



Notable Information

What are Capital Credits? Capital credits reflect each member's ownership in the cooperative. As a non-profit, ESRTA allocates its annual operating margins to the members in the form of capital credits, in proportion to the services purchased.

Can my capital credit allocation be applied to my telephone account? No. Capital credit allocations are not cash until such time as the Board of Directors chooses to retire them. Once a decision is made to retire capital credits, checks are issued and distributed to all members who had service with the coop in the year or years being retired.

What happens if I pass away before my Capital Credit account is paid out?

 For an individual membership, the capital credit account is available for retirement upon request and at the Board of Directors discretion. The executor of the estate must contact the Business Office to receive the necessary paperwork to make this request.

 For joint membership, the membership will be held by the sole surviving member. In this instance the surviving member will continue to receive allocations and retirements as normal.

Please make sure to keep your mailing address current with us if you move out of the Eastern Slope service area. We will continue to mail your eligible capital credit refund checks to the last known address until all capital credits in your account have been retired.

About Eastern Slope

Eastern Slope is a non-profit organization that was incorporated in January of 1952. We provide telephone, high speed internet, and video services to the communities of Hugo, Arriba, Bennett, Eads, Flagler, Genoa, Haswell, Karval, Kit Carson, and Woodrow with our headquarters located in Hugo.

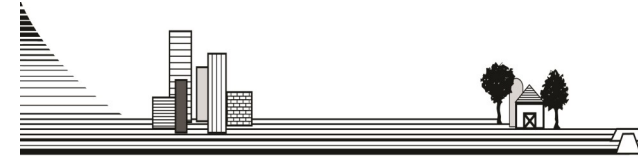
Eastern Slope is governed by our Board of Directors, elected by the members of our cooperative. The Board of Directors determines the retirement of capital credits to its members, based on the cooperative's financial stability.



For Questions on your Capital Credits

**Please contact Eastern Slope at:
719-743-2441—Business Office
1-888-999-3778—Toll Free
customerservice@esrta.com**

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PO Box 397
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Eastern Slope Rural Telephone Assoc., Inc.

CAPITAL CREDITS

**What you
need to know
about being a
cooperative
member**

**AS A MEMBER OF
THE COOPERATIVE, YOU
ARE ALSO AN
OWNER...**

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Capital Credits

Each cooperative member
is an owner!
All members fit together to
make up the
Eastern Slope Cooperative



MEMBER NUMBER 99999
YEAR 2014

THIS IS NOT A BILL
DO NOT PAY OR DEDUCT THESE
AMOUNTS FROM YOUR TELEPHONE BILL

386 1 AV 0.378 4 386
CUSTOMER NAME C-1 P-1
SPOUSE NAME
ADDRESS
CITY STATE ZIP

Allocation Statement

PATRONAGE CAPITAL STATEMENT

AGREEMENT	TYPE
(111)111-1111	Eastern Slope Patronage Patronage
(222)222-2222	Eastern Slope Patronage Patronage
(333)333-3333	Eastern Slope Patronage Patronage
(444)444-4444	Eastern Slope Patronage Patronage
(555)555-5555	Eastern Slope Patronage Patronage
(666)666-6666	Eastern Slope Patronage Patronage
PATRONAGE CREDITS THIS YEAR	
BALANCE FROM PRIOR YEARS	
TOTAL CREDITS TO DATE	

PATRONAGE	CREDITS
558.00	30.16
542.05	29.30
364.81	19.72
354.64	19.17
442.89	23.94
2,166.05	117.09
	239.38
	15,776.51
	16,015.89
	2014 TOTAL

Member • When you subscribe to eligible services offered by ESRTA, you become a member of the cooperative.

Patronage • The amount you paid for the services you subscribed to during the year. That year is referenced at the top of the allocation statement.

Allocation • The portion of operating margins “allocated” or assigned to your capital credit account in proportion to the services you subscribe to. The more services you subscribe to, the more capital credits you will earn. The allocation statements are mailed in the spring of each year.

Retirement • A cash payout from your capital credit account. The Board of Directors will review the cooperative’s financial health and, at their discretion, declare a retirement. If the Board of Directors declares a retirement and your capital credit account qualifies, your capital credit refund check will be available at the Annual Meeting of the Members, or mailed to the address on your account following the meeting.

This patronage capital statement lists the amount of capital credits allocated to you for the year 2014.
Capital Credits are allocated from the cooperative’s annual margins. The amount allocated is determined by the amount of business you do with ESRTA each year and ESRTA’s margins for that year.
Capital Credits are not available as cash until the Board of Directors of the cooperative authorizes their retirement. Please do not pay or deduct these amounts from your telephone bill.