



2024

ANNUAL REPORT



Citizens
Electric Corporation
A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

LEVERAGING GROWTH & LOCAL CONTROL

2024 marked a year of transition for Citizens Electric Corporation. With our membership interests in mind, CEC spent 2023 challenging the rates of Wabash Valley Power Alliance at the federal level with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC.) However, through productive settlement discussions in 2024, Citizens and Wabash Valley collaborated to reach a resolution benefiting both organizations.

On May 30, 2024, Citizens and Wabash Valley agreed on the key terms of Citizens' transition from Wabash Valley membership subject to FERC's approval. Later in the Fall, on October 31, 2024, FERC approved the separation of Citizens Electric Corporation from Wabash Valley. This separation arrangement consists of two key terms. First, under the new agreement, effective June 1, 2025, Citizens will end its membership with Wabash Valley but will continue to purchase wholesale electricity from Wabash Valley as a customer until May 31, 2028. Second, Citizens will purchase Wabash Valley's Missouri-based transmission facilities which was completed on January 1, 2025. This change in relationship will provide Wabash Valley with substantial capital for strategic expansion of its member programs and the freedom to focus on strategic load growth in its member footprints, while also granting Citizens logistical flexibility and local control to serve our members reliably and on favorable economic terms.

While Citizens will no longer participate as a member of Wabash Valley after June 1, 2025, the parties will continue to engage with one another to identify collaborative opportunities to increase reliability and decrease costs for the benefit of member ratepayers.

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

We understand that reliability is of utmost importance to our membership, and we continued our commitment to providing reliable service in 2024 with the completion of a major transmission project which established a new high-voltage transmission source into Citizens Electric's service territory. This new source will help strengthen reliability for our membership into the future. Even though this major project has come to a close, CEC is not resting. Citizens Electric is also working on future transmission projects that are currently being developed over the next few years to further enhance our service to you. The transmission system provides the backbone of service reliability, and we will continue to look for ways to leverage it to continue to provide reliable service to the communities we serve.

Finally, we would like to thank the employees of Citizens Electric Corporation for their continued commitment to you that they demonstrate every single day by carrying out the essential goal for which Citizens Electric Corporation was created.

Sincerely,



Bill Odneal
Board President



Jason Cates
Chief Executive Officer

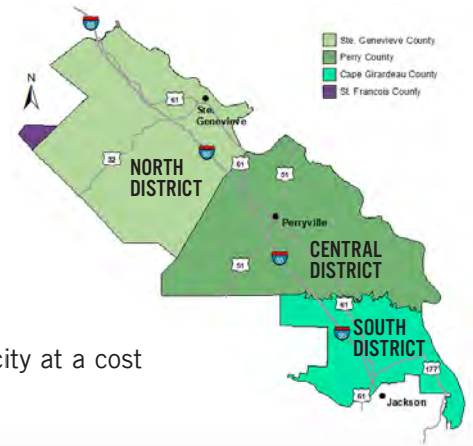


PRIORITIZING MEMBERS

Citizens Electric Corporation is a not-for-profit utility operating under the cooperative business model, which means customers are member-owners who build equity in the company through their patronage. CEC serves all of Ste. Genevieve and Perry counties, as well as portions of northern Cape, and eastern St. Francois.

OUR MISSION

Citizens Electric Corporation will provide our members with safe and reliable electricity at a cost that is stable and competitive with our neighbors.



2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



William Odneal
President
North District



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Vice President
Central District



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Treasurer
North District



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Central District



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North District



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Central District



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Central District



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North District



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South District



Doyle Oehl
South District

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM



From left to right: **Curt Iffert**, Vice President of Operations, **Angi Herman**, Manager of Human Resources, **J.W. Hackworth**, Manager of Member Services, **Jason Cates**, Chief Executive Officer, **Daniel Coomes**, Vice President of Engineering, **Rachel Tiehes**, Manager of Finance, **Zach Deneke**, IT Supervisor



Total Revenue

(in thousands)

2020 - \$115,036

2021 - \$124,635

2022 - \$153,098

2023 - \$137,063

2024 - \$137,941



Total Assets

(in thousands)

