

Voting Instructions

Voting is an important part of member participation in the democratic process of the Co-op.

Enclosed in this packet of information is one ballot for voting. Please be sure to vote for all ballot items.

VEC uses a certified third party election services provider called Survey and Ballot Systems (SBS) to mail ballots to members and to receive, validate, and tabulate mailed-in ballots and electronic ballots. VEC offers three convenient options for casting your ballot that are outlined below:

Voting by mail

Place your ballot in the postage paid reply envelope provided in this Notice. Ballots must be returned in the envelope provided in order to be valid. Ballots must be received by 4 pm on May 11, 2018. Please allow sufficient time for delivery. **Do not mail your ballot to Vermont Electric Cooperative.**

Voting Online

Go to <https://www.directvote.net/VEC> to access the login page of the official 2018 Vermont Electric Co-op election. To log in, you will need your member number and your election passcode, which are provided on the top of your paper voting ballot enclosed in this notice. Once registered, follow the online voting instructions.

Members can also vote by logging into their SmartHub account. After logging into SmartHub, members can click on the "Your Vote" button on the left side of the homepage to be directed to the ballot.

Electronic voting will close at 12 pm on May 11, 2018. Do not mail your ballot if you plan to vote online.

Voting in person

Members may also bring their ballot to the Annual Meeting on May 12, 2018, where voting will be open from 8 am to 10:30 am. Ballots must be placed in a reply envelope (one is provided in this notice) in order to be valid and then dropped in the ballot box.

Who can vote?

Single membership

If a membership is single, not joint, only the member whose name is on the account is eligible to vote.

Joint membership

A joint membership with two or more names is entitled to only one vote. Only one member must be present to cast a vote.

Businesses, churches, schools or other organizations

For businesses, churches, schools, or other organizations, only the authorized agent may cast a vote.

Validity of ballots

For a vote to be valid, it must be timely and properly received as outlined above. Ballots mailed in or cast in person are not valid unless returned in the enclosed reply envelope provided in this notice. Envelopes can contain only one ballot per envelope.

Questions about your ballot or misplaced your ballot?

Call 1-800-832-2667 or email annualmtg@vermontelectric.coop