




# Spread THE WORD for the YOUTH TOUR

**JUNE 14-21, 2026**



## KNOW A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT?

We are asking for your help spreading the word throughout our community about the Youth Tour—an **all-expenses-paid** trip to the nation's capital. BCEC will send three students on this incredible journey. Students' parents or guardians do **not** have to be members of BCEC for the student to compete in and win the Youth Tour contest.

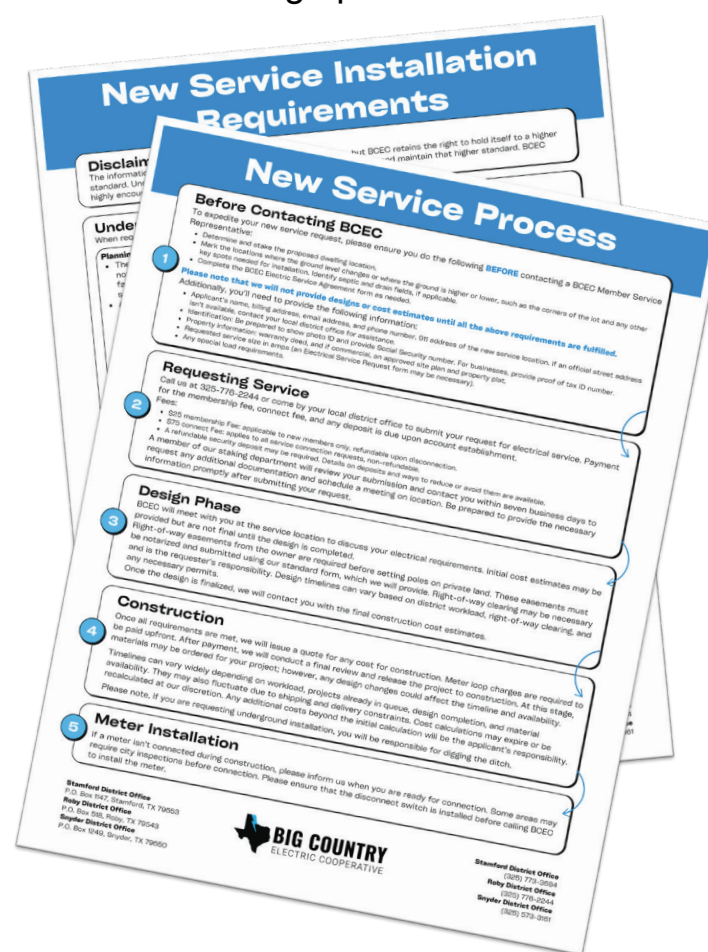
**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE ON JAN 15, 2026**

**VIDEO CONTEST TOPIC:**  
What are the differences between an electric cooperative and an investor-owned utility?

**START YOUR ADVENTURE AT [BIGCOUNTRY.COOP/YOUTH-TOUR](http://BIGCOUNTRY.COOP/YOUTH-TOUR)**

## Need a new service installed?

Visit the 'New Service' page under 'About Us' at [bigcountry.coop](http://bigcountry.coop) for the process and installation requirements for setting up a new service.



**New Service Installation Requirements**

**Before Contacting BCEC**

To expedite your new service request, please ensure you do the following **BEFORE** contacting a BCEC Member Service Representative:

- Determine and state the proposed dwelling location.
- Be in the location where the ground level changes or where the ground is higher or lower, such as the corners of the lot and any other key points needed for installation, based on site plan and other plans, if applicable.
- Obtain the BCEC Electric Service Agreement form as needed.

**Please note that we will not provide designs or cost estimates until all the above requirements are fulfilled.**

Additionally, you'll need to provide the following information:

- Appliances, sums, listed address, email address, and phone number. (It is the address of the new service location. If an official street address is not available, contact your local district office for assistance.)
- Property information: ownership, acreage, and if commercial, an approved site plan and property plat.
- Requested service size in amperes (an Electrical Service Request form may be necessary).
- Any special load requirements.

