

A construction worker wearing a grey hard hat with the CIPCO logo, a plaid jacket, and safety goggles. The worker is holding a bundle of rebar. The background is a snowy construction site with scaffolding.

2025 LEGISLATIVE GUIDE

MEMBER  
DRIVEN.  
RELIABILITY  
FOCUSED.



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*Storm restoration, May*

# WELCOME

Central Iowa Power Cooperative (CIPCO) is a generation and transmission cooperative owned by 13 member cooperatives and associations, together with the member-consumers they serve in 58 counties across Iowa. Our mission is to provide Member-owners with wholesale power and services in a safe, reliable, and cost-effective manner. Through our balanced, 24/7 energy portfolio, we provide energy to help power our rural and urban communities, our state, and our economy.

**Andrew St. John**  
Executive Vice President & CEO



## DRIVEN BY THE NUMBERS

CIPCO and its Member-owners serve approximately 53% of the rural electric cooperative meters in Iowa.

Operating revenue \$214,285,785\*

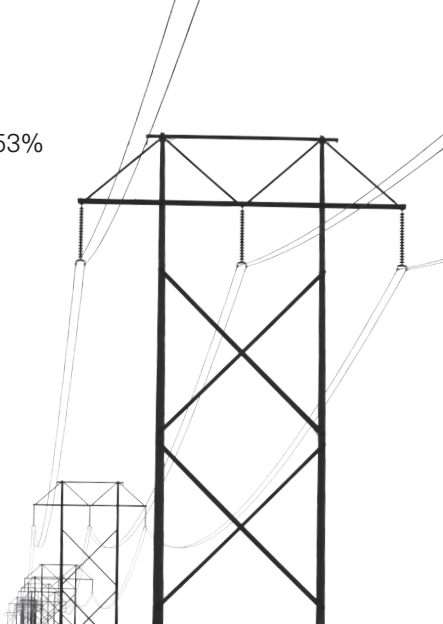
Net margin \$26,929,352\*

Total assets \$909,309,520\*

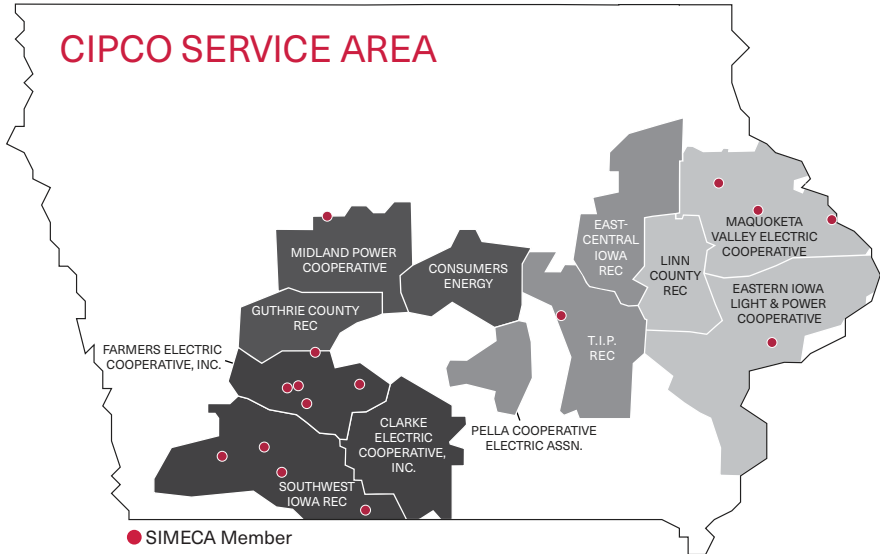
Energy sales 3.01 million MWh\*

Miles of transmission lines 1,997\*

*\*Data from 2023 CIPCO annual report*



# CIPCO SERVICE AREA



## OUR MEMBER-OWNERS

### CLARKE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Osceola

David Opie, (800) 362-2154

[www.cecnet.net](http://www.cecnet.net)

