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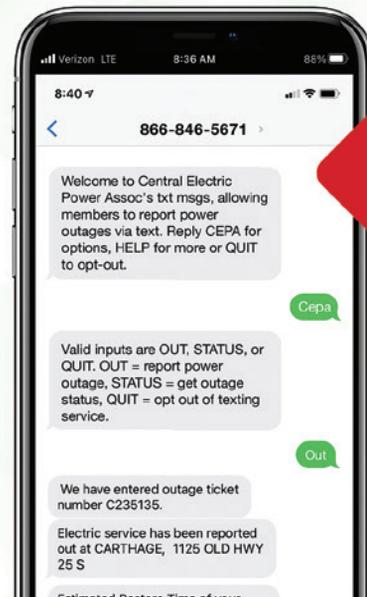
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**TEXT:** Once enrolled, simply text “**Out**” to 866-846-5671



# ANNUAL MEETING

## Set for March 17

Central Electric Power Association will hold its 89th Annual Meeting of the Membership on March 17 at the Carthage Coliseum on Highway 16 East in Carthage. Registration will open at 9 a.m. and will close at 10 a.m.

At the meeting, three directors will be elected for three-year terms. Members will elect two directors from Leake County and one director from Attala County. There also will be reports given on the operation of the association for the past year, and other matters of business will be conducted.

The Nominating Committee for 2026 consists of Joe Crawford from Leake County, Kip Wilcher from Leake County, and Gerald Barton from Attala County.

Candidates nominated by the Nominating Committee for election to the board are Danny Thornton (4239 Ebenezer Road, Carthage, MS 39051) from Leake County; Mike Brooks (3377 Freeny Road, Carthage, MS 39051) from Leake County; and Earl Browning (4873 Attala Road 3024, Kosciusko, MS 39090) from Attala County.

Central Electric, with the cooperation of AccentCare in Carthage, will provide a health fair at the annual meeting. Nurses will offer free blood pressure screenings. Services provided at the health fair will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 10:20 a.m., when the business meeting begins. Second Mile will provide the musical entertainment before the meeting.

Each Central Electric member who registers at the annual meeting will receive a free light bulb and will be eligible to win one of the following prizes: slow cooker, coffee maker, clock/radio, electric

skillet, toaster, coffee percolator, iron, or air fryer. The grand prize for members who are present at the meeting will be an electric smoker.

Central Electric will give away electricity bill credits for any member who registers in person at the meeting or who sends in his or her proxy or ballot. You do not have to be present at the meeting to win. Four lucky winners will win one of four electricity bill credit prizes: three winners will receive a \$500 credit each and one lucky winner will receive a \$1,500 credit.

Remember, mail in your proxy or ballot for this year's meeting. You do not have to be present to win. If your name is drawn at the annual meeting, we will notify you.

Central Electric is a not-for-profit, member-owned cooperative based in Carthage with branch offices in Philadelphia, Sebastopol, and Rankin County. The co-op maintains more than 4,000 miles of distribution line and serves more than 38,000 member-owners in central Mississippi. Central Electric's service area includes parts of Leake, Neshoba, Attala, Scott, Newton, Rankin and Kemper counties.

The bylaws of the association provide that any person, firm or corporation may become a member of Central Electric by making written application, paying the membership fee, purchasing electricity from the co-op and abiding by the rules and regulations as prescribed by the board of directors.

Central Electric's annual meeting is for you, the member-owner. So mark your calendar for March 17, and we'll see you at the annual meeting!

## MAIL-IN YOUR BALLOT OR PROXY TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PRIZES:

### \* SPECIAL PRIZE: electricity bill credits

Four lucky winners will win one of four special electricity bill credit prizes:

- **THREE WINNERS** will receive a **\$500 CREDIT** each and
- **ONE LUCKY WINNER** will receive a **\$1,500 CREDIT**.

**GRAND PRIZE:**  
electric smoker

**OTHER PRIZES:**  
slow cooker, coffee maker, clock/radio, electric skillet, toaster, coffee percolator, iron, or air fryer.

You do not have to be present to win, so please remember to mail your ballot or proxy.

\* The prize amount will automatically be credited to the winner's account. This prize is an electric bill credit only and cannot be exchanged for a monetary award in any way.

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## 2026 Annual Meeting Program

- 9 a.m.** Registration Opens
- 9:30 a.m.** Entertainment by Second Mile
- 10 a.m.** Registration Closes
- 10:20 a.m.** Call to Order, Brian Long, General Manager; Invocation; Welcome, Mayor Laurie Henderson; Report of Manager, Brian Long; Engineering and Operations Report; Awarding of Door Prizes; Transaction of Business; Election of Directors; Awarding of Door Prizes
- 12:15 p.m.** Adjournment

## OFFICIAL NOTICE of the Annual Meeting of Members

Pursuant to Article III, Sections 3.01 and 3.03, of the association bylaws, notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of members of Central Electric Power Association will be held in the Carthage Coliseum, Highway 16 East, on Tuesday, March 17, 2026. Registration will open at 9 a.m. and will close at 10 a.m.

In accordance with the laws of Mississippi and the bylaws of the association, members will elect three directors for three-year terms: two directors from Leake County and one director from Attala County. Reports will be given on the operation of the association for the past year, and other matters of business will be conducted.

If you cannot attend, fill out the ballot or proxy and mail immediately in the postage-paid envelope.

Valuable door prizes will be given away by drawing names from those registered. Please try to attend.

This year, six names will be drawn from the mail-in votes and prizes will be awarded to them.

