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## April is Earth Month!

Dear Members of The Energy Co-op,

We're excited to celebrate Earth Month with you this April. As a community of eco-conscious Pennsylvanians, we're grateful for your continued commitment to building a more sustainable future through your energy choices.

At a time when renewable energy faces economic challenges, politicization, and eroding support at the federal, state and corporate levels, your support matters more than ever. Your membership helps advance our shared mission of bringing renewable energy to more homes and businesses across Pennsylvania. Staying grounded in our values and continuing to push for progress is essential, and we're proud to do that work alongside you.

This Earth Month, there are several ways you can further support our mission beyond your energy use:

- **Contact your representatives** – Share your voice with state and federal leaders about the importance of protecting our planet and advancing renewable energy. Here is a [resource](#) about current legislation and how to get involved.
- **Spread the word** – Encourage friends and neighbors to explore renewable energy and consider joining The Energy Co-op. If you know someone who wants to contribute to Pennsylvania's clean energy future, invite them to join our [Sustainer Program](#), and keep reading to learn more about our [Earth Month promotion with Weavers Way Food Co-op](#).
- **Stay up to date** – Read the rest of this newsletter, visit our [blog](#), and follow us on social media for updates on events, promotions, and educational resources.

By choosing renewable energy for your home or business, you're already making a meaningful impact. **We're grateful to have you as part of our cooperative community and look forward to continuing this important work together.**

Thank you for your ongoing support, and happy Earth Month!

Warmly,  
The Energy Co-op Staff

## The Energy Co-op and Weavers Way are Working Together!



This Earth Month, The Energy Co-op and our long-time partner, Weavers Way Food Co-op, are working together to further our respective missions!

From now until May 8, members of The Energy Co-op who join Weavers Way will get a \$50 Easy Pay credit by submitting a [member application](#) and emailing [member@weaversway.coop](mailto:member@weaversway.coop) with their new member ID number.

Weavers Way members who join The Energy Co-op will get \$25 off their energy bill, and folks who join both cooperatives can take advantage of both promotions! If you'd like to share this promotion with your community, prospective members of The Energy Co-op can [enroll](#) with promo code **EARTHWW**, provided they are a new or existing member or Weavers Way.

[Learn More](#)

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## Support Our Shared Mission



*Know someone who cares about renewable energy progress but can't join The Energy Co-op? Help us spread the word and share our Sustainer Program with your networks!*

Last month, we launched our **Sustainer Program**, a monthly recurring donor program that will help us expand our efforts to educate about the power of clean energy and consumer choice, and advocate for affordable and accessible clean energy for all. Anyone can become a Sustainer—no active membership

with The Energy Co-op required! To learn more, [visit our website](#).

**Loving The Energy Co-op?** Please consider spending 2 minutes to [leave us a Google review!](#) Your feedback helps us reach more new members and achieve our shared mission of expanding renewable energy development in Pennsylvania.

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## Member Message: Slamming on the Rise

We've seen an uptick in “slamming” incidents—an illegal practice in which a customer’s energy supplier is switched without their knowledge or consent—reported by our members. Slamming often results in unexpected rate increases, unfavorable contract terms, and fees that are difficult to reverse, typically discovered only when the next bill arrives.

Recently, members have reported incidents in everyday settings like big box stores where representatives request basic account information which can be used to initiate a switch behind the scenes. Some encounters have involved individuals claiming to represent major energy companies like NRG, the parent company of Green Mountain Energy, and similar incidents have been linked to commission-based sales practices. In other cases, customers have received calls falsely claiming their supplier is going out

of business to prompt a switch, but members have hung up and contacted us first to verify.

