

# 2023 Annual Report

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# **THE POUDRE VALLEY**





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## **Our Mission**

We are committed to providing safe, reliable, efficient energy solutions with exceptional service to our members.

### Who We Serve

# We are dedicated to empowering the lives of those we serve.

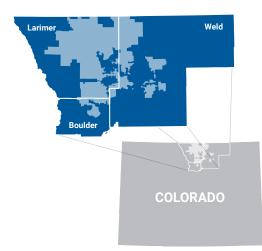
We are your local, member-owned, not-for-profit electric cooperative.

We are your trusted source of information.

We are a community partner you can depend on.

Poudre Valley REA delivers safe, reliable, affordable, and increasingly clean energy solutions to more than 55,000 homes and businesses across 2,000 square miles of service territory in Larimer, Weld, and Boulder counties.

## Where We Serve



### **How We Serve**

#### **7 COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES**

- 1. Voluntary & Open Membership
- 2. Democratic Member Control
- 3. Members' Economic Participation
- 4. Autonomy & Independence
- 5. Education, Training & Information
- 6. Cooperation Among Cooperatives
- 7. Concern for Community

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Chair: Jack Schneider, Weld County Vice Chair: Peter Hyland, Weld County Secretary: Bryan Ehrlich, Larimer County Director: Steve Anderson, Larimer County Director: Sheryl Dryer Henderson, Larimer County Director: Rick Johnson, Larimer County Director: Thaine Michie, Larimer County Director: Jan Peterson, Larimer County Director: Ron Sutherland, Boulder County

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# Why We Serve

#### THE POUDRE VALLEY DIFFERENCE

Since our founding in 1939, Poudre Valley REA has been making a difference in the communities we serve across Northern Colorado.

After 85 years, the needs of our communities have evolved but the values and commitment of PVREA remain the same.

In this year's Annual Report, you'll learn how your local, not-for-profit electric cooperative remains steadfast in our dedication of achieving our mission to provide you safe, reliable, efficient energy solutions with exceptional member service.

That's the Poudre Valley difference!

# Reliability

#### **KEEPING THE LIGHTS ON**

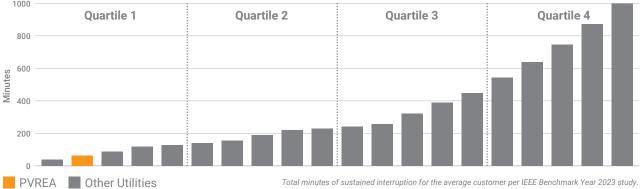
You depend on your power to be there with the flip of a switch. That means you depend on us to have your power there when you need it, or quickly restored after an outage. And we intend to deliver on that promise.



In 2023, our reliability metrics were nationally ranked. We were in the top quartile when it comes to the average number of outages per member, duration of an outage, and amount of time to restore power. Our strategic efforts to improve reliability moved the needle in 2023. Yet we always place a strategic focus on continual improvements. Our ongoing efforts to inspect and maintain our system help us identify issues now to mitigate future service interruptions.

Reliability also means you depend on us to be there when you need us, whether you choose to do business with us in person, over the phone, online, or in your mobile app. Leverage your trusted energy experts anytime, anywhere to help you make wise energy decisions.





#### HOW YOU CAN HELP

Trees and vegetation are often the most likely cause of service interruptions. Here are some ways you can help us manage vegetation to help reduce hazards around our electrical system, reduce the risk of wildfires, and help prevent service interruptions.

#### Plant the right tree in the right place.

 Learn best practices for planning & maintaining your landscaping at www.pvrea.coop



Grant crews access to perform their duties.

 > Update your contact information to know when crews will be in your area.
Go to www.pvrea.coop/for-members/ account-management/



Submit tree trimming or other nonemergency service requests online at www.pvrea.coop/for-members/ maintenance/



# Affordability

#### AMONG THE LOWEST RESIDENTIAL RATES IN THE STATE

PROUDLY RANKED #1 for Lowest Residential Electric Rate of Co-ops in CO!

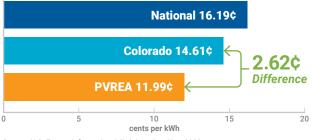
When it comes to electricity, we know cost is a primary concern for most members. At the end of 2023, the average residential electricity rate in Colorado was 14.61 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh).

Your cooperative takes great pride in the fact that our members pay, on average, far less for their electricity than consumers of

other electric utilities in Colorado at 11.99 cents per kWh.

We anticipate this to remain true in the years ahead despite the inflationary pressures we see around us.

#### Average Price of Electricity: Residential



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Nov. 2023

# **Exceptional Member Service**

#### NATIONALLY RANKED SATISFACTION

Elevating your service from satisfactory to exceptional is the human touch that truly exemplifies the Poudre Valley difference.



The fine men and women working at your local electric co-op are some of the most passionate, engaged, and knowledgeable people in our industry. And they routinely

go above and beyond to make a big difference in the lives of our members.

