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Notice is hereby given that the December 2021 issue of *KENTUCKY LIVING*, bearing an official notice of the intent to file with the Public Service Commission a proposed general rate adjustment for **SOUTH KENTUCKY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION**, was entered as direct mail on November 26, 2021.



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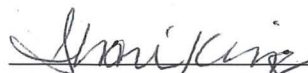


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This 29th day of November, 2021.

My commission expires 1-31-2025



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South Kentucky RECC faces rate adjustment

After maintaining steady power rates during the past 10 years, South Kentucky RECC has begun the process of requesting a rate adjustment with the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC).

South Kentucky RECC is dedicated to providing superior reliability and the best possible service for our membership. The co-op has not increased rates since 2011. During this 10-year period, inflationary pressures have resulted in substantial cost increases for goods and services regularly used by the co-op. In order for South Kentucky RECC to be able to continue providing the same excellent service, it must be able to recover the costs associated to build, operate and maintain the facilities required to provide this service.

The co-op is sensitive and concerned about the impact of this rate adjustment on its members. Because of this, South Kentucky RECC is requesting that the PSC allow the rate adjustment to be phased in over a two-year period. As proposed, the first-year increase for the average residential account using 1,019 kWh of electricity would be approximately \$4.74 per month. The second year, the increase would be an additional \$4.75 per month. The combined effect of these increases would then carry through after the second phase going forward.

The official notice of the rate adjustment with the exact, proposed changes is on the pages that follow. South Kentucky RECC filed the application with the PSC on December 1, 2021. Their review will take several months, so the new rates are not expected to be effective until mid-2022.

South Kentucky RECC offers billing options to assist members when budgeting for their electricity costs. Members can visit South Kentucky RECC's website at www.skrecc.com to learn more about these options and other programs. Members can always call to speak to a member services representative or energy advisor for assistance.

South Kentucky RECC is dedicated to providing superior service, as they did in February during the ice storm that hit their service territory. Employees worked approximately 15,000 hours to restore power to members. Top photo: Ben Burton; bottom photo: Donnie Ridner



Notice of proposed adjustment to retail electric rates

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, in accordance with the requirements of the Kentucky Public Service Commission (“Commission”), as set forth in 807 KAR 5:001 Section 17(2)(b) and 807 KAR 5:001 Section 17(4) of the Commission’s Rules and Regulations, notice is hereby given to the member consumers of South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation (“South Kentucky RECC”) of a proposed general rate adjustment. South Kentucky RECC intends to file an application styled, The Electronic Application of South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation for General

Adjustment of Rates, and Other General Relief, to the Commission, on or after December 1, 2021.

The rate adjustment, with a requested effective date of January 1, 2022, is intended to be implemented in phases over a period of two consecutive years, and will ultimately result in an increase in retail power costs to its members described below, and in an increase in revenue of \$8,685,396 or 7.71% for South Kentucky RECC.

The present and proposed monthly rates by rate class for each phase of rate implementation are listed below:

			Step 1	Step 2
		Present	Proposed 1/1/2022	Proposed 1/1/2023
Rate	Item			
A	Residential, Farm and Non-Farm Service			
	Consumer Charge	\$ 13.29	\$ 24.00	\$ 24.00
	Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.084330	\$ 0.078470	\$ 0.083130
A-ETS	Residential, Farm and Non-Farm Service (ETS)			
	Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.061120	\$ 0.061610	\$ 0.062110
B	Small Commercial Rate			
	Consumer Charge	\$ 24.66	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
	Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.096520	\$ 0.086680	\$ 0.088930
B-ETS	Small Commercial Rate (ETS)			
	Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.068380	\$ 0.068380	\$ 0.068380
LP	Large Power Rate (Excess of 50 kVA)			
	Consumer Charge	\$ 51.83	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00
	Demand Charge per kW	\$ 7.26	\$ 7.61	\$ 8.12
	Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.05804	\$ 0.05804	\$ 0.05804
LP-1	Large Power Rate (500 KW to 4,999 KW)			
	Consumer Charge	\$ 148.09	\$ 225.00	\$ 225.00
	Substation Charge 500–999 kW	\$ 373.20	\$ 373.20	\$ 373.20
	Substation Charge 1,000–2,999 kW	\$ 1,118.42	\$ 1,118.42	\$ 1,118.42
	Substation Charge 3,000–7,499 kW	\$ 2,811.45	\$ 2,811.45	\$ 2,811.45
	Demand Charge per kW	\$ 6.39	\$ 6.49	\$ 6.63
	Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.05196	\$ 0.05196	\$ 0.05196
LP-2	Large Power Rate (5,000 KW to 9,999 KW)			
	Consumer Charge	\$ 148.09	\$ 160.00	\$ 160.00
	Substation Charge 3,000-7,499 kW	\$ 2,811.45	\$ 2,811.45	\$ 2,811.45
	Substation Charge 7,500-14,799 kW	\$ 3,382.50	\$ 3,382.50	\$ 3,382.50
	Demand Charge per kW	\$ 6.39	\$ 6.54	\$ 6.69
	Energy Charge, First 400, per kWh	\$ 0.05196	\$ 0.05196	\$ 0.05196
	Energy Charge, All Remaining, per kWh	\$ 0.04484	\$ 0.04484	\$ 0.04484

