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The Brazos Electric Ratepayer Hardship Fund

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Help Is Available

At Tri-County Electric Cooperative (TCEC), we remain focused on supporting our members, especially when unexpected challenges arise.

One of the most lasting impacts in recent memory is Winter Storm Uri, which devastated the Texas power grid in February 2021. To help ease the financial burden that followed, TCEC encourages eligible members to apply for the [Brazos Electric Ratepayer Hardship Fund](#). This program provides bill credits to offset a portion of the Brazos Rider—a charge added to member bills to help repay the Cooperative's share of the storm-related debt.

About the Hardship Fund

The Brazos Electric Ratepayer Hardship Fund provides partial bill credits for qualifying lower-income residential members of TCEC and other electric cooperatives. Credits are applied specifically to Brazos Rider charges, resulting from Winter Storm Uri, and vary based on each member's usage.

Who's Eligible?

You may qualify if:

- You or someone in your household participates in:
 - SNAP (Food Stamps)
 - Medicaid
 - SSI (Supplemental Security Income)
 - TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)

OR

- Your household income is below 200% of the 2025 Federal Poverty Level

What You'll Need to Apply

- A recent electric bill showing:
 - Service address
 - Account number
 - Account holder's name

AND

- One of the following:
 - A case action letter or award notice from SNAP, Medicaid, SSI, or TANF

OR

- Income documentation such as:
 - Recent pay stubs
 - Most recent signed tax return
 - Social Security or unemployment documentation

How to Apply

Complete the application [online](#) or [download a printable version](#).

For questions or assistance:

Email: contact@brazoshardshipfund.com

Phone: 844.770.8549 (Monday–Friday, 8:30 AM–5:00 PM)

Moving Forward Together

TCEC is committed to providing support for those most in need. If you think you may qualify, we encourage you to apply. If you know someone who might benefit, please share this information. Together, we're weathering challenges and building a stronger, more resilient cooperative for years to come.

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Brazos Electric Ratepayer Hardship Fund

Over 400 TCEC members are receiving bill credits from the Brazos Electric Ratepayer Hardship Fund. This fund helps to offset a portion of the cost of the Brazos Financing Rider for eligible members.

Eligibility Criteria:

- If you or someone in your household participates in SNAP, Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income, TANF or if your household income is below 200% of the federal poverty level 2025 poverty guidelines you may be eligible to receive a discount on your electric bill.
- Receive electric service from TCEC or other cooperatives.

People in Household	Income Must be Under
1	\$11,900
2	\$16,300
3	\$21,900
4	\$27,900
5	\$34,300
6	\$41,300
7	\$48,900
8	\$57,100
9	\$65,900
10	\$75,300
11	\$85,300
12	\$95,900
13	\$107,100
14	\$118,900
15	\$131,300

Apply Now

Summer PCRF Credit Increase

The Power Cost Recovery Factor (PCRF) credit increases to -2.00 cents per kWh on your June through September billing statements - right when your energy usage typically rises for the summer.

Take a look at the chart below: you're receiving a larger credit during the higher-use summer months, helping to lower your bill when you need it most.

MONTH	ENERGY CHARGE (RATE/KWH)	PCRF/KWH	ADJUSTED RATE/KWH
January 2025	14.425 cents	-2.25 cents	12.175 cents
February 2025	14.425 cents	-2.25 cents	12.175 cents
March 2025	14.425 cents	-2.00 cents	12.425 cents
April 2025	14.425 cents	-0.50 cents	13.925 cents
May 2025	14.425 cents	-0.50 cents	13.925 cents
June 2025	14.425 cents	-2.00 cents	12.425 cents
July 2025	14.425 cents	-2.00 cents	12.425 cents
August 2025	14.425 cents	-2.00 cents	12.425 cents
September 2025	14.425 cents	-2.00 cents	12.425 cents
October 2025	14.425 cents	-1.00 cents	13.425 cents
November 2025	14.425 cents	-1.00 cents	13.425 cents
December 2025	14.425 cents	-1.00 cents	13.425 cents

View PCRF

Cooperative Giving A 501(c)(3) Organization

A heartfelt thank you to the more than 200 members who are already making a meaningful impact by supporting the Cooperative Giving Program.

Three Easy Ways to Give:

- Round Up - Round your electric bill to the next dollar each month
- Recurring Donation - Choose a monthly dollar amount to contribute
- One-Time Donation - Send a one-time donation by check

Every contribution supports local members facing financial hardship. This support is only possible through the voluntary donations of generous Tri-County Electric Cooperative members and employees.

Donate

Cooperative Giving Applications

Eligible members across TCEC's service area can apply for assistance with past due electric balances through the Cooperative Giving Program, in partnership with Texas Neighborhood Services.

This support is made possible through the voluntary donations of generous Tri-County Electric Cooperative members and employees. Please note: Funds are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Apply

2025 Energy Efficiency REBATE PILOT PROGRAM

Rebate Payment Tracker

\$64,000 \$250,000

Take Advantage of The 2025 Energy Efficiency Rebate Pilot Program – While Funds Last!

- HVAC Tune-Up Rebate – Maintain efficiency and save money.
- Energy Star Appliance Rebate – Upgrade to energy-saving appliances and get rewarded.

You can apply for one HVAC Tune-Up Rebate and one Energy Star Appliance Rebate per account.

Tell your neighbors, friends, and any members who may qualify - let's help our entire member community save energy and lower utility bills together.

Rebates

Member Discounts

These discounts are generously provided to members by local businesses as a way to support our communities.

Click on the images below to learn more about each offer.

Please note: These discounts are *not* funded by members' electric bill payments.

Splash Kingdom
Book the Kingdom™ - Mustang 6:33

Season Pass Sale

USE CODE: **TCE 2025**

2025 PARK PASS\$79.00
NOW.....**\$35.00**

VISIT US AT: SPLASHKINGDOMPARK.COM

ENDS JUNE 30TH

Going the extra mile is a lot easier with a special offer

10% OFF

Special Offer for Tri-County Electric Cooperative Members & Employees

Eight Convenient Locations to Serve You

Ark River - (409) 684-5555 - 409 684-5555
Brazos River - (409) 684-5555 - 409 684-5555
Cedar River - (409) 684-5555 - 409 684-5555
Cottonwood River - (409) 684-5555 - 409 684-5555
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Discounted Rates AT NRH20!

BUY ONLINE AT WWW.NRH20.COM

Day Ticket **\$22.99**
Code: TCETicket

Season Pass **\$69.99**
Code: TCESeason

Greatest Value **\$94.99**
Code: TCE9V

Extreme Pass **\$229.99**
Code: TCEExtreme

Purchase your tickets online at nrh20.com

SAVE UP TO 30%

Tri-County Electric Co-op, Inc.
Offer Code: TCE760A

Helpful Links

Member Information Center

Cooperative Giving

Outage Center

Prepaid Billing

PCRF Tracker

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Have Feedback?

Email CurrentConversations@tcectexas.com

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