamilton recently recertified their Director Gold certification. This designation recognizes directors who have earned their Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) and Board Leadership certificates (BLC) and are committed to continuing their education. Director Gold is the hallmark of a committed electric cooperative director. To be recertified, SCREC directors must complete three courses over two years after their last Gold certification has expired.

Robbins has earned her Gold certification twice. She represents District 5, which includes Shrewsbury and

Davidson townships in Sullivan County and Penn, Franklin, and Jordan townships in Lycoming County.

Henderson has also earned her Gold certification twice. She represents District 1, which includes Fox Township in Sullivan County, McNett Township in Lycoming County, and Canton Township in Bradford County.

Aumen has earned his Gold certification four times. He represents District 8, which includes Plunketts Creek Township in Lycoming County.

Hamilton has earned his Gold certification twice. He represents District 4, which includes Laporte and Cherry townships and Laporte Borough in Sullivan County, and New Albany Township in Bradford County. 📍

Board Chair Steve Brady and Secretary Kathy Robbins



Brady and Director Ann Henderson



Brady and Vice Chair Dave Aumen



Brady and Director Jeff Hamilton





GREAT WORK, SHANE! Sullivan County Rural Electric Cooperative would like to congratulate Shane Kline, left, on completing his second year of apprenticeship Power Delivery Program training. The training consists of 10 tests that must be completed within a year as well as on-the-job training. Shane will now move on to be a third-year apprentice lineman. Shane is shown here with Todd Molyneux, manager of electric operations for the cooperative.

CEO COLUMN

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constructed. We solicited proposals from several firms and subsequently awarded the engineering contract to RGrid Power PLLC. Engineering has already commenced on the substation and it is expected to be completed by the end of this year. Phase I substation construction will most likely begin in late spring or early summer 2027.

It is said some opportunities only come around once in a lifetime. I believe that can be said of this grant and grant award. Stress on our grid will persist, whether through increased demand or severe weather. Investing in the cooperative's electric grid is crucial to ensuring future generations can power their lives. Know that your electric cooperative is responsibly investing in its plant to withstand future stressors.

Stay tuned for project status updates throughout the year and years to come. Semper Fidelis. 🇺🇸

JOHN LYKENS
CEO

Navigating Your Electric Bill

Front

Important Messages
Welcome to our new billing system! Please use the enclosed insert for details on how to read your new bill.

Total Amount Due: \$120.32
Due Date: 11/20/25

Description	Meter No.	Reading Dates	Previous	Present	Multipier	kWh Usage
Seasonal	123456789	09/15/2025	357	476	1	119

Current Service Detail

Distribution Delivery Charges	119 kWh @ 2.0543	\$6.92
Generation & Transmission Charge	119 kWh @ 0.0141	\$1.68
Service Charge		\$80.00
Total Current Charges for this Location		\$88.60

Energy Usage Comparison

Category	This Month	Last Month	Last Year	Avg Daily Use	Avg Daily Cost	Avg Daily High
kWh	119 kWh (30 days)	88 kWh (31 days)	112 kWh (30 days)	4 kWh	\$2.10	\$4.07

Account Information

Member Name: JOHN B DOE
Account #: 12345
Billing Date: 10/28/25
Current Bill Due Date: 11/20/25

Previous Balance: \$27.56
No Payment Received: \$0.00
Balance Forward: \$27.56
Current Charges Due: \$62.83

Account Number: 12345
Current Charges: \$88.63
Total Amount Due 11/20/25: \$120.32

INFORMATION KEY

- A** Your Member Information: Your account number, billing date, previous balance, and current charges.
- B** Important Member Information: Read messages about upcoming programs, services, and events.
- C** Total Amount Due: The total amount or budget amount due and the due date. Automatic payment would be indicated if you participate in that program.
- D** Your Energy Usage:
 - Meter Reading - Previous reading from the first listed reading date to the second listed reading date.
 - Usage Chart - Charts current kWh usage and 12 months of historical usage (left labels). Also charts temperature highs and lows (right labels).
 - Current Service Details - Energy charges broken out by cost category.
- E** Energy Usage Comparison: Energy used for this month, last month, and the same month last year. Also notes the number of days kWh were consumed, averages for kWh per day, cost per day, and daily high temperatures.
- F** Payment Stub: If mailing your payment, detach this and mail with your check.

Navigating Your Electric Bill

Back

Explanation of Charges

Distribution Facility Charge: This is a flat monthly fee that every member pays to cover the basic fixed costs of having service available - things like poles, wires, meters, customer service, billing and substations that must be in place regardless of how much electricity you use.

Distribution & Delivery Charge: This is the cost of delivering power over our local lines to your home or business. It covers maintaining poles, wires, transformers, and performing repairs and line work.

Generation & Transmission Charge: This covers the cost of generating the electricity and transmitting it over high-voltage lines to our system.

Sales Tax: A tax levied by the State of Pennsylvania when applicable, at the current rate. This tax is remitted to the state in accordance with state laws.

Auto Pay: Free automatic withdrawal from checking or savings account, or debit or credit card.

By Phone: Call us with your checking or savings account, or debit or credit card.

Online: Pay with your checking or savings account, or debit or credit card. Visit screc.com.

In Office: Visit us at 5075 Route 87, Forkville, PA 16816, Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Mail: Mail a check or money order to: SCREC, P.O. Box 65, Forkville, PA 16816.

Thank you for being a member!

Mailing Address or Phone Number Changes
 Permanent Temporary (from ___/___/___ to ___/___/___)

Comments

Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Email: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

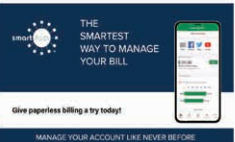
INFORMATION KEY

- A** Explanation Of Charges: Distribution Facility Charge, Distribution & Delivery Charge, Generation & Transmission Charge, and Sales Tax.
- B** Ways To Pay: Auto Pay, By Phone, Online, In Office, or Mail.



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