**Requesting Service**

Call us at 325-776-2244 or come by your local district office to submit your request for electrical service. Payment for the membership fee, connect fee, and any deposit is due upon account establishment.

**Design Phase**

BCEC will meet with you at the service location to discuss your electrical requirements. Initial cost estimates may be provided but are not final until the design is completed. A refundable security deposit from the owner is required before setting poles on private land. These estimates must be reviewed and submitted using our standard form, which we will provide. Right-of-way clearing may be necessary and is the requester's responsibility. Design timelines can vary based on district workload, right-of-way clearing, and any necessary permits. Once the design is finalized, we will contact you with the final construction cost estimates.

**Construction**

Once all requirements are met, we will leave a quote for any cost for construction. Meter loop charges are required to be paid upfront. After payment, we will conduct a final review and release the project to construction. At this stage, a refundable security deposit from the owner is required before setting poles on private land. These estimates must be reviewed and submitted using our standard form, which we will provide. Right-of-way clearing may be necessary and is the requester's responsibility. Design timelines can vary based on district workload, right-of-way clearing, and any necessary permits. Once the design is finalized, we will contact you with the final construction cost estimates.

**Meter Installation**

If a meter isn't connected during construction, please inform us when you are ready for connection. Some areas may require city inspections before connection. Please ensure that the disconnect switch is installed before calling BCEC to install the meter.

**Big Country Electric Cooperative**

Stamford District Office  
P.O. Box 100, Stamford, TX 79083  
Roby District Office  
P.O. Box 100, Roby, TX 75068  
Snyder District Office  
P.O. Box 1040, Snyder, TX 79080

**Need knows no season,** and many of our friends and neighbors are in need this year.

A wonderful gift that keeps on giving and can be appreciated by anyone is the Gift of Light.

You can pay any amount toward the electric bill of a co-op member by cash, check, or credit card. We can send a card to the recipient on your behalf, or you may remain anonymous.

**Contact us for more information.**



# BIG COUNTRY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

## Membergram



## CHRISTMAS COOKOUT FUNDRAISERS

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3  
11:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

**ONE DAY, THREE LOCATIONS!**

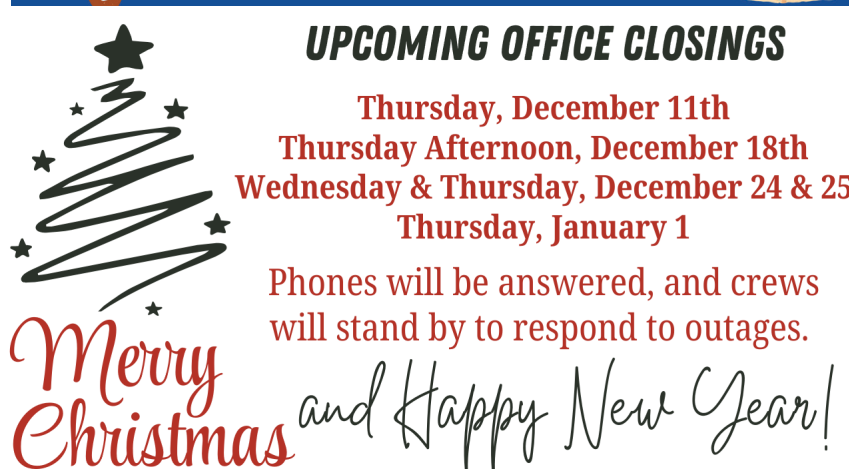
**STAMFORD, AT THE SQUARE**  
**SNYDER, AT THE POCKET PARK**  
**ROBY, AT THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE**

**BCEC will be cooking delicious sausage wraps and serving chips, drinks, and cookies for pick-up. Meals are available by donation, and all proceeds will benefit local charities.**

We welcome monetary donations, as well as new, unwrapped toys and winter clothing — all of which will help local families in need.

