



# Clinton County Connection

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## March 2019 Rate Increase

At the regular meeting of the Clinton County Electric Cooperative (CCEC) Board of Trustees held on Nov. 27, 2018, a \$600,000 rate increase was approved effective with March 2019 usage included on the April 2019 bills. Back in January 2018, Southern Illinois Power Cooperative (SIPC), our wholesale power provider, increased wholesale power costs to CCEC by 5.13 percent. This increase is the driving factor influencing the rate increase for 2019. The last time CCEC implemented a rate increase was 5 years ago in January 2014.

The details of the rate increase have not yet been determined. CCEC recently conducted a Cost of Service Study. That study breaks down CCEC's cost to provide service to each rate class (i.e. residential, seasonal, commercial, etc.). The results of the Cost of Service Study provide useful information and will be used to assist CCEC's board and management in allocating cost to each class of members in a way that avoids any one class paying more, or less than their fair share.

Please continue to check our Facebook page and website [www.cceci.com](http://www.cceci.com) for details regarding the 2019 rate increase. We will post the details as soon as they become available. The board and CCEC management are committed to keeping rates fair and reasonable while maintaining reliable service and financial stability. Please do not hesitate to email [kroeger@cceci.com](mailto:kroeger@cceci.com) with comments or questions.

## Stay Back!

Know the difference between types of lines and wires. If you see a downed electric line, be aware that it could be live and dangerous!

### Electric Wire

Electric wires are larger and can be easily identified by the three separate twisted wires, one being uniquely silver or uninsulated.

### Cable Wire

Cable lines are round and look similar to the coaxial cable that connects to the TV in your home.

### Phone Wire

Telephone wires are typically smaller, flat wires.

# Clinton County Electric Cooperative Annual Scholarship Program

For many years, Clinton County Electric Cooperative has awarded scholarships to students who live on CCEC's electric lines. We are proud to announce that we will again carry on the tradition by proudly sponsoring 14 - \$500 scholarships, totaling \$7,000 this spring to benefit students from our service territory. Two - \$500 scholarships will be awarded to two seniors at each of these six area high schools: Carlyle High School, Central High School,



Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School, Mater Dei Catholic High School, Mascoutah High School and Wesclin High School. Two - \$500 scholarships will also be awarded to two students attending Kaskaskia College. The scholarships are awarded based upon criteria set forth by the school they are attending. Please contact the guidance department at the schools mentioned above for an application and more details.

## Applications are still being accepted for 2019 Youth Day and Youth Tour



There is still time left for high school sophomores and juniors to apply to attend Youth Day in Springfield to be held on April 3, 2019. This event is sponsored by the cooperative and the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives. Please visit our website, [www.cceci.com](http://www.cceci.com), for an application and more information about Youth Day. Deadline to apply is Monday, March 4, 2019.

This program may be suspended at any time due to inadequate funding or participation. There will be a maximum number of 12 participants chosen. Notifications will only be made to those chosen to participate in the program.