#### HOW YOU CAN ENGAGE WITH YOUR CO-OP

Whether you choose to do business with us online, in the app, over the phone, or in person, we aim to give you the same level of exceptional service.

Holding the line on affordable rates happens because of the sound direction of your Board of Directors, the hard work of your co-op's dedicated employee team, and our ability to do more with less as a lean, efficient, not-forprofit business.

#### OTHER WAYS WE ADD VALUE TO YOUR LIFE

In 2023, your cooperative returned \$2 million in member credits to our members who received service from us in 1994, 2005, and 2022, or any combination of those years.



> Learn more about member credits at www.pvrea.coop

In 2023, we fulfilled over 1,400 rebates for our members, worth well over \$950,000. These rebates help you save money on the upfront cost of purchasing energy efficient electric products whose use could help save you even more money by reducing fuel costs.

> Apply for your next rebate at www.pvrea.coop/rebates

We provide Empower Grants to help fund science, technology, engineering, arts, and math projects in local school classrooms. In 2023, we awarded 14 grants worth a total of \$25,000.

> Learn more at www.pvrea.coop/empower-grant-program

We love meeting our members in the communities we serve. Be sure to stop by our booth at one of our many community events this year.

See our Events Calendar online at www.pvrea.coop/events

Tell us what you think! We were built by and for our members. Tell us how we are doing or ways we can improve.

> Fill out this quick online questionnaire





## **Celebrating 85 Years**



Celebrating the birthday of our electric cooperative isn't just an observation of our founding. It is also a celebration of progress, community spirit, commitment, and of lasting impact on the lives of our members.

85 years ago marked the arrival of progress. Before electric co-ops, many rural areas lacked access to electricity, hindering economic development and quality of life. The day

the lights came on symbolizes a step toward progress, modernization, and improved living standards.

**Our birthday celebrates the spirit of collaboration and self-reliance that fueled our creation.** It's a reminder that we came together to solve our shared problem, fostering a sense of collective achievement and ownership that remains today.

Reaching a milestone birthday like 85 signifies our dedication to our mission. It demonstrates a longstanding commitment to providing safe, reliable, efficient energy solutions, even amidst changing times and technological advancements.

**Birthdays offer us an opportunity to reflect on our journey.** It's a chance to acknowledge past achievements, the positive impact on our community's growth and development, and the lessons learned along the way.



# **The Numbers**

#### SYSTEM STATS

	2023	2022
<b>Total Services in Place</b>	54,759	52,758
Miles of Line	4,557	4,498
Total kWh Purchased	1,476,792,383	1,456,543,915
System Peak Demand	277,919	269,059
Month of High Peak	August	July
Purchase Power Cost	\$108,063,209	\$107,577,339
Power Cost/kWh	\$0.073	\$0.074
Property Tax	1,583,276	\$1,902,677

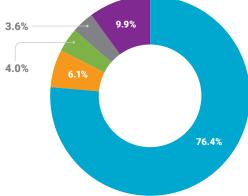
#### **BALANCE SHEET**

	2023	2022
Assets		
Total Utility Plant	\$281,246,561	\$263,867,288
Less Accumulated Depreciatio	n 76,529,305	74,091,141
Net Utility Plant	204,717,256	189,776,147
Other Property & Investments	92,709,039	92,160,934
Current/Other Assets	21,738,373	22,596,053
Total Assets	\$319,164,668	\$304,533,134
Liabilities & Capital		
Patronage Capital & Equity	\$137,427,515	\$136,197,362
Long-Term Liabilities	124,337,031	122,069,729
Current/Other Liabilities	57,400,122	46,266,043
Total Liabilities & Capital	\$319,164,668	\$304,533,134

#### **STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**

	2023	2022
Operating Revenue		
Residential	\$60,461,785	\$59,898,690
Irrigation	1,659,589	2,090,715
Small Commercial	7,171,717	7,318,312
Large Commercial	72,296,227	69,698,792
Public Buildings & Lighting	592,579	573,696
Total Operating Revenue	\$142,181,897	\$139,580,205
Operating Expenses		
Cost of Purchased Power	\$108,063,209	\$107,577,339
<b>Operations &amp; Maintenance</b>	8,585,151	7,853,749
Customer Care Services	5,725,173	4,985,665
Administration & General	5,068,374	4,504,909
Total Operating Expenses	127,441,907	124,921,662
Depreciation & Amortization	8,301,781	7,809,900
Property Tax	1,583,276	1,902,676
Interest	3,801,268	3,845,164
Other Deductions	268,086	228,488
<b>Total Cost of Electric Service</b>	\$141,396,318	\$138,707,890
Total Operating Margins	\$785,579	\$872,315
Non-Operating Interest Income	\$280,383	\$201,943
Non-Operating Margins - Other	1,507,618	1,500,337
G&T Capital Credits	864,287	-
Net Margin or Patronage Capital	\$3,437,867	\$2,574,595





2023 numbers are unaudited at the time of print 2022 numbers are fully audited





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