*Please join us if you can and share the holiday spirit!*

**BIG COUNTRY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**



## UPCOMING OFFICE CLOSINGS

**Thursday, December 11th**  
**Thursday Afternoon, December 18th**  
**Wednesday & Thursday, December 24 & 25**  
**Thursday, January 1**

Phones will be answered, and crews will stand by to respond to outages.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

[www.bigcountry.coop](http://www.bigcountry.coop)

December 2025

## OUR COMMITMENT TO RELIABILITY



We are continuing to make progress on system maintenance following recent pole inspections. Our partnership with Impact Engineering is helping keep this work on schedule, with their team staking jobs and designing work orders to support upcoming construction projects.

After completing work on the Anson circuits, Impact is now moving on to projects served by our Stamford Substation. Their crews typically operate in two-week rotations and may be seen in trucks or UTVs marked with BCEC signage.

Sundance Power Pole Inspections is also continuing its inspection of transmission and distribution lines throughout our service area.

We appreciate your patience as these efforts continue to strengthen system reliability and support safe, long-term service for our members.

## Scholarships!

**Attention Moms, Dads, and Grads! Scholarships** are available through Big Country EC. Don't miss out on this opportunity!



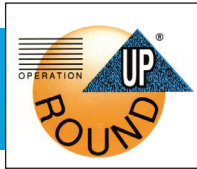
**Big Country EC Academic Scholarship**  
Deadline: March 1, 2026  
Two \$4,000 scholarships for graduating seniors whose parents/guardians are BCEC members.

**Golden Spread EC Directors' Memorial Scholarship**  
Deadline: March 1, 2026  
\$2,000 scholarships for selected graduating seniors whose parents/guardians are BCEC members.

**Texas Rural Electric Women's Association Scholarship**  
Deadline: March 15, 2026  
Twenty \$1,500 scholarships are available for TREWA members and their children, open to graduating high school seniors, full-time college students, and adults accepted as full-time students at any accredited institution.

For full details and applications, visit [bigcountry.coop](http://bigcountry.coop) and click on Service Beyond Electricity, then Scholarships. Please contact Krysha Burleson at (325) 776-3803 or [kburleson@bigcountry.coop](mailto:kburleson@bigcountry.coop).





### Committed to Community

For complete information about our Operation Round Up program or to opt out of participation, visit [bigcountry.coop/operation-round-up](http://bigcountry.coop/operation-round-up).

## Supporting Our Community Together

### What is Operation Round Up?

The Operation Round Up program is supported by BCEC members whose electric bills are “Rounded Up” to the nearest dollar.

The “Rounded Up” amounts fund Operation Round Up for distribution to individuals and organizations with demonstrated financial need in the counties we serve: Borden, Fisher, Garza, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stonewall, and Throckmorton.

### Every penny stays right here at home!

#### Who can apply to Operation Round Up?

- Local organizations or programs that provide vital community services, such as food banks, shelters, medical and health needs, rescue organizations, educational projects, childcare programs, and other community needs.
- Families and individuals with demonstrated financial need due to life-altering circumstances.

### 2026 Quarterly Deadlines

February 17, 2026 at 5:30PM

May 19, 2026 at 5:30PM

August 18, 2026 at 5:30PM

November 10, 2026 at 5:30PM

For more information about the Operation Round Up program or to opt out of participation, please visit [bigcountry.coop](http://bigcountry.coop) and navigate to the Service Beyond Electricity dropdown menu.

## 2015 Chevy 3500 Duramax for Sale by Sealed Bid

Interested in a 2015 Chevy 3500 Duramax?  
189,000 miles · CM bed · On-board air system installed  
*Note: Vehicle needs a new engine.*

Please mail your sealed bid by January 15 to:

Big Country Electric Cooperative  
c/o Jakob Clawson  
P.O. Box 518  
Roby, TX 79543

Minimum bid: \$8,500



## Exciting News: PCA Set at 2¢ Credit on December Bills

We are happy to share that members will see a **2-cent credit** on December electric bills for November usage. This credit reflects a significant decrease in the cost of purchased power, and we are glad to pass these savings directly back to you.

### Understanding the PCA

The Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) is a rate component on your electric bill that accounts for changes in the cost of purchased power. BCEC budgets for an average purchased power cost of \$0.06 per kWh. Because actual market prices vary from month to month, the PCA adjusts up or down to reflect the difference between our budgeted cost and the real cost of electricity.