			Step 1	Step 2
		Present	Proposed 1/1/2022	Proposed 1/1/2023
LP-3	Large Power Rate (500 KW to 2,999 KW)			
	Consumer Charge	\$ 151.21	\$ 151.21	\$ 151.21
	Substation Charge 500–999 kW	\$ 381.08	\$ 381.08	\$ 381.08
	Substation Charge 1,000–2,999 kW	\$ 1,142.01	\$ 1,142.01	\$ 1,142.01
	Demand Charge per kW Contract	\$ 6.52	\$ 7.26	\$ 8.04
	Demand Charge per kW Excess	\$ 9.46	\$ 9.98	\$ 9.98
	Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.04919	\$ 0.04919	\$ 0.04919
OPS	Optional Power Service			
	Consumer Charge	\$ 51.83	\$ 51.83	\$ 51.83
	Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.103900	\$ 0.106080	\$ 0.108260
AES	All-Electric Schools			
	Consumer Charge	\$ 86.07	\$ 86.07	\$ 86.07
	Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.078310	\$ 0.082800	\$ 0.087370
STL	Street Lighting			
	Mercury Vapor or Sodium 0–20,000 Lumens	\$ 8.67	\$ 8.84	\$ 9.01
	Mercury Vapor or Sodium Over 20,000 Lumens	\$ 14.02	\$ 14.30	\$ 14.58
	LED 10,500 Lumens	\$ 16.67	\$ 17.01	\$ 17.34
DSTL	Decorative Street Lighting			
	Metal Halide Acorn 100-Watt Metered	\$ 8.10	\$ 8.26	\$ 8.42
	Sodium Cobra on Existing Pole	\$ 16.05	\$ 16.37	\$ 16.69
	LED Cobra on Existing Pole	\$ 16.67	\$ 17.01	\$ 17.34
	LED Cobra on Existing Pole Metered	\$ 13.70	\$ 13.98	\$ 14.25
	Sodium Cobra on 30' Aluminum Pole	\$ 22.60	\$ 23.06	\$ 23.51
	14' Smooth Black Pole	\$ 12.05	\$ 12.29	\$ 12.53
	14' Fluted Pole	\$ 15.59	\$ 15.91	\$ 16.22
	LED 173 Watt Area	\$ 25.70	\$ 26.22	\$ 26.73
	30' Square Steel Pole	\$ 17.87	\$ 18.23	\$ 18.58
	Metal Halide Galleria 1,000-Watt	\$ 36.93	\$ 37.67	\$ 38.40
	Mercury Vapor on 8' Arm 400-Watt	\$ 18.59	\$ 18.96	\$ 19.33
	Mercury Vapor on 12' Arm 400-Watt	\$ 21.82	\$ 22.26	\$ 22.69
	Mercury Vapor on 16' Arm 400-Watt	\$ 22.84	\$ 23.30	\$ 23.75
	Metal Halide Galleria 400-Watt	\$ 22.19	\$ 22.63	\$ 23.07
	Metal Halide Lexington 100-Watt	\$ 8.46	\$ 8.63	\$ 8.80
	Metal Halide Lexington 100-Watt Metered	\$ 5.91	\$ 6.03	\$ 6.15
	Metal Halide Acorn 100-Watt	\$ 10.71	\$ 10.93	\$ 11.14
	Metal Halide Galleria 400-Watt Metered	\$ 12.74	\$ 13.00	\$ 13.25
	Sodium Cobra on Existing Pole 15,000 Lumens	\$ 10.53	\$ 10.75	\$ 10.96
	Sodium Cobra on 30' Aluminum Pole 7,000 Lumens Unmetered	\$ 19.42	\$ 19.81	\$ 20.19
	Sodium Cobra on 30' Aluminum Pole 15,000 Lumens Metered	\$ 16.92	\$ 17.26	\$ 17.59
	Sodium Cobra on 30' Aluminum Pole 7,000 Lumens Metered	\$ 16.92	\$ 17.26	\$ 17.59
	LED 173-Watt Area Metered	\$ 21.19	\$ 21.62	\$ 22.04
	1,000-Watt Galleria Metered	\$ 14.90	\$ 15.20	\$ 15.49
	250-Watt Cobra High Pressure Sodium w/30' Aluminum Pole	\$ 24.95	\$ 25.46	\$ 25.95
	400-Watt Cobra Mercury Vapor 8' Arm Metered	\$ 9.24	\$ 9.42	\$ 9.60

