

COMPANY PROFILE

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Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Corn Belt Energy Corporation

MAIN OFFICE LOCATION

1 Energy Way, Bloomington, IL 61705

Our facility is approximately five miles southeast of Bloomington, located at the intersection of US 150 and Towanda Barnes Road, also known as "Downs Crossing"

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MISSION STATEMENT

To enhance the quality of life of our members and support the communities we serve, by cooperatively providing reasonably priced energy with exceptional service.

ABOUT US

The largest not-for-profit electric cooperative in the state, Corn Belt Energy powers the lives of over 36,000 homes and businesses throughout 18 counties in Central Illinois. We employ over 85 people, maintain over 5,000 miles of line, and distribute electricity from Wabash Valley Power Alliance (WVPA), a generation and transmission cooperative based in Indiana.

Founded in 1938, Corn Belt Energy is owned by the members it serves and is committed to providing reliable and affordable electricity. The cooperative is governed by 13 directors who are residential members. Energy efficiency, education and safety are top priorities in addition to distributing energy.

Corn Belt Energy is a member of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) and has been a member of Touchstone Energy since its inception in 1998.

Counties served: Bureau, Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Henry, Kendall, Knox, LaSalle, Livingston, Logan, Macon, Marshall, McLean, Piatt, Putnam, Stark, Tazewell, and Woodford

BRIEF HISTORY

On Sept. 12, 1938, the McLean County Farm Bureau Board of Directors approved a Rural Electrification Administration (REA) project to bring electricity to the farmers of the area. Following numerous meetings to formulate the cooperative structure, acquire right-of-way, hire staff and secure a \$1,164,000 REA loan to build 1,146 miles of distribution line, "Corn Belt Electric Cooperative" employees placed the first pole on April 10, 1939, and strung the first wire on May 4.

By August of that year, the first 100 miles of line were energized northwest of Kappa and 200 farms were electrified in McLean and Woodford counties.

As the cooperative grew, it became a key part of the Bloomington business community. The first office was located at 508 N. Main Street, then shifted to the old Farm Bureau Building at 109 W. Monroe. In 1943, the co-op offices moved to 315 E. Front Street. In 1954, Corn Belt Electric moved to 1502 Morrissey Drive, Bloomington, where office, administration and support facilities were located.

On January 1, 1999, Corn Belt Electric Cooperative (serving ten counties) merged with Illinois Valley Electric Cooperative of Princeton (serving eight counties). The merger created a new organization known as Corn Belt Energy Corporation.

In January 2002, we built a new headquarters facility at Downs Crossing, approximately five miles southeast of Bloomington, located at the intersection of US 150 and Towanda Barnes Rd.

In the past 82 years, our membership base has changed dramatically from primarily farmers to an ever-increasing number of urban, suburban and commercial accounts. While retaining our rural farm heritage, we now serve many of the new residential subdivisions and commercial areas in Bloomington-Normal and other communities.

