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#### **October is Co-op Month!**

October is Co-op Month, and at a time when our nation and our commonwealth are deeply divided, we are both proud of and thankful for our community of thoughtful, responsible, and civically active members. As a member-owned organization, The Energy Co-op depends on members like you to actively participate in decision-making and share your ideas and concerns

with our staff. As a member, you enable our cooperative to continue making measurable progress toward our mission of leading Pennsylvania's renewable energy transition, even at a time when the federal government is defunding renewable energy and ending the fight against climate change. While our institutions fail to prioritize the health of our communities and our planet, members like you have stepped up by choosing renewable energy and lowering your carbon footprint. This Co-op Month, we are calling on members to amplify their impact by participating in our Member Referral Program, or by simply talking to their friends and neighbors about the importance of transitioning to renewable energy. Thank you for your commitment to a healthy, sustainable future.

#### The Energy Co-op's Member Referral Program

## Reminder! Our Member Referral Program competition is in full swing!

This Co-op Month, help us grow our cooperative and expand clean energy in Pennsylvania.

From now through November 30, refer your friends and neighbors to The Energy Co-op, and you'll both get \$25 plus the chance to earn free tickets to the 2026 PHS Flower Show!

#### **Every referral is like:**



Planting 3.6 acres of trees!



Driving 9,194 fewer miles!



Recycling 307 bags of waste!

Source: EPA

Here's how it works:

- Refer new members to enroll in one of our clean energy programs. Be sure they write your name in the referring member field on their enrollment form.
- You and each new member you refer will receive a **\$25 bill credit** when they stay enrolled for 60 days. Heating oil and PGW members will receive a \$25 gift card for each referral.
- The member with the **most referrals by November 30, 2025** will win **two tickets to the 2026 PHS Flower Show!** (Don't worry, each referral will still result in a bill credit after November 30 per our <u>Member Referral Program!</u>)

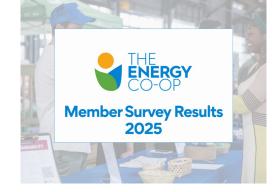
Note: You must have at least five successful referrals to qualify for the grand prize. The winner will be selected on January 31, 2026 and announced the week of February 2.

#### 2025 Member Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who completed our 2025 Member Survey earlier this year! Your participation and feedback play a crucial role in shaping The Energy Co-op's future and has already led to exciting updates like our revamped referral program and new Energy

Advocacy Guide.

Curious about your fellow members' feedback? Check out the fully anonymized survey results here!



### Energy Advocacy: The Energy Co-op's Open Letter to the EPA

On September 22, The Energy Co-op submitted comments to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) urging against the adoption of the Reconsideration of the 2009 Endangerment Finding on Greenhouse Gases. This action represents our commitment to advocating for clean, affordable energy on behalf of our members and energy consumers nationwide. Read our comments.



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2025-0194

Washington, D.C. 20460

September 22, 2025

Re: "Reconsideration of 2009 Endangerment Finding and Greenhouse Gas Vehicle Standards"

EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin

As a Philadelphia-based nonprofit clean energy supplier serving over 4,000 members, The Energy Co-or mission aims to advance renewable energy and promote responsible and affordable energy access. Ware deeply concerned that this proposal would undermine Pennsylvania's climate goals, delay cleanergy projects, raise energy costs, and impede energy independence.

of the 2009 Endangerment Finding on Greenhouse Gases.

The science is incontrovertible: greenhouse gases harm human health. Exposure to greenhouse gase increases risks of adverse health outcomes like cardiovascular and respiratory diseases, and evidence for these harms has only grown stronger over time. Repealing emissions standards will only worsen the efforts.

Greenhouse gas emissions are a proven driver of climate change. The Endangerment Finding has bee instrumental in preventing billions of metric tons of emissions, far form the lack of "scientification measurable impact" the proposal claims. At a time when scientists warn of womening climate impact removing greenhouse gas regulations could push us into a higher-emissions scenario with irreversible climate effects.

The EPA's mandate is "to protect human health and the environment" by ensuring that people "have clean air, land and water." The EPA has a responsibility to protect human health and welfare. This

Climate change is a nonpartisan issue. The EPA was established to advance bipartisan environment action; the climate scholarship the EPA uses to inform its decision-making should reflect that mission accordingly. This proposal does not. For the sake of public health, environmental protection, energ affordability, and energy independence, we urge the EPA to uphold the 2009 Endangerment Findin and relater this correctionarion.

Sincerely,

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## Blog Post: How the EPA Eliminated Its Own Ability to Fight Climate Change

On July 29, the Department of Energy released a controversial report challenging mainstream climate science, backing the EPA's push to roll back emissions protections. Learn how these attacks dismantle decades of environmental progress and reshape America's climate future in our latest blog post by our Membership Coordinator, Rachel Gass. Check it out!



## **Upcoming Events!**

## **ECA's Annual Energy Conference**

Wednesday, October 8, 8:00 am-5 pm Temple University Gittis Student

#### Comprehensive Energy Workshop with the ECA

Wednesday, October 22, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm 50 S 16th St, Philadelphia

#### Center

The Energy Coordinating Agency's (ECA) annual conference is back, bringing together a community of changemakers to discuss this year's theme: Community, Climate, and Energy Resilience. Enjoy refreshments and a dynamic lineup of speakers, and don't forget to stop by **The Energy Co-op's table** to learn how our renewable energy programs are driving local change!

Discover how small changes can lead to big savings on your energy bills! Join us for part two of our energy efficiency series with the ECA for a **hands-on workshop** covering energy-saving tips and utility assistance programs you may qualify for.

All attendees receive a FREE DIY weatherization kit! Spots are limited!

**Register Today!** 

View Agenda & Get Tickets!

#### **Fall Market Update and Town Hall**

The Fall Market Update and Town Hall has been postponed. Thank you to everyone who expressed interest in attending. Stay tuned for a new date!

#### What We're Reading

Energy Dept. adds 'climate change' and 'emissions' to banned words list Zack Colman, *Politico* 

Lawmakers urge PJM to take steps so clean energy projects can meet tax credit deadlines

Ethan Howland, Utility Dive

Citing the need for 'significant reform,' Pennsylvania's governor threatens to pull the state out of the region's power grid

Kiley Bense and colleagues, Inside Climate News

'Innovative' solar project on Hunting Park church will help nearby households pay their electricity bills

Sophia Schmidt, WHYY

<u>PGW spends millions to promote natural gas. Advocates accuse the utility of 'greenwashing'</u>

Susan Phillips, WHYY









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