			Step 1	Step 2
		Present	Proposed 1/1/2022	Proposed 1/1/2023
DSTL (cont.)	Decorative Street Lighting (cont.)			
	400-Watt Cobra Mercury Vapor 12' Arm Metered	\$ 12.40	\$ 12.65	\$ 12.89
	400-Watt Cobra Mercury Vapor 16' Arm Metered	\$ 13.37	\$ 13.64	\$ 13.90
	30' Aluminum Pole	\$ 27.23	\$ 27.78	\$ 28.32
OLS	Outdoor Lighting/Security Lighting			
	Mercury Vapor Security Lighting	\$ 10.70	\$ 10.92	\$ 11.13
	Mercury Vapor Security Lighting Metered	\$ 7.79	\$ 7.94	\$ 8.09
	Sodium Security Lighting	\$ 10.70	\$ 10.92	\$ 11.13
	Sodium Security Lighting Metered	\$ 7.79	\$ 7.94	\$ 8.09
	LED Security Lighting	\$ 13.73	\$ 14.00	\$ 14.27
	LED Security Lighting Metered	\$ 11.97	\$ 12.22	\$ 12.46
	LED Directional Flood 200-Watt	\$ 23.77	\$ 24.25	\$ 24.72
	LED Directional Flood 200-Watt Metered	\$ 18.28	\$ 18.65	\$ 19.01
	LED Directional Flood 391-Watt	\$ 36.38	\$ 37.11	\$ 37.83
	LED Directional Flood 391-Watt Metered	\$ 26.21	\$ 26.74	\$ 27.26
	Sodium Directional 250-Watt	\$ 17.08	\$ 17.43	\$ 17.77
	Sodium Directional 250-Watt Metered	\$ 9.88	\$ 10.08	\$ 10.28
	Metal Halide Directional 250-Watt	\$ 18.54	\$ 18.91	\$ 19.28
	Metal Halide Directional 250-Watt Metered	\$ 11.00	\$ 11.22	\$ 11.44
	Metal Halide Directional 400-Watt	\$ 22.99	\$ 23.46	\$ 23.91
	Metal Halide Directional 400-Watt Metered	\$ 11.00	\$ 11.22	\$ 11.44
	Metal Halide Directional 1,000-Watt	\$ 40.38	\$ 41.20	\$ 42.00
	Metal Halide Directional 1,000-Watt Metered	\$ 12.28	\$ 12.53	\$ 12.77

The dollar amount and percent of increase by rate class for each phase of rate implementation are listed below:

Rate Class		Proposed 1/1/2022 Increase Year One		Proposed 1/1/2023 Increase Year Two	
		Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent
A	Residential, Farm and Non-Farm Service	\$3,582,215	4.91%	\$3,586,451	4.68%
A-ETS	Residential, Farm and Non-Farm Service (ETS)	\$ 2,580	0.84%	\$ 2,632	0.85%
B	Small Commercial Rate	\$ 154,959	1.99%	\$ 155,033	1.95%
B-ETS	Small Commercial Rate (ETS)	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%
LP	Large Power Rate (Excess of 50 kVA)	\$ 313,981	2.04%	\$ 319,991	2.03%
LP-1	Large Power Rate (500 KW to 4,999 KW)	\$ 3,858	0.49%	\$ 4,109	0.52%
LP-2	Large Power Rate (5,000 KW to 9,999 KW)	\$ 25,879	0.50%	\$ 25,593	0.50%
LP-3	Large Power Rate (500 KW to 2,999 KW)	\$ 99,574	2.43%	\$ 100,222	2.39%
OPS	Optional Power Service	\$ 29,760	2.01%	\$ 29,760	1.97%
AES	All-Electric Schools	\$ 48,401	5.84%	\$ 49,263	5.62%
STL- DSTL- OLS	Lighting	\$ 75,769	2.00%	\$ 75,366	1.95%
Total		\$4,336,975	3.85%	\$4,348,421	3.72%