2020 - \$161,013

2021 - \$191,473

2022 - \$191,377

2023 - \$193,032

2024 - \$322,101



Energy Sales - KWH

(in thousands)

2020 - 1,675,478

2021 - 1,666,994

2022 - 1,687,134

2023 - 1,648,956

2024 - 1,669,745



Total Plant Assets

(in thousands)

2020 - \$187,427,425

2021 - \$191,887,247

2022 - \$197,366,032

2023 - \$206,463,780

2024 - \$215,609,884



Miles of Line

2020 - 2,968

2021 - 2,975

2022 - 2,983

2023 - 2,991

2024 - 2,996

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

UTILITY PLANT

Electric plant

Less accumulated depreciation

INVESTMENTS

Investments in related cooperatives

Rural Economic Development Loan (REDL) receivable

DEFERRED DEBITS

Regulatory asset - WVPA capital credits

Regulatory asset - legal and consulting fees

Post retirement

Other

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents

Receivables, less allowance for credit losses

of \$20,160 in 2024 and \$15,186

Materials

Prepayments

Current portion of REDL receivable

Current portion of post retirement

Current portion of WVPA capital credits

Current portion of legal and consulting

Total current assets

TOTAL ASSETS

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

CAPITAL EQUITIES

Memberships

Patronage capital

Other equities

LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

ACCUMULATED POSTRETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATION

DEFERRED CREDITS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Current maturities of long-term debt

Accounts payable

Accrued expenses

Contract liabilities

Total current liabilities

DEFERRED CREDITS

Total liabilities and capital

2024

2023

\$215,609,884

\$82,098,085

\$133,511,799

\$16,645,295

\$1,867,875

\$18,513,170

\$18,484,257

\$1,663,156

\$220,118

\$48,904

\$20,416,435

\$127,037,585

\$15,107,839

\$5,949,190

\$82,724

\$370,745

\$110,086

\$313,292

\$688,203

\$149,659,664

\$322,101,068

\$206,463,780

\$77,720,318

\$128,743,462

\$31,991,367

\$2,238,655

\$34,230,022

\$330,186

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\$10,574,926

\$13,042,106

\$5,513,643

\$117,280

\$370,710

\$110,086

\$29,728,751

\$193,032,421

\$86,185

\$129,221,656

\$699,612

\$130,007,453

\$168,887,357

\$2,576,254

\$1,000

\$4,157,221

\$10,017,273

\$1,245,536

\$5,208,974

\$20,629,004

\$322,101,068

\$82,645

\$121,732,794

\$101,660

\$121,917,099

\$50,827,163

\$2,456,258

\$1,000

\$2,685,526

\$9,536,691

\$1,107,115

\$4,501,569

\$17,830,901

\$193,032,421

The financial reports listed herein are based on the year-end audits by Kerber, Eck and Braeckel, LLP of Marion, IL, for 2024 and 2023. These audits determined the financial books of Citizens Electric Corporation were maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The auditors have determined these reports represent fairly the financial position of the Corporation as of December 31, 2024 and 2023. Any CEC member interested in reviewing an audit report is welcome to visit the office, and we will be happy to make the report available to you.

STATEMENT OF EARNINGS & PATRONAGE CAPITAL

2024

2023

OPERATING REVENUE

Electric energy revenue	\$137,755,944	\$136,856,029
Miscellaneous electric revenue	\$185,058	\$207,306
Total operating revenue	\$137,941,002	\$137,063,335

OPERATING EXPENSES

Cost of power purchased	\$103,483,807	\$105,456,500
Operating expenses-distribution	\$7,819,148	\$7,038,140
Maintenance of distribution plant	\$4,231,170	\$3,771,065
Accounting and collection expenses	\$1,261,893	\$1,304,792
Other customer expenses	\$597,226	\$540,246
Administrative and general	\$3,864,634	\$4,575,942
Depreciation	\$7,105,605	\$6,863,889
Taxes	\$1,585,866	\$1,527,937
Total operating expenses	\$129,949,349	\$131,078,511

