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2026 Policy Priorities for Electric Cooperatives

American families and businesses count on reliable electricity at a price they can afford. But with the demand for power continuing to climb and the supply of always-available power sources at risk, smart energy policies are more important than ever.

At Wyrulec Company, our job goes beyond keeping the lights on day to day. We are responsible for advocating on behalf of our members in Washington, D.C., to make sure decisions being made at the federal level protect reliable, affordable power in our local communities. We accomplish this through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), who advocates for us on the federal level.

As we head into 2026, America's electric cooperatives are focused on a few key issues that directly impact our members:

- **Faster Disaster Recovery:** We support the bi-partisan FEMA Act of 2025. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is a critical partner in helping electric co-ops restore power and rebuild their systems in the wake of natural disasters, but it could be more effective and responsive to the needs of rural America. If the FEMA Act passes, it will help utilities restore power more quickly after storms and disasters—while keeping costs lower for rural families and businesses. Wyrulec was able to receive \$700,00 in FEMA funding after a large ice storm occurred in Banner County, NE in 2024.
- **Cutting Through Red Tape:** Outdated and overly complex permitting rules slow down essential upgrades to power lines and substations. Streamlining these processes helps us keep up with growing demand and improve reliability. We're urging Congress to pass comprehensive permitting reforms, including the SPEED Act and PERMIT Act, both of which cleared the House in December.
- **Keeping Reliable Power Plants Online:** We're advocating for realistic energy regulations that don't force dependable power plants to shut down before reliable replacements are ready. Mandating emissions limits based on unavailable technology would force critical power plants off the grid and restrict the operation of new natural gas plants.
- **Protecting Critical Hydropower:** Hydroelectric dams in the Pacific Northwest play a key role in keeping electricity reliable and affordable across multiple states. Removing them would raise costs and threaten reliability, which is why we support preserving the Lower Snake River Dams.
- **Smarter Land Management Policies:** We're advocating for smarter land-management policies like the Fix Our Forests Act that would allow electric cooperatives to better maintain power lines on public lands and mitigate wildfire risk.
- **Maintaining Funding for Grid Innovation and Investments:** Federal loan and grant programs help co-ops strengthen the grid, prepare for extreme weather, improve cybersecurity and explore new energy technologies—without shifting costs to members.

Understanding today's evolving energy landscape is important as it shapes how electricity is produced, delivered and consumed. Advocating on behalf of Wyrulec's members is a critical part of our commitment to you. These policy priorities all come back to the same goal: making sure our members have safe, reliable and affordable power—now and in the future.

LINEWORKER APPRECIATION DAY APRIL 13, 2026

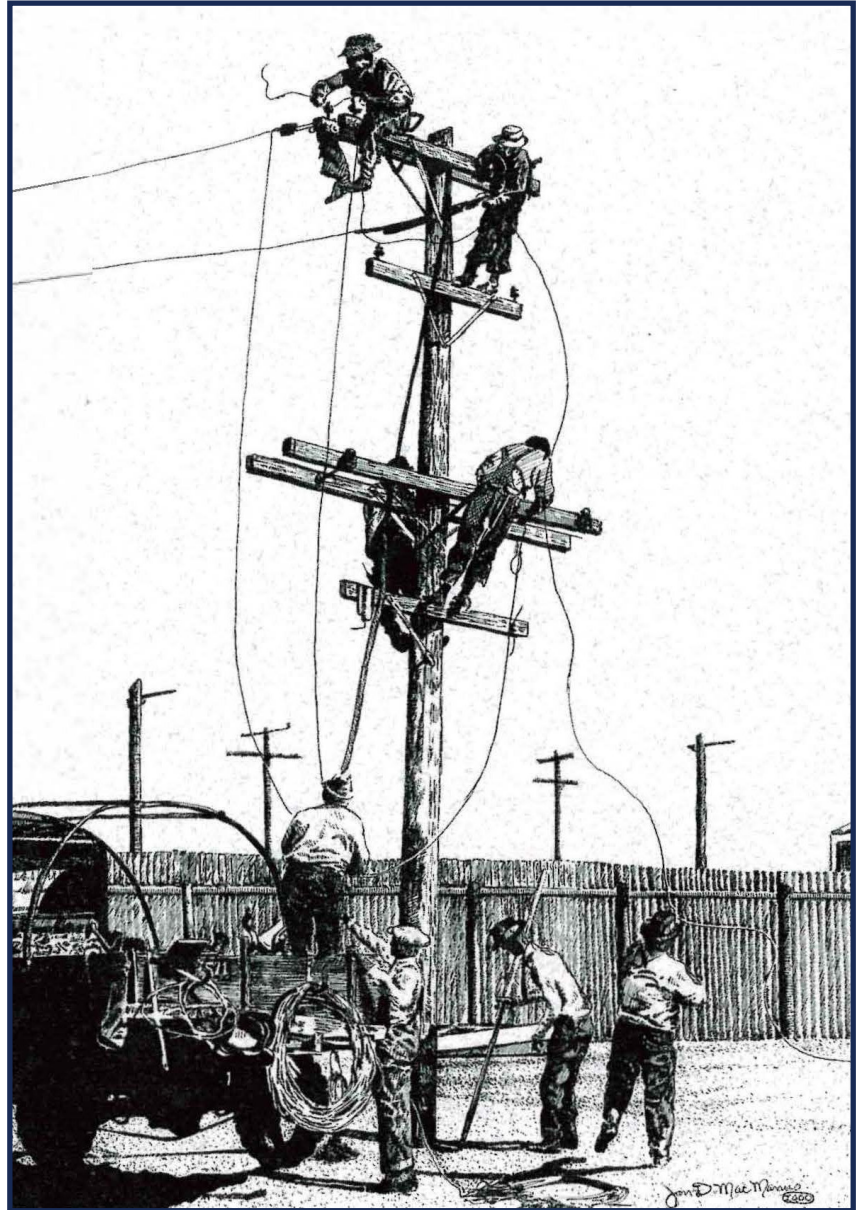
The introduction of electricity into the lives of humanity marked the most important turning point of modern society. Our culture would never again be the same, and most people today cannot even imagine a world without it. There are few who consider the prodigious task of building infrastructure to transport this miracle to the billions of customers around the world. Not many more can appreciate those who maintain the vast web of lines so suitably, that we take it for granted.

