

# ACRE/FORE



## ACRE/FORE Participation Form

Please include completed form with your next monthly payment or detach and mail to:

**ACRE/FORE - ECI REC**  
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## Contact Information

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## Hours

**MONDAY-FRIDAY**  
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**OFFICE**  
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**LINE DEPARTMENT &  
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7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Candidates  
Who Support  
Cooperatives



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**Steve Marlow,**  
ECI REC CEO

## Send a Message

“Today more than ever, what is happening in Des Moines, Iowa, and Washington, D.C., can impact your cost of power and its reliability. As a member of East-Central Iowa REC, you have the power to help influence what happens

in state and federal government by contributing to two political action committees (PACs) that support the campaigns of legislators who have proven that they care about representing the interests of cooperative members. Candidates who receive support from these PACs understand the importance of affordable electrification and how pending legislation could impact cooperatives’ ability to deliver on that promise.

“Maintaining a strong grassroots presence in the political process is critical to the sustained success of electric cooperatives. When many members join together, the strength of the message is undeniable. Consider joining us today!”

**A political action committee (PAC) is a group of people with common goals who contribute to candidates who share their interests and views.**

ACRE® and FORE follow established procedures for making contributions to candidates running for political office. Contributions are strictly voluntary. Contributions to federal and state political action committees are not deductible for tax purposes. Co-op members have the right to refuse to contribute without reprisal. Contributions may be stopped at any time upon notification to the Co-op.

## Why contribute to PACs?

ECI REC works for its members to impact legislation that has the potential to affect electric rates. Our state association hires a lobbyist to represent the interests of our members at the state capitol, and we maintain regular contact with elected officials.

Yet, it is illegal for a cooperative to contribute money to support officials who will represent the interests of cooperatives. We must rely on contributions from our directors, employees, and members to support the campaigns of our friends in the state legislature and U.S. congress. To provide this, cooperatives have created the Action Committee for Rural Electrification (ACRE), which delegates funds to candidates for federal elections, and the Friends of Rural Electrification (FORE) to contribute to state-election candidates. Cooperative directors as well as employees who are also ECI REC members contribute to these political action committees with their own personal funds.

## How are contributions used?

Support is determined after evaluating a candidate’s position, public statements, and voting record on issues critical to electric cooperatives. Committee assignments and leadership positions are also important considerations. The candidate’s political affiliation is never taken into account.

Contributions are divided equally between federal and state elections. With the exception of a small federal tax of less than one percent, all contributions go to candidates. No part of your donation is used for administrative expenses.

## Yes, I will support ACRE and FORE.

I will make a one-time contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. My check is enclosed.

*Make checks payable to REC Transmittal Account.*

I will contribute monthly. Please add \$ \_\_\_\_\_ each month to my electric bill.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