### CONSUMERS ENERGY

Marshalltown

Bridget Itzen, (800) 696-6552

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

### EAST-CENTRAL IOWA REC

Urbana

Teresa Floyd, (877) 850-4343

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

### EASTERN IOWA LIGHT & POWER COOPERATIVE

Wilton

Kirk Trede, (855) 938-3616

[www.easterniowa.com](http://www.easterniowa.com)

### FARMERS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

Greenfield

Holi Weston, (800) 397-4821

[www.farmersrec.com](http://www.farmersrec.com)

### GUTHRIE COUNTY REC

Guthrie Center

Cozy Nelsen, (888) 747-2206

[www.guthrie-rec.coop](http://www.guthrie-rec.coop)

**LINN COUNTY REC**

Marion

Terry Sullivan, (319) 377-1587

[www.linncountyrec.com](http://www.linncountyrec.com)

**MAQUOKETA VALLEY ELECTRIC  
COOPERATIVE**

Anamosa

Jeremy Richert, (800) 927-6068

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

**MIDLAND POWER COOPERATIVE**

Boone

Bill McKim, (800) 833-8876

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

**PELLA COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC ASSN.**

Pella

Doug Stewart, (800) 619-1040

[www.pella-cea.org](http://www.pella-cea.org)

**SOUTHWEST IOWA REC**

Corning

Phil Kinser, (888) 220-4869

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

**T.I.P. REC**

Brooklyn

Scott Long, (800) 934-7976

[www.tiprec.com](http://www.tiprec.com)

# SOUTH IOWA MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSN.

## BELLEVUE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

Jamie Haxmeier, (563) 872-3357

## DURANT MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC PLANT

Joel Meincke, (563) 785-6213

## BROOKLYN MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

Troy Meldrem, (641) 522-9292

## EARLVILLE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

Jake Harris, (563) 923-3365

## CASCADE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

Shontele Orr, (563) 852-3614

## FONTANELLE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

Mary Dodson, (641) 745-3961

## CORNING MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

Tim Larsen, (641) 322-3920

## GOWRIE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

Troy Thomas, (515) 352-3065



## (SIMECA)

### GREENFIELD MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

Scott Tonderum, (641) 743-2914

### LAMONI MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

Terry Fulton, (641) 784-6911

### LENOX MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

Jeff Tull, (641) 333-2550

### ORIENT MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

Jim Sitzman, (641) 337-5711

### STUART MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

Pat Howey, (515) 523-2915

### VILLISCA MUNICIPAL POWER PLANT

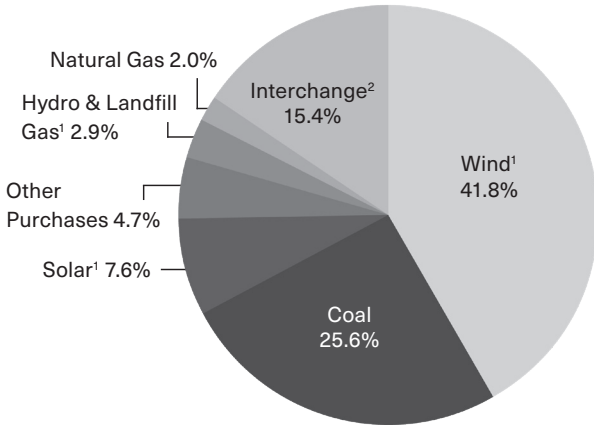
Kyle Yates, (712) 826-3192

### WINTERSET MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

Chuck Johnson, (515) 462-2152

## A BALANCED, RESPONSIBLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO

As a 24/7 energy provider, CIPCO is able to meet its Member-owners' needs with a diverse fuel mix of coal, hydroelectric, wind, solar, diesel, landfill gas, and natural gas energy sources.<sup>1,2</sup>



*\*2024 data is actual/estimated*

<sup>1</sup>CIPCO invests in the development of renewable energy projects in several ways. We operate six small-scale solar arrays near communities we serve and retain the renewable energy certificates associated with each. We also contract with energy producers for the electricity output from wind, solar, hydro and methane gas from a landfill (converted into electricity). CIPCO cannot claim these resources as renewable within our supply portfolio as we have either sold to third parties or do not receive the renewable attributes associated with the electricity produced from these renewable power sources. By selling these attributes (RECs), we not only support other organizations in meeting their renewable energy goals, but we also generate revenue to help us lower our wholesale power rate to our 13 Member-owner cooperatives and associations.

