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Midwest Energy Wins Safety Award

Midwest Energy's gas workers have once again been recognized for their dedication to safety. Midwest Energy recently won the American Public Gas Association (APGA) Safety Contest for a sixth consecutive year.

The APGA award is given to municipal or co-op gas companies with the lowest rates of workplace injuries based on the number of hours worked during a calendar year. Midwest earned this award in 2017, 2018, 2020 through 2024, and now in 2025.

The contest is divided into five groups, based on the number of annual work hours. Midwest is in Group E, which is for companies with annual work hours totaling 70,001 or higher. Midwest was the only Kansas utility given this award and one of only 12 companies to receive this award in Group E. Forty winners were selected across all groups A-E nationwide. This award is the result of the combined efforts and daily dedication of many employees. Congratulations!



Midwest Energy, Inc.

Annual Meeting Registration Form

Monday, October 19, 2026 at 10 a.m. at
The Hilton Garden Inn, 221 W. 43rd St., Hays, KS 67601

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Election Passcode
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Board of Directors Ballots to be Mailed to Customers in mid-September

As a customer-owned cooperative, you have a voice in how your cooperative is governed. Midwest Energy's Board of Directors are elected by and accountable to the members it serves. The Board helps guide the cooperative's long-term strategy, financial stewardship, policies, and services to ensure decisions are made in the best interest of local members and communities. Three seats are up for election this year.

Ballots are being mailed to customers in mid-September. Once you receive your ballot, you may vote in one of two ways:

Vote online: Scan the QR code on your paper ballot and enter your member number and election passcode as found on your paper ballot. Online voting is available until 11:59 p.m. CDT on Oct. 9.

Vote by mail: Complete the paper ballot and return it using the postage-paid envelope provided to you. Mailed ballots must be postmarked by Oct. 9 and received by Oct. 13 to be counted.

If you lose your ballot, call Midwest Energy at 1-800-222-3121 on or before Oct. 9 and we will issue you a replacement ballot.

Midwest Energy has retained Survey & Ballot Systems (SBS) to conduct the online election and tabulate votes. A sequence number, unique to each member, prevents double voting either by paper or online. If a member casts both a paper and electronic ballot, only the paper ballot will be counted.

To learn more about the candidates, visit the Candidate and Voting Information page on our website at www.mwenergy.com. A brief summary of the candidates can be found on the back page. Results of the election will be announced at Midwest Energy's Annual Meeting on Monday, Oct. 19, at 10 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn in Hays, Kan.



Midwest Energy Annual Meeting

October 19, 2026
Hilton Garden Inn in Hays, Kan.

Meet The Candidates for Midwest Energy's Board of Directors

As with any election, getting to know the candidates is an important part of making an informed voting decision. Below, you'll find brief snapshots of each candidate running in the 2026 Board of Directors election. To learn more about the candidates and the election process, visit our website at www.mwenergy.com. Full candidate biographies will also be included with your mailed ballot. Remember: voting closes Oct. 9!

District 1 (1 Open Position)



Phillip Escareno - Leoti, Kan.

Occupation: Retired Operations and Customer Service Manager for Black Hills Energy

"I believe I would bring valuable experience from the natural gas industry. I have a sincere interest in delivering a safe energy product."



Chuck Moore - Colby, Kan.

Occupation: Certified Public Accountant

"I'm running because I feel my accounting background and experience with Midwest Energy will help us navigate the challenges facing all utility companies, and to keep utility costs affordable."

District 2 (1 Open Position)



Emily Campbell - Hoxie, Kan.

Occupation: Food Systems Consultant

"I believe our cooperative is about more than delivering electricity. It's about strengthening the communities we call home. I'm committed to making thoughtful decisions that provide reliable, affordable energy while investing in the long-term success of rural Kansas."

District 4 (1 Open Position)



Royce Purinton - Hays, Kan.

Occupation: Senior Manager for Employers Reassurance Corporation, a GE Heritage Company

"I would be honored to serve on the board of an organization that is well known and respected throughout our communities. I would welcome the opportunity to contribute my time, experience, and thoughtful leadership while working alongside other local leaders to help ensure the continued success of our cooperative."



Louis Tinkel - Hays, Kan.

Occupation: Cattle Rancher and Retired Finance Manager at James Motor Company

"Electricity is important for everyone — whether it's powering a fence or heating or cooling a house. I would like to be a part of keeping the expense of electricity to a minimum."

Community Fund Applications Due Oct.1

Midwest Energy's Community Fund Grants are awarded twice a year to charitable, educational and nonprofit organizations in our service area. The fall application deadline of Oct. 1 is quickly approaching.

The Community Fund supports a variety of projects, from park and public safety improvements to leadership and educational programs. Grants range from \$100 to \$1,000, with funding decisions made by local committees in five geographic districts. In spring 2026, \$54,078 was awarded to 100 projects across the service area.

Interested groups can find the one-page application by visiting www.mwenergy.com, hovering over the "Community" tab and clicking "Community Fund/Impact Grant." All eligible organizations are encouraged to apply.

DEMAND TIP OF THE MONTH

During the summer months of June through September, residential customers are billed for their peak electric demand between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. To lower your demand, consider using large appliances like ovens and clothes dryers outside of those hours. These small changes can make an impact on your bill.

To learn more about how different appliances impact your demand, visit our website at www.mwenergy.com and select "Energy Demand Calculator" under the Residential tab. If you have questions, give us a call at 1-800-222-3121.