

## AMI Project as of 01.10.20

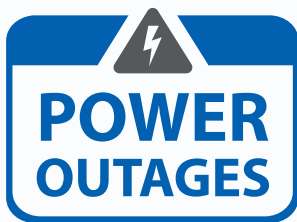
- All 6 collectors and 257 routers have been installed across the system for the RF metering infrastructure.
- 3,287 single phase meters have been changed.
- 495 three-phase meters have been changed.
- This month, crews will be changing meters in the Baker, Fairfield, Moyer and Edison townships.

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## Manager's Article *Kory Johnson*

2020, a new year and a new decade are upon us! With the beginning of the new year, Agralite is looking at another busy year. The line crews have a number of projects they will be undertaking this coming year. They will be working to finish connecting the new Dublin Substation into the distribution system. Once these projects are completed in the coming year, the cooperative will look to retire the old Cashel Substation in 2021. This work, along with the new Swenoda Substation that was completed in 2018, will enable the cooperative to better serve the growing loads across the southern part of the cooperative.

This year, the crews will continue with the meter replacement project that was started this past year. The new metering system was necessary as the previous metering system was no longer supported or produced by the manufacturer. The new metering platform has many advantages over the previous system. The new system has the ability to provide outage information to the cooperative and allows the engineering of individual loads at the time of system peaks to better determine areas needing upgrades.

The communications system that is used to gather meter readings will also be used for the new load control system that the cooperative will begin installing this year. The existing system that Agralite has used for many years is being discontinued in 7 or 8 years. The new system will provide more reliable load control, saving the cooperative money.

Another item the cooperative will be doing this year is an evaluation of the cooperative headquarters facilities. Our headquarters facility was opened in 1964 and, over the years, the equipment used to operate and maintain the system has increased both in size and number. The cooperative plans to hire an architect to evaluate the current facilities and make a recommendation on whether to build an addition onto the existing facility to accommodate the equipment of today or if the cooperative is better off building an entire new headquarters facility. Please look for more information concerning this in future additions of the Agralite newsletter.

Also, in the coming year, the cooperative is looking to have an outside consultant do a cost of service study. A cost of service study is done to analyze and recommend rates to help ensure that each rate class pays their appropriate share of the costs of providing electric service. The purpose of this cost of service study is not necessarily to increase rates but rather to explore alternate rate structures for our members. This may include demand rates for both single phase and multi-phase accounts, prepayment for accounts whereby a member could prepay a dollar amount and they could then monitor their usage to help them better control their usage, or multiple billing cycles to enable a member to better manage their cash flow. The idea with these different rate structures would be to allow our members to select a rate option that would allow them to best utilize electric energy that matches their individual use patterns and also help to reduce their cost of electricity.

As these ideas develop and move forward, I will be sharing information about these topics in future articles to keep our members informed about your electric cooperative!



### Energy Saving Tip:

Don't leave your mobile phone plugged in overnight. It only takes a couple of hours to charge.

Source: <https://www.directenergy.com/learning-center/energy-efficiency/25-energy-efficiency-tips>