



Reliability report released ahead of warm summer months

In early May, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) released a report outlining their 2025 Summer Reliability Assessment.

In the report, NERC raised concerns regarding several regional transmission organizations (RTOs) and their electric generation and transmission challenges this summer.

This month, I want to take this space to discuss what it all means and how Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association is working with its industry partners to address these issues.

NERC's Summer Reliability Assessment

NERC placed Southwest Power Pool (SPP) and Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) in an "elevated risk" category for electric generation/capacity shortfalls this summer. Calhoun County Electric Cooperative is a part of the SPP footprint.

Despite the elevated risk category, SPP anticipates a high likelihood of meeting demand for electricity this summer.

SPP conducts an assessment each year to identify and mitigate threats to energy reliability during the summer season lasting from June to September. The analysis considers factors such as historical and predicted future electricity use, weather forecasts, the variability of available wind energy, drought conditions and generation and transmission outages.

Seasonal forecasts indicate a 40-60% chance of warmer-than-average temperatures this summer within the SPP footprint. There are similar chances for below-average rainfall for most of the area covered by SPP. Given these expected conditions, SPP's studies conclude there is high probability it will have sufficient native generation to meet the demand for electricity peak-usage hours over the summer season. This analysis does not consider the availability of energy imports from other regions, the impact of demand response programs that can automatically reduce demand in response to real-time conditions during peak hours, or the potential impact of voluntary conservation programs that incent consumers to reduce their electricity use when generating reserves are slim.

If extreme weather, unexpected outages

or other circumstances affect the region, SPP has systems, tools and procedures ready to mitigate risks and maintain electric reliability. Under different scenarios, the grid operator may call on generating units to commit to run earlier or more often than usual, delay planned equipment outages, import energy from neighboring systems or tap into available reserves depending on the severity and duration of events affecting energy reliability.

What does this mean for Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association?

The way we generate electricity is rapidly changing. More and more, renewable energy sources like wind and solar power are coming online, while traditional sources like coal, nuclear and natural gas are being retired. Calhoun County Electric Cooperative believes and advocates for an all-of-the-above energy approach. All-of-the-above promotes the idea that the United States depends on a reliable and sustainable fuel supply that includes developing and incorporating domestically produced renewable energy resources to supplement baseload generation that includes biofuels, natural gas, nuclear, hydropower and coal.

It's important to remember that the electric grid is made up of thousands of generating stations and millions of miles of line. A power plant outage or natural disaster could have an impact on SPP's projections. Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association, Corn Belt Power and Corn Belt Power's primary power provider Basin Electric Power Cooperative are well-positioned to meet this summer's peak demand. And, as we have always done, we will communicate potential issues with you as they arise.

We continue to work with policymakers and regulators on a state and federal level for a sensible all-of-the-above generation approach.

The ongoing energy transition must

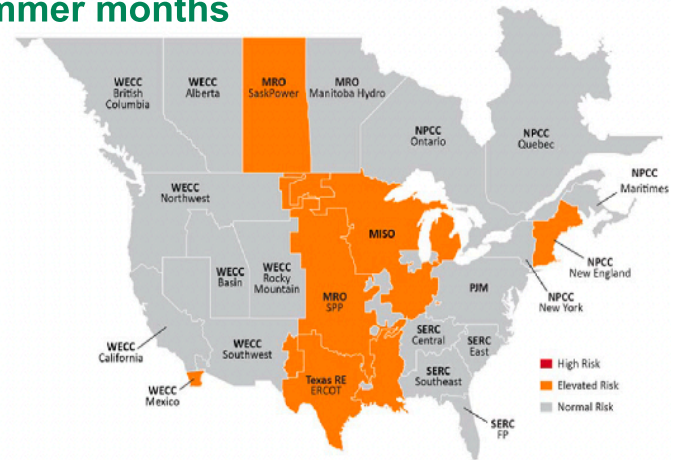


Figure 1: Summer Reliability Risk Area Summary

Seasonal Risk Assessment Summary	
High	Potential for insufficient operating reserves in normal peak conditions
Elevated	Potential for insufficient operating reserves in above-normal conditions
Normal	Sufficient operating reserves expected

recognize the need for time, and technology development, while including all energy sources to maintain reliability and affordability. A resilient and reliable electric grid that affordably keeps the lights on is the cornerstone of our rural economy.

Electric cooperative families and businesses rightfully expect the lights to stay on at a price they can afford. To maintain the reliability of your power supply, we must adopt an all-of-the-above strategy that includes renewable energy as well as dependable resources we have come to rely on like coal, natural gas, nuclear, and hydropower. This diverse energy mix is essential to meeting those expectations day in and day out.

We are keenly aware that the sun doesn't always shine, and the wind doesn't always blow. While we support and encourage the development and use of renewable energy, the intermittent nature of renewables means there may be times when there simply isn't enough of it to keep the lights on all the time. Its place is to supplement a reliable and affordable baseload generation mix. That's why we must continue to recognize the value of and operate baseload generation plants now and into the future.

Our mission remains the same. We are here to provide you with safe, reliable, and affordable electricity that is also environmentally responsible. We will continue to advocate on your behalf and do everything we can to continue to live up to that mission.

Leadership Update: Management Sharing Agreement formalized with Raccoon Valley Electric Cooperative

Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association (CCECA) has agreed to share CEO Keaton Hildreth with Raccoon Valley Electric Cooperative (RVEC), headquartered in Glidden. Keaton has served as interim CEO for RVEC over the past several months while a long-term management decision could be made by the RVEC Board of Directors following the departure of their previous manager. During this time, Keaton has demonstrated strong leadership, a commitment to cooperative values, and a clear focus on serving the member-owners. His ability to effectively lead both organizations made him the natural choice to continue in this shared role.