Operating margin before interest charges	\$7,991,653	\$5,984,824
Interest on debt	\$1,698,579	\$1,728,623

Operating margin before capital credits	\$6,293,074	\$4,256,201
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Capital credits and patronage dividends	\$3,774,359	\$2,280,908
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Operating margin	\$10,067,433	\$6,537,109
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Interest income	\$765,009	\$796,445
Other income/(loss)	\$(3,798)	\$9,400

NET MARGIN	\$10,828,644	\$7,342,954
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OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Amortization of gain (loss) on post-retirement benefit obligation	\$(110,068)	\$(110,068)
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TOTAL NET MARGINS	\$10,718,576	\$7,232,886
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Patronage capital - beginning of year	\$121,300,573	\$117,304,923
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Prior period adjustment		\$(432,221)
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Retirement of capital credits	\$(2,845,502)	\$(2,999,437)
Unclaimed capital credits	\$48,009	\$194,422

Patronage capital - end of year	\$129,221,656	\$121,300,573
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YOUR ENERGY DOLLAR

Operating & Maintenance
9.2%

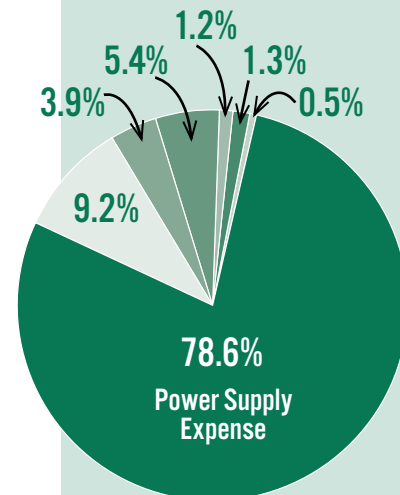
Customer Accounting
& Administration 3.9%

Depreciation 5.4%

Gross Receipts 1.2%

Interest On
Long Term Debt 1.3%

Other 0.5%



Number of Members Served

2020 - 27,571
2021 - 27,873
2022 - 27,406
2023 - 27,656
2024 - 27,861

STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS

2024

2023

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Net margin	\$10,828,644	\$7,342,954
Net adjustments to income	\$10,468,726	\$9,590,605
Cash flows from investing activities	\$(10,226,148)	\$(9,892,226)
Cash flows from financing activities	\$116,220,081	\$(4,447,750)

Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$116,462,659	\$(4,749,371)
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CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Beginning of year	\$10,574,926	\$15,324,297
End of year	\$127,037,585	\$10,574,926

CUSTOMER SATISFACTION



HIGHER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE

This customer satisfaction score is compared to cooperatives, municipal utilities, and the investor-owned sector.