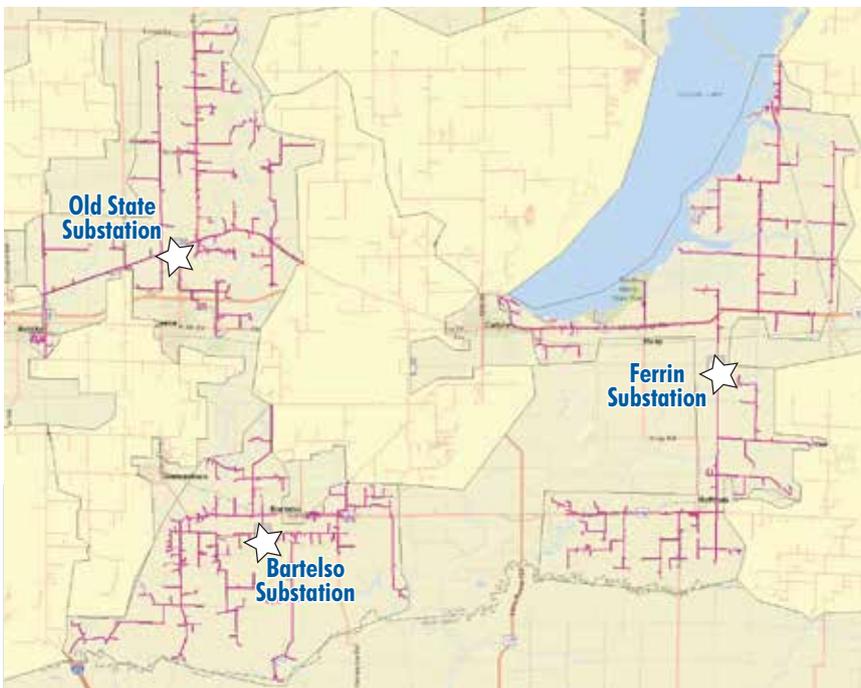
# 2019 Maintenance Programs

In 2019, we have again contracted with Rensing Tree Service to continue with our 4-year trimming program. This year we will be trimming trees in areas served by our Old State, Ferrin and Bartelso Substations. Since weather conditions play a big part in where and what they can cut, you can expect to see Rensing Tree Service crews throughout most of the year. Rensing Tree Service has worked with Clinton County Electric for many years, and we believe they are a valuable partner for us to ensure reliable service to the membership.

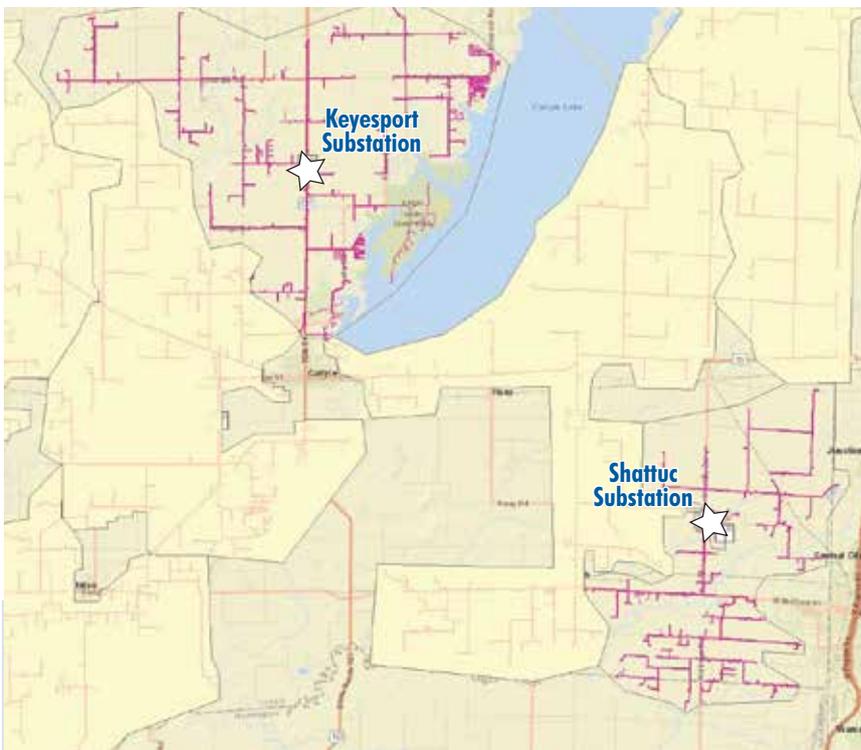


Also in 2019, Clinton County Electric has contracted with Osmose Utilities Service to inspect and possibly treat all electric utility poles served by the Shattuc and Keyesport Substations. Osmose will start their work this spring. Osmose will be using both pickup trucks and 4-wheelers to move from pole to pole, inspecting and treating them. For a more detailed map of the areas affected by the 4-year trim or pole treating programs, visit our website [www.cceci.com](http://www.cceci.com). Please do not hesitate to call the office at 618-526-7282 between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. if you have any questions or concerns.

Maps courtesy of Esri, HERE, Garmin, GNA, USGS.



*Trees will be trimmed in the areas served by the Old State, Ferrin and Bartelso Substations.*



*Poles will be treated in the area served by the Shattuc and Keyesport Substations.*

# Considering Solar? Call us first!

As interest in “green” energy and ways to save money on utility bills continue to grow, some cooperative members may be considering the installation of a solar array.

Since these types of systems have the capability of returning electricity back to the electric grid, there are some major safety considerations to sort through before a system is installed.

Before deciding to buy a solar array, examine the economics to determine if such a system will lower your monthly electricity costs. If you do decide to install a solar array, contact our office as early as possible in the process.

A CCEC representative will provide information on our interconnection process and policies, as well as answer any questions you may have. That way, you and your installer will have the information needed as you progress with your system.

*For more information on CCEC policies and requirements, please contact our office Monday through Friday, between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. at 800-526-7282.*



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