<sup>2</sup>A percentage of market purchases exist within the portfolio to meet to meet additional supply needs not covered by CIPCO-produced generation or existing contracts. Weather volatility and unplanned operational events at power plants may also impact market purchases.



# GENERATION FACILITIES



## **WIND**

Elk Wind Farm, Greeley

Bethel Wind Energy Center, Hawkeye

Heartland Divide Wind Energy Center,

Audubon & Guthrie counties

Independence Wind, Ryan

Prescott Wind Energy, Prescott

Rippey Wind Farm, Grand Junction

## **COAL**

Louisa Generating Station, Muscatine

Walter Scott, Jr., Energy Centers #3 & #4,

Council Bluffs

## **HYDROELECTRIC**

Western Area Power Administration (WAPA)

## **SOLAR**

Clarke Solar Farm, Osceola

Eastern Iowa Solar, Wilton

Marshalltown Gateway Centre Solar Array

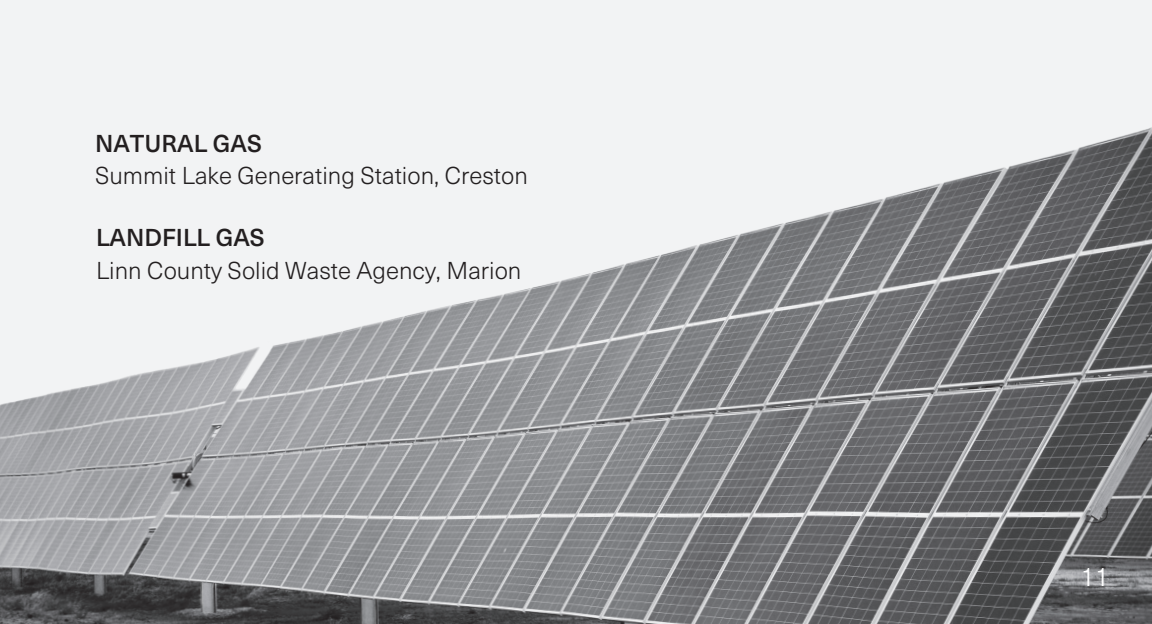
Marshalltown

Southwest Solar, Corning

Urbana Solar Acres, Urbana

Wapello Solar, Wapello

ZON VELD (Sun Field), Pella



**NATURAL GAS**

Summit Lake Generating Station, Creston

**LANDFILL GAS**

Linn County Solid Waste Agency, Marion

## FOCUSED ON RELIABILITY FOR THE FUTURE

The growing demand for reliable power, driven by economic growth and technological advancements, threatens our ability to ensure a safe, reliable and cost-effective power supply. Despite efforts to diversify our generation mix with wind, solar and efficient natural gas, unrealistic energy policy mandates hinder progress. While we aim for a balance between intermittent and always-available generation, successfully and affordably achieving the mandate of the Federal government within the next decade is unattainable due to grid limitations, as well as both current and future electricity demand. Further, the technology chosen by bureaucrats is not only unproven, but does not exist at the scale required to accomplish the thresholds dictated by those from outside the energy sector.



*Summit Lake Generating Station maintenance, May*

## PROTECTING DEFINED SERVICE AREAS

Defined territories have allowed Iowans to consume safe, reliable and cost-effective power for 50 years by avoiding the overbuilding of duplicative and unnecessary infrastructure.

A dramatic spike in energy demand by companies in the technology and data industries is occurring at an unprecedented rate that is likely to continue in a growing digital economy. CIPCO will remain committed to responsibly reviewing any new requests for service in this space. We share our Member-owners concerns that while the utility industry faces extreme requests for power, some out-of-state entities continue to approach our policy makers about eliminating electric service territory protections that have proven effective for utilities and Iowa consumers alike.