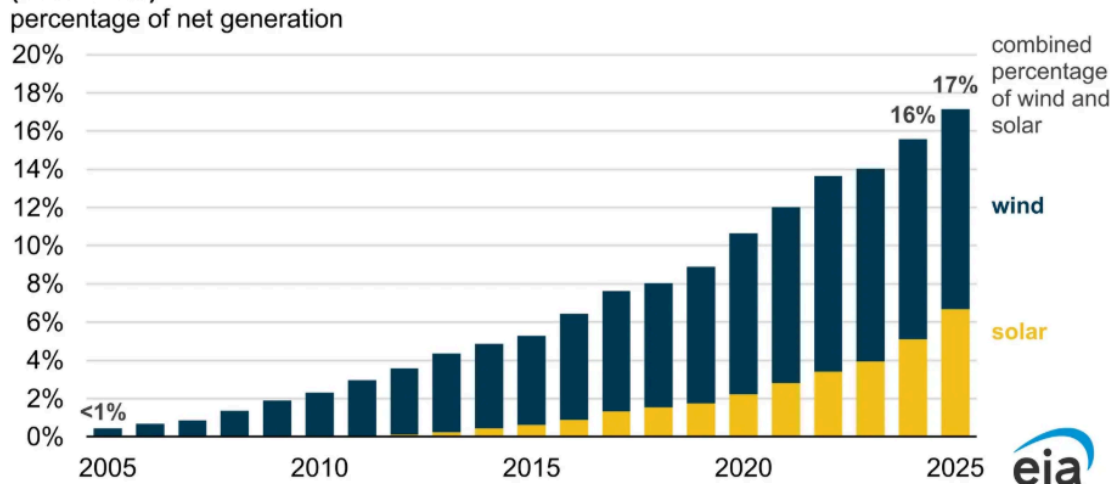
**To protect yourself, never share your utility bill, account number, or personal information with unsolicited representatives.** Many members only realize they've been slammed after receiving a drop confirmation email, so please contact us immediately if you suspect your energy supply service has been changed without your consent.

**Energy choice is an important consumer right, and it's essential to keep that choice in your hands by staying informed and vigilant.**

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## Renewable Energy Classroom: 2025 a Record Year for Renewables

### Annual percentage of U.S. utility-scale electricity net generation from wind and solar (2005–2025)



Last year marked a record year for renewables, proof that choosing clean energy makes a difference. **In 2025, utility-scale wind and solar generated a record 17% of electricity in the U.S.** That figure rises to nearly one-fifth including small-scale solar, a major milestone for renewable energy.


This progress reflects steady, long-term growth. Wind and solar continue to make up a larger share of the U.S. energy mix each year: in 2025 alone, solar capacity grew by 34%, while wind expanded by 3%. Solar is projected to account for more than half of new generation in 2026, with developers planning over 43 gigawatts of new utility-scale projects, an increase of roughly 60% from last year.

The takeaway? Clean energy progress is driven not just by policy, but by demand. **Your choice of renewable electricity continues to play a real, measurable role in shaping the future of our electricity grid. Thank you!**

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**Upcoming Events!**

Build a **Fair, Clean, Smart Grid** for PA





Attend the **People's Hearing** to advocate for community-based, affordable clean energy

Join Energy Co-op partner **POWER Interfaith** to learn about community-based energy from local experts and share what matters most to you about clean energy!

Community feedback gathered during this event will be submitted to the PA Public Utility Commission – **don't miss this opportunity to influence how our electric system is run!**

**Join us**  
 Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 - 5:15pm  
 Congregation Rodeph Shalom  
 615 N. Broad St., Philadelphia

Learn more and **RSVP here!**

## People's Hearing: Community-Based Energy

April 26 @ 2:30 pm. Want to influence how our electric system is run? Join POWER Interfaith in learning about community-based, affordable clean energy and campaigning the PA Public Utility Commission to allow community-produced renewable energy to be sold back to the regional grid!

[Click here](#) to register and learn more.

## No Planet B Jamboree

**April 25 @ 2 pm. ArtsQuest Bethlehem.** Join The Energy Co-op in celebrating sustainability, community, and live music at the [4th Annual No Planet B Jamboree!](#)

Enjoy a dynamic lineup of live music and explore a variety of local organizations and vendors—including The Energy Co-op—offering eco-friendly products, sustainable services, and practical ways to live more sustainably.

**Admission is free for the whole family!**

[Register](#)

## Virtual Spring Market Update and Town Hall

**April 29 @ 12 pm. Zoom.** From rising power costs to data center controversy and energy conflicts abroad, this winter has brought significant shifts to the energy landscape. Come make sense of it all!

Bring your lunch as our staff breaks down the latest market changes and answers your most pressing questions.

## What We're Reading

[Your PECO bill could increase by \\$20 each month starting in 2027](#)  
 Susan Phillips, WHYY

[Utilities have made \\$200B+ in profit since 2021, new report says](#)  
 Daniel Tait, Shelby Green, and Sue Sturgis, *Energy and Policy Institute*

[The AI boom has plunged a small Pennsylvania town into chaos](#)  
 Rebecca Egan McCarthy, *Grist*

[PPL reaches \\$275M rate case settlement, including data center tariff](#)  
 Ethan Howland, *Utility Dive*

[Trump's latest attack on offshore wind: pay firms not to build it](#)

Maria Gallucci, *Canary Media*

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