Early on, the life of the electric lineman was romanticized as few other jobs had ever been. There was definitely something captivating about watching those powerful young men with such little protection performing difficult jobs at amazing heights. For kids and adults alike it became as entertaining as the high-wire and trapeze acts at the circus, and a part of our rich American heritage.

The truth of the matter was that the lineman's world was not only important and rugged, but one of the most dangerous jobs in America. Early records indicate that two out of ten linemen would some day not come home from work alive. This does not take into account the millions who did come home never to be able to work again. A great sacrifice and risk was taken by these early pole climbers.

Many things have changed since those pioneer days of electricity. The voltages are higher, the poles are taller and the average consumer uses more electricity than ever before. However the number of linemen who will not make it home this night has never been as low. Improvements on equipment, safety programs and education together fill the requisite to make a safer life for linemen. In spite of all this support, it still comes down to the individual. Today's Lineman is meeting the challenge not only to provide the customer with uninterrupted power, but to do it in a safer manner than ever before.

Wyrulec Company currently has a staff of 11 Journeymen Linemen and 2 Apprentice Linemen.



Thank you linemen,
Stay Safe

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FROM THE WYRULEC NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 1943

Excerpts from a talk by Harry Slattery, Administrator, Rural Electrification Administration:

• "I am proud and happy to say that the farmers of America are making rural electric power a mighty force for the Nation.

"Food is an essential munition of war. We need food for our soldiers and sailors; to keep Great Britain and Russia strong; points from which to strike crushing blows toward Berlin and Tokio.


"America needs to produce, next year, more pork, more milk, more eggs, more of many kinds of food than ever before. This year's production of our farms was the greatest ever attained, but we are still short of meat, eggs, and other foods. 1943 must see increases. Electric power on the farm can, and must, attain these increases. Farmers don't have as much labor available to help them as they did before the war. To them I say, **MAKE YOUR ELECTRIC POWER FIGHT!** Find more ways to use it— more profitably and more purposefully. Translate every kilowatt hour of electricity into Food for Freedom. Uncover new jobs for your portable motors — they are your reserves, buck privates who can help you fight for the victory production we must have. Make your chick brooders work twice or three times a year. If you have electricity in your barn, put in a pig brooder. Do not overlook the possibilities of a dehydrator. Use your yard light and your household equipment to save time and labor. Then spend that time and labor where it will count for the most. You know where that will be—in the field . . . in the barn or poultry yard . . . in your farm repair shop . . . in doing necessary war work in your community . . . in safeguarding your own health, and that of your family.

"What we are looking forward to after the war has been termed, very aptly, the century of the common man. We will attain it only if we remember right now that we are in a war of the common man. Things are going fairly well with us, but we have not won the war yet. It is entirely possible that we will not win it unless we pitch in with everything we've got.


"That is a warning, but it is also a promise. If we do fight together with every ounce of our strength, we can make the world of the future a very remarkable, a very desirable world."

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Wyrulec is beginning to launch our brand new text messaging application! This tool will be used to send service alerts and other important member communications.

 We will be enrolling all cell numbers on file. Your enrollment message will look like this:

Welcome to Wyrulec Company's text notifications. Text STOP to un-subscribe. Msg & Data Rates May Apply. Max 20 msgs/wk.

 You always have the option to opt out!



Safety Tip

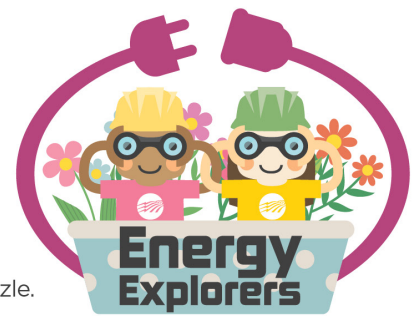
Power poles aren't bulletin boards. Nails, staples, signs and decorations can injure lineworkers or damage their protective gear and equipment when they climb poles to keep the power on. Keep poles clear to help protect the people who power our community.



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SPRING SAVINGS WORD SEARCH



Are you ready to *spring* into energy savings? When we actively try to reduce our energy use at home, we save on bills and help our community. Read the efficiency tips below, then search for (and circle) the **bolded** words in the puzzle.

Spring Energy Tips:

Unplug chargers, gaming systems and other devices. Electronics can consume **energy** when they're plugged in, even if you're not using them.

Open curtains and blinds during the day to use **natural light** instead of lamps and other home lighting.

Dress for the weather. When it's chilly, grab a **jacket** instead of turning up the **thermostat**. When it's warm, instead of turning on the A/C, open **windows** or turn on fans to circulate air.

Turn off **lights** when you're leaving the room for more than five minutes.



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