Threats to the harmony that these service territory laws provide should not be taken lightly. CIPCO will continue to advocate for reasonable territory regulations, that if undone, could result in less reliable power delivery and higher electric bills, as has been the case in other deregulated states across the country. CIPCO firmly believes that in this instance, an old adage is applicable for Iowa lawmakers: **“If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.”**

# 2025 STATE POLICY INITIATIVES

## **Deregulation of Electric Service Territory Protections**

Iowa's current service territories have served the state for 50 years. Deregulation harms reliability and pushes additional costs onto small businesses, farms, and residential member-consumers.

## **Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Evaluations**

CIPCO recognizes the desire for utilities to file forward-looking plans regarding future power generation needs. IRPs are complex and expensive, and we support a process that shows member-consumers that their utility is responsibly preparing for the changing energy landscape. However, we oppose requiring the Iowa Utilities Commission to approve plans under contested case proceedings that can lead to unnecessary and costly legal disputes over details that are simply a snapshot in time in a rapidly evolving energy market.

## **Renewable Energy Siting & Land Use Prohibitions**

CIPCO supports utility-scale projects with voluntary participation from landowners. We oppose legislation that strips landowner rights and arbitrarily bans options for farmers to diversify their operations.

## **Local Control Over Transmission Projects**

CIPCO supports the restoration of right-of-first-refusal (ROFR) laws to ensure that local input is considered in decisions about when, where and how major transmission lines are built in Iowa. Continued efforts from out-of-state organizations to undercut local control on these kinds of decisions are unwelcome and irresponsible. Without a ROFR law on the books, Iowans may be denied the ability to realize the full economic benefit of these transformational infrastructure projects. Iowa consumers deserve the ability to have a seat at the table when a project is located on our soil. The ROFR law we support preserves cost accountability by requiring construction contracts to be competitively bid while implementing additional regulatory oversight.

# 2025 FEDERAL POLICY INITIATIVES

## Reliable and Affordable Rural Power

Until new, reliable technologies emerge, CIPCO urges our delegation to support responsible energy policy that includes an all-inclusive approach to power generation. As CIPCO and all electric cooperatives grapple with the need for additional infrastructure to handle renewable generation growth and additional, always-available generation, we are concerned about our ability to meet future demand for electricity with the premature closings of existing generation plants here in Iowa and across the country.

