

# CURRENT NEWS



## What's Happening



**NOV. 11**

Offices closed for Veterans Day. Thank you Veterans for your service!



**NOV. 27 & 28**

Offices closed for Thanksgiving



**JAN. 16**

Youth Tour application deadline

Youth Tour applications are now open! Visit [Slopeelectric.coop](http://Slopeelectric.coop) for more information and to apply. The application deadline is Jan. 16.

## In case you missed it...

### Understanding capital credits

Capital credits, patronage dividends, patronage refunds. These are all familiar terms with similar meanings. They all refer to the allocation of operating margins as equity and, when appropriate, retiring them to the members of the co-op in the form of money or a credit on the bill. Read more about capital credits on C3 of our local pages.

### Join Slope Electric's Nominating/Resolution Committee

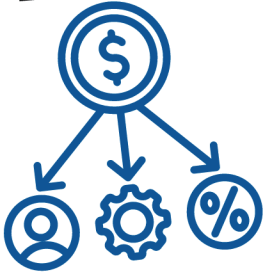
At the upcoming Dec. 17 Slope Electric Cooperative meeting of the board of directors, directors will appoint the Slope Electric Nominating/Resolutions Committee. This is your chance to play an active role in our cooperative's decision making process. If you're interested, read more on C4 of our local pages.

### Remote monitoring technology being installed

In a step toward enhancing reliability for our members, Slope Electric Cooperative has begun the process of installing supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) technology within our substations. Read more on C5 of our local pages.

## LEARN ABOUT

# CAPITAL CREDITS



## WHAT ARE CAPITAL CREDITS?

When Slope Electric pays for power generation, maintenance, and operations, any money left over is called a margin. These margins create equity for the cooperative and are allocated to you, our members, through capital credits. These credits represent each member's ownership and contribution to the cooperative. They are a reflection of the cooperative's non-profit nature.

## HOW ARE CAPITAL CREDITS ALLOCATED?

Each member's share of the total margins is calculated based on their energy usage. The more electricity you use, the larger your portion of the credits.

Example: If the cooperative earns \$1 million in margins and you account for 1% of the total energy use, you would be allocated \$10,000 in capital credits.



## HOW ARE CAPITAL CREDITS DISTRIBUTED?

Allocation are where credits are calculated and recorded in your account annually but not immediately paid out. Then cooperative's board decides when to retire and distribute the credits, balancing financial stability and member benefits which is called a distribution.

Distribution Cycle: Distributions typically happen 20-30 years after allocation. The cooperative retires the oldest credits first, returning them to members as cash or bill credits.