This mechanism ensures fair, transparent billing and helps us recover only what is necessary to cover power costs—nothing more.

### Why the Credit?

Purchased power costs decreased substantially this fall. As a result, BCEC is able to issue a 2-cent PCA credit for December bills, with a reduced credit anticipated in the months ahead. Providing this credit helps us balance collections over time without causing large swings in monthly bills.

### Looking Ahead

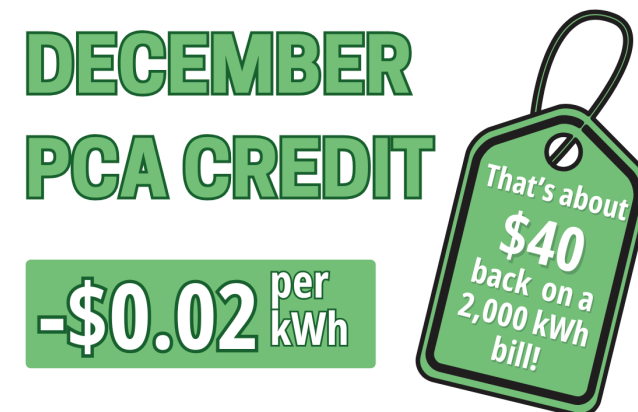
While the 2-cent credit applies to December billing, we expect to continue issuing a reduced PCA credit into 2026. However, this is not guaranteed. Market conditions and wholesale power prices can shift quickly, which may change the amount—or availability—of future credits.

By spreading these savings over multiple months, we can help minimize sudden fluctuations in your electric bill.

### Your Cooperative, Your Savings

Transparency and accountability are central to how we operate. Our financial team works year-round to forecast and manage power costs so we can keep rates stable and ensure members benefit whenever savings are available.

If you have questions about the PCA or any other part of your bill, please reach out—our team is always here to help.



[www.bigcountry.coop](http://www.bigcountry.coop)

### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 7:30-12:00, 1:00-5:30

Friday: 7:30-11:30

### Contact Us

Toll Free: 1-855-940-3872

Roby: (325) 776-2244

Stamford: (325) 773-3684

Snyder: (325) 573-3161

### Report Outages

Please **call** your local BCEC office to report power outages.



## We're Mobile!



Access your BCEC account anytime with SmartHub! Download the app for your mobile device today by visiting [www.bigcountry.coop](http://www.bigcountry.coop) or searching for SmartHub in the app store.

### Ask about our partnerships with:



**Rural Development Assistance Available Through BCEC**  
BCEC is an Equal Opportunity Lender.

Big Country Electric Cooperative, Inc. has a limited amount of funds available for low-interest loans to qualified applicants to stimulate rural development. Applicant does not have to be a member of Big Country Electric Cooperative. Please contact Sarah McLen at [smclen@bigcountry.coop](mailto:smclen@bigcountry.coop) for details.



Call 811 at least 2 working days before you dig.  
Visit [www.texas811.org](http://www.texas811.org) for more information.

**Agricultural Tax Exemptions** - In order to claim an exemption from Texas sales and use taxes on electricity and other items used in agricultural and timber operations, you are required to provide us with a registration number on Texas Agriculture Sales and Use Tax Exemption Certification Form 01-924. All water wells should be exempt if used for irrigation or watering livestock. The Texas Comptroller's Office issues the registration number and those wanting to claim the exemption must fill out an application. Registration numbers must be renewed every four years. Applicants can request a paper application to mail in by calling 1-800-252-5555 or download a copy from the comptroller's website, [www.getreadytexas.org](http://www.getreadytexas.org). The generic exemption certificate, Form 01-339, cannot be used to claim the agricultural exemption. Accounts that do not have the new required form on file will be subject to taxation.  
**Commercial Tax Exemption Records** - A completed and signed exemption form is required for each commercial tax exempt account. Accounts that do not have current exemptions on file will be changed to taxable accounts. Any refunds for taxes must be claimed from the State of Texas. Thank you for your help.