*IAEC Fall Legislative  
Fly In, September*



## **Permitting Reform**

CIPCO supports reasonable modifications to federal permitting requirements that help expedite generation and transmission projects by avoiding lengthy and costly delays while often under duplicative and onerous review.

## **Farm Bill Reauthorization**

Through the first partnerships with the Rural Electrification Administration and now the Rural Utilities Service, rural electric cooperatives have forged a valuable and productive relationship with USDA. As the Farm Bill is reauthorized, CIPCO asks Congress to increase REDL&G funding, maintain RUS programs, and commit to an all-inclusive energy strategy.

## DRIVEN BY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

CIPCO and our Member-owners support the economic prosperity of Iowa's rural and suburban communities by attracting companies to the local areas we serve. We help power their growth through flexible, low-cost financing assistance. In addition, our investments in energy infrastructure create millions of dollars in financial capital to help power Iowa's economy. In total, CIPCO has helped fund over \$204.34 million in rural and suburban investment. In 2024:

### **CIPCO Revolving Loan Fund**

**\$250,000** to Stanton Area Industrial Foundation – Industrial Park Development  
**\$250,000** to Midwest Memorials LLC – Business Expansion

### **Rural Economic Loan & Grant (REDL&G) Program**

**\$2,000,000** to NEW Cooperative – Grain Loading Equipment  
**\$985,000** to Freedom Tool and Racing – Business Expansion

## CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY

In 2024, CIPCO supported local community and nonprofit organizations and programs doing important work throughout our Member-owners' service territories. This year's contributions focused on nature centers, youth leadership, emergency services, and community education programs. CIPCO continues to support the St. Luke's Foundation Rural Healthcare Grant program and Iowa State University's PrISUm Solar Car program.

In May, an EF-4 tornado carved a path through Greenfield. The volunteer fire department's building was a total loss. Greenfield Municipal Utility, Farmers Electric Cooperative, and CIPCO partnered with CoBank's Sharing Success program to donate \$15,000 toward the construction of a new building for the Greenfield Volunteer Fire Department.



## GUIDED BY OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Paul Heineman\*  
Ogden

Gary McKenna  
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Dan Westphal\*  
Bridgewater

Craig Stallman  
Williamsburg

Gary Kester\*  
Burlington

Duane Ver Ploeg  
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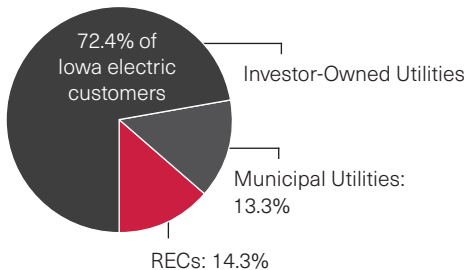
Gene Manternach\*  
Cascade

Dale Walkup  
Redding

Randy Rouse  
Allerton

## HOW IOWA UTILITIES DIFFER

Iowans receive electric service from three types of utilities. Each Iowa utility has been assigned a defined service territory since 1977.



OWNERSHIP	TAX STATUS	GOVERNED BY
Public Corp	For-profit	Board of Directors
Local government	Not-for-profit	City Council or Board
Membership	Not-for-profit	Local Board

*\*Source: Iowa Utilities Board, 2022*

With dramatically fewer customers per mile of line, RECs focus on reliability and cost efficiency to deliver electric service.

Average Number of Customers Per Mile\*

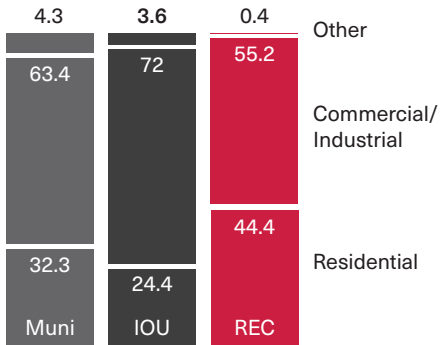


Number of Electric Utilities in Iowa\*



\*Source: Iowa Utilities Board, 2022

kWh sales by type (%)\*



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