Danny Thornton, Secretary

## BALANCE SHEETS

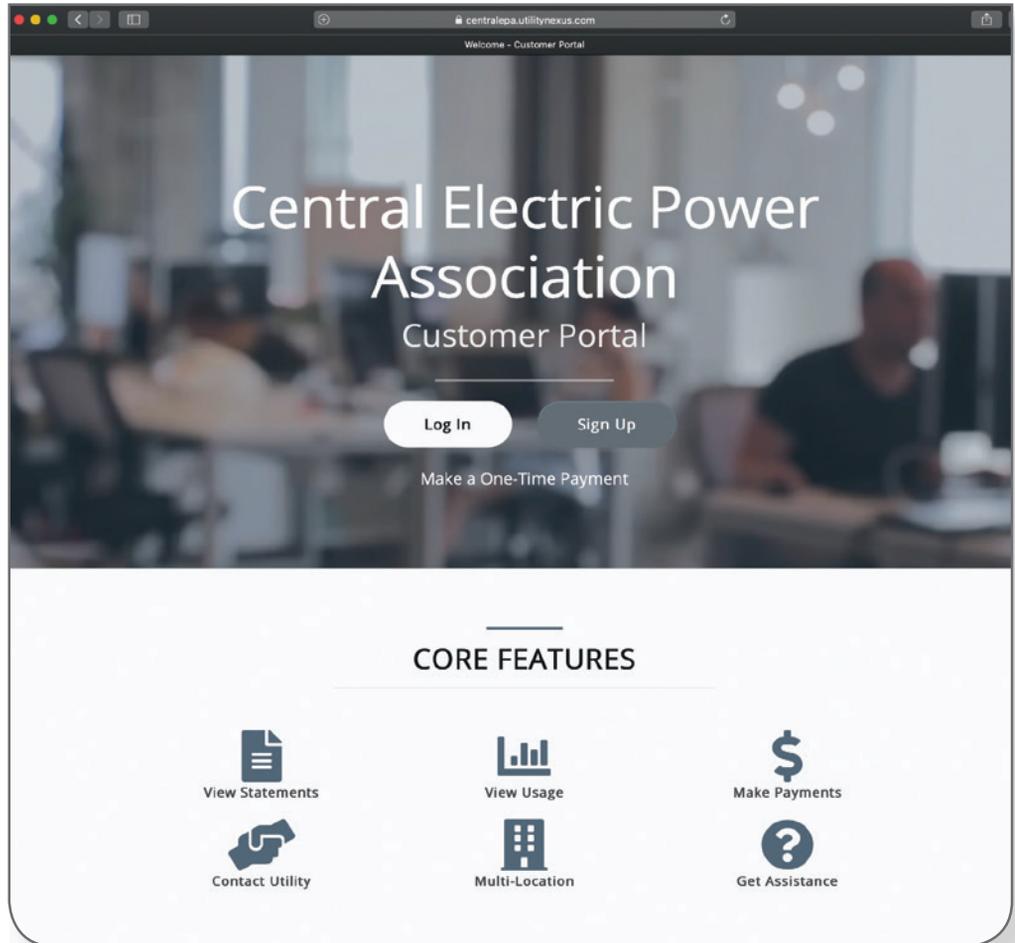
	2025	2024		2025	2024
<b>ASSETS</b>			<b>EQUITIES &amp; LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>ELECTRIC PLANT</b>			<b>EQUITIES</b>		
In-service — at cost	\$ 224,130,240	\$ 212,459,480	Memberships	\$ 698,050	\$ 690,160
Construction in-progress	4,914,430	3,570,660	Earnings reinvested in system assets	104,548,127	102,671,927
Total electric plant	\$ 229,044,670	\$ 216,030,140	<b>Total equities</b>	<b>\$ 105,246,177</b>	<b>\$ 103,362,087</b>
Less accumulated provision for depreciation	123,101,767	117,469,816	<b>LONG-TERM LIABILITIES</b>		
Electric plant, net	\$ 105,942,903	\$ 98,560,324	Notes payable	\$ 22,960,898	\$ 24,641,275
<b>OTHER ASSETS</b>			<b>Total long-term liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 22,960,898</b>	<b>\$ 24,641,275</b>
Investments in associated organizations	\$ 1,122,772	\$ 1,086,342	<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Economic development loans receivable	847,796	1,015,062	Current maturities of notes payable	\$ 1,665,451	\$ 1,887,036
<b>Total other assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,970,568</b>	<b>\$ 2,101,404</b>	Accounts payable — trade	9,154,499	7,534,266
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			Customer deposits	3,539,760	3,318,828
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,429,443	\$ 21,714,708	Accrued taxes	139,183	147,806
Accounts receivable - members, net of allowance	7,667,358	7,048,705	Accrued unpaid vacation	807,951	765,525
Other current accounts and notes receivable	739,277	789,369	Other current liabilities	103,106	90,879
Unbilled revenue	4,457,796	4,173,606	<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 15,409,950</b>	<b>\$ 13,744,340</b>
Materials and supplies	3,155,079	3,136,291	<b>OTHER LIABILITIES</b>		
Prepaid expenses	325,984	323,339	Advances from TVA	\$ 54,361	\$ 108,059
Prepaid pension contribution	2,909,265	3,891,167	<b>Total other liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 54,361</b>	<b>\$ 108,059</b>
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>\$ 35,684,202</b>	<b>\$ 41,077,185</b>	<b>TOTAL EQUITIES &amp; LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$143,671,386</b>	<b>\$141,855,761</b>
<b>DEFERRED CHARGES</b>	<b>\$ 73,713</b>	<b>\$ 116,848</b>			
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$143,671,386</b>	<b>\$141,855,761</b>			



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