Keaton Hildreth, CEO

Keaton will continue to serve as CEO of Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association (CCECA), formalizing a shared management arrangement between the two cooperatives, effective July 1, 2025.

The shared CEO position embodies the cooperative principle of “Cooperation Among Cooperatives” and is designed to foster collaboration and enhance efficiency across both organizations. Keaton’s leadership will help ensure that both CCECA and RVEC continue to deliver on their missions to provide safe, reliable, affordable, and responsible electric service to the communities they serve.

CCECA remains committed to supporting its employees, advancing system improvements, and delivering the high-quality service our member-owners expect. We look forward to the continued success and growth of the cooperative under Keaton’s leadership.

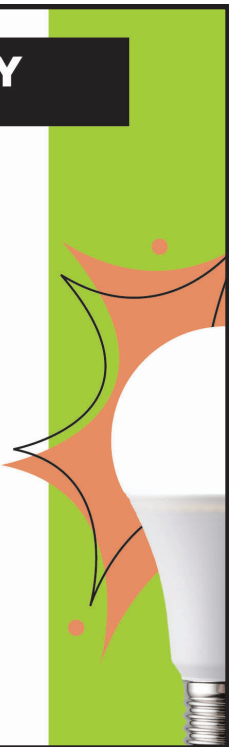
General Notification Update - All Calhoun County Electric Cooperative members are now signed up to receive general notifications. Being signed up for general notifications provides you with the ability to receive text messages and emails from us. Our main use of sending a message is to provide updates during a power outage. This allows us to contact everyone at once and as quickly as possible. Messages may also be sent about other important updates and events. We try our best to keep each message short and precise for easy readability and understanding. All members have the option to opt out from receiving messages at any time.

If your phone number and email address is not up to date in our system now is a great time to get it updated. This ensures that you will receive all future messages from us. Updates to your contact information can be made by calling into our office at 712-297-7112 or by visiting our office, 1015 Tonawanda St, Rockwell City, IA 50579.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

During summer months, run large appliances that emit heat such as clothes dryers and dishwashers during the evening when the outdoor temperature is lower. Running heat-emitting appliances in the evening will reduce indoor heat gain during the day when outdoor temperatures are highest and ultimately keep your air conditioner from working harder than necessary.

Source: [energy.gov](https://www.energy.gov)



Mark your Calender Annual Meeting September 10, 2025

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Please note date change.

Report of the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee met June 10, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Calhoun County Electric Cooperative office in Rockwell City. The Nominating Committee of Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Association, duly appointed by the Board of Directors, hereby nominated the below members of the Cooperative for the office of Director for a term of three years.

These candidates will be voted on at the 89th Annual Meeting to be held September 10, 2025.

Ballots will be sent out mid-August and can be returned by mail or brought to the annual meeting on September 10th.



L to R: Neal Finley, Nick Burley, Brent Bergquist, Doug Klocke, Robert Lee, Cory Ridgely

2025 Director Candidates

DISTRICT 4



Darcy Maulsby

Running Unopposed

- Lives between Lake City and Yetter
- Married to J. Maulsby
- Assists with her family's Century Farm, a corn and soybean operation
- Earned her MBA from Iowa State University
- Has owned her own marketing/communications business since 2002
- Author of seven non-fiction Iowa history books, including Iowa Agriculture
- Past president and current director on the Calhoun County Farm Bureau board
- Member of CCECA since 2006
- CCECA Director since 2022



Joe Parker

Incumbent

- Resides west of Lohrville
- Married to Heather, 3 children - Aydan, Ayla, and Adalynn
- Employed at NEW Cooperative for the last 15 years
- Pheasants Forever – Calhoun County
- Lohrville Lions Club
- Member of CCECA since 2013
- CCECA Director since 2022

DISTRICT 6



Neal Finley

Opponent

- Lives 4 miles east of Lake City between Lake City and Auburn
- Has 3 children - Ava, Adam, and Abram
- Full-time livestock and grain farmer
- Jackson township trustee for the last 5 years
- Enjoys classic cars and attending local car shows
- Member of CCECA since 2020

CCECA attends Conservation Day

Just before the 2024/2025 school year ended Administrative Assistant/ Communications Specialist, Menley Cates, was able to talk with sixth grade students from South Central Calhoun at Conservation Day. The event took place at the University 40 County Park.



Menley taught students about the importance of using energy wisely and ways to do so. She also showed students the Cooperative's electric vehicle and answered questions they had. Menley gave each group the opportunity to get inside and check out the vehicle.



July Member Challenge

Find the answers within the stories, features, and content of this newsletter and you could win a prize. Send your answer to memberchallenge@calhounrec.coop, clip and mail to: Calhoun County Electric Cooperative, PO Box 312, Rockwell City, IA 50579 or submit on our website: www.calhounrec.coop/member-challenge-submission. You may mail your entry along with your electric bill payment, but remember there is a deadline!

Entries for this issue **must be received by August 1st**. Three names will be drawn from all correct entries. Members will receive a **\$10 credit** on their account. Members who answer the questions correctly and participate at least 4 times throughout the year, will be eligible for a \$100 Calhoun County Electric Cooperative Pre-Paid Debit card, through a random drawing, at the end of the year.

Congratulations February winners:
Richard & Carol Finley,
Larry Lockner, & Donna Klocke

1. Our mission remains the same. We are here to provide you with safe, _____ and affordable electricity that is also environmentally responsible.
2. All Calhoun County Electric Cooperative members are now signed up to receive general _____.
3. District _____ is having a contested election in 2025 Election of Directors.

Name _____

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