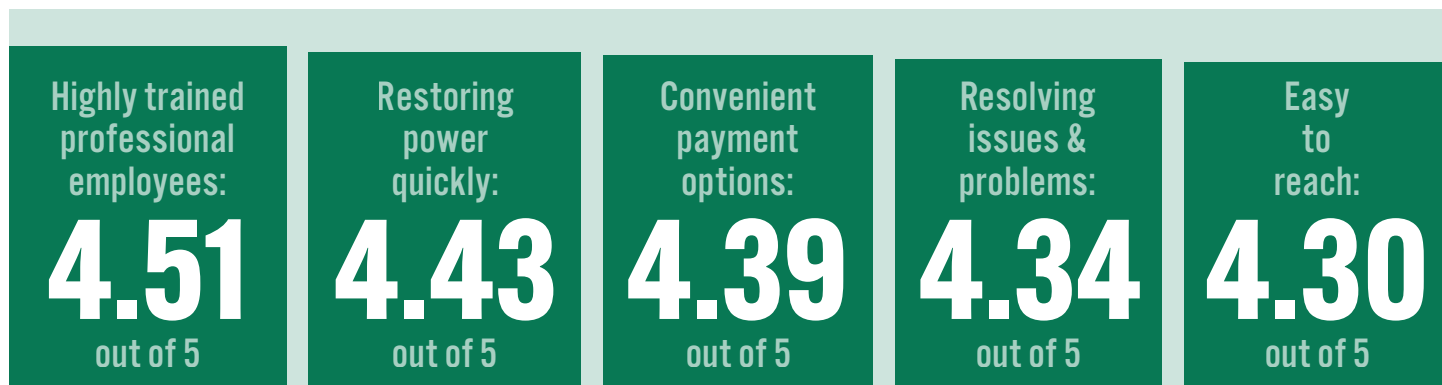


MEMBERS HAVE THEIR SAY

Citizens Electric Corporation exists to serve our members. We strive to improve the lives of our members in the communities we serve. Citizens Electric is committed to pursuing the essential goal for which it was created: to safely deliver electricity to its members at the most affordable prices possible.

Each year, Citizens Electric sends out a Member Satisfaction Survey to give our member-owners the opportunity to tell us how we're doing and talk about any issues. The cost of energy was a key concern for members in 2024.

Overall, 2024 findings revealed high marks from members. Based on a scale of 1-5, the following areas were rated as top attributes for the organization:



AN ALL-OF-THE-ABOVE STRATEGY

SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT

A 99.97% reliability statistic in 2024 illustrates the high-quality system we've built and continue to improve. In 2024, 1,200 miles of trees and vegetation from rights-of way were cleared, and a total of 1,677 distribution and transmission poles were replaced. The current four-year work plan has 170 projects, totaling 125 miles of new line and upgrades ranging from line conversions and line switches to newly constructed substations.



POLE INSPECTIONS

952 poles were replaced in 2024 due to the annual inspection process. This includes poles nearing end of life due to decay or damage from animal and/or bird activity.



POLE REPLACEMENTS

725 poles replaced or newly installed to accommodate telecom attachments, new line extensions for members, or reliability projects.



SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

A total of 22 system improvements were made in 2024 alone strengthening reliability and expanding capacity to meet demand.



2024 marked official completion of the Limestone Ridge Project, a 138-kilovolt, 15-mile transmission line, improving energy reliability for local residents, providing additional energy support and supporting area economic growth.

2024 REVIEW & ACCOMPLISHMENTS



\$203,413

ISSUED IN REBATES
TO MEMBERS



MAINTAINED

49

SUBSTATIONS



1.7 MILLION MWhs
TOTAL ENERGY SOLD TO MEMBERS



AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL
MEMBERS SERVED



OPERATED
2,825 MILES
OF OVERHEAD
LINES



\$2.25 MILLION
CAPITAL CREDITS
RETURNED TO MEMBERS



\$8,000

AWARDED TO HIGH SCHOOL
SENIORS IN SCHOLARSHIPS



303

NEW
MEMBERS
CONNECTED

CONTRIBUTED

\$57,000

SPONSORING
LOCAL EVENTS



\$26,247

DONATED BY MEMBERS
TO OPERATION ROUNDUP



6 COUNTIES
SERVED



9.3

METERS PER MILE OF LINE

79

FULL TIME
EMPLOYEES



2,681

COMMERCIAL
& INDUSTRIAL
MEMBERS

11,781

AVG. ANNUAL
RESIDENTIAL
KWH CONSUMED



171 MILES

UNDERGROUND
DISTRIBUTION



99.97%

RELIABILITY
RATE



711,561

HOURS WORKED
WITHOUT
LOST TIME ACCIDENT

INVESTED

\$4,500

IN LOCAL YOUTH
ATTENDING
LEADERSHIP EVENTS



**CAPITAL CREDITS
RETURNED TO
MEMBERS**

2019 – \$2.5 million

2020 – \$4.0 million

2021 – \$3.5 million

2022 – \$3.5 million

2023 – \$3.0 million

2024 – \$2.25 million

OPERATING ON SEVEN COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES

1



**VOLUNTARY AND
OPEN MEMBERSHIP**

2



**DEMOCRATIC
MEMBER CONTROL**

3



**MEMBERS' ECONOMIC
PARTICIPATION**

4



**AUTONOMY AND
INDEPENDENCE**

5



**EDUCATION, TRAINING
AND INFORMATION**

6



**COOPERATION AMONG
COOPERATIVES**

7



**CONCERN FOR
COMMUNITY**

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