The effect of the proposed rates on the average monthly bill by rate class along with average usage are listed below:

Rate Class		Average Usage (kWh)	Current Dollar Amount of Average Usage	Proposed 1/1/2022			Proposed 1/1/2023		
				Dollar Amount of Average Usage	Increase in Dollars	Percent Increase	Dollar Amount of Average Usage	Increase in Dollars	Percent Increase
A	Residential, Farm and Non-Farm Service	1,019	\$ 96.60	\$ 101.34	\$ 4.74	4.91%	\$ 106.09	\$ 4.75	4.68%
A-ETS	Residential, Farm and Non-Farm Service (ETS)	759	\$ 44.14	\$ 44.52	\$ 0.37	0.84%	\$ 44.90	\$ 0.38	0.85%
B	Small Commercial Rate	1,269	\$ 143.26	\$ 146.11	\$ 2.85	1.99%	\$ 148.97	\$ 2.86	1.95%
B-ETS	Small Commercial Rate (ETS)	602	\$ 38.91	\$ 38.91	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 38.91	\$ -	0.00%
LP	Large Power Rate (Excess of 50 kVA)	37,084	\$ 2,967.63	\$ 3,028.08	\$ 60.45	2.04%	\$ 3,089.69	\$ 61.61	2.03%
LP-1	Large Power Rate (500 KW to 4,999 KW)	988,103	\$ 65,176.07	\$ 65,497.57	\$ 321.50	0.49%	\$ 65,839.99	\$ 342.43	0.52%
LP-2	Large Power Rate (5,000 KW to 9,999 KW)	3,587,578	\$ 207,025.83	\$ 208,104.11	\$1,078.28	0.52%	\$ 209,170.49	\$1,066.37	0.51%
LP-3	Large Power Rate (500 KW to 2,999 KW)	701,327	\$ 42,695.63	\$ 43,732.86	\$1,037.23	2.43%	\$ 44,776.84	\$1,043.98	2.39%
OPS	Optional Power Service	6,848	\$ 742.45	\$ 757.38	\$ 14.93	2.01%	\$ 772.30	\$ 14.93	1.97%
AES	All-Electric Schools	54,998	\$ 4,226.47	\$ 4,473.41	\$ 246.94	5.84%	\$ 4,724.75	\$ 251.34	5.62%
STL-DSTL-OLS	Lighting	53	\$ 12.59	\$ 12.84	\$ 0.25	2.00%	\$ 13.10	\$ 0.25	1.95%

South Kentucky RECC is also proposing to make changes to certain sections of the Rules and Regulations and Schedules contained in its published tariff. The specific changes being proposed can be found in South Kentucky RECC’s application filed with the Kentucky Public Service Commission. A listing of the sections (by section number and title) containing proposed changes and a brief summary of those changes follows:

Section 2.70 Return Check Charge: The requested change substitutes the wording reference of “check” with “payment” as it appears in the section and when referenced in other locations within the tariffs and schedules.

Section 5.41 Exception to Required Deposits: The requested changes alter the requirements as to what criteria may be used in determining a waiver for a required deposit. A change to the first condition reduces the threshold in the number of cut-off notices allowed when considering consumer history; a change to the second condition reduces the acceptable letter of credit criteria regarding the date of issue from 18 months to 12 months; a third condition to allow for a waiver has been added which allows for a soft credit check to be utilized with consumer permission. It also expands the terminology for an acceptable deposit collateral for an industrial or large power account to include the utilization of a bank letter of credit.

Section 5.42 Interest on Deposits: The requested change alters the month that interest on deposits will be credited and paid.

Section 5.43 Evidence, Duration and Recalculation of Deposit: The requested change alters relevant payment history criteria for when a refund of deposit may occur. There is also a correction for a typographical error.

Section 5.50 Unpaid Checks from Consumers: The requested change is to substitute the wording reference of “check(s)” with “payment(s)” as it appears in the section.

Prepay Metering Program Tariff T-38- T-41: This change modifies the term and condition statement on sheet T-41, to add paragraph 22, to allow for disconnection by the utility after there has been no consumer energy usage for a period of 90 days or more. This change would also be inserted in the Agreement For Participation In Prepay Program on page 3 of 3.

Multiple Schedules: A text change to replace the words “Security Lighting” with “Outdoor Lighting”.

Any person may examine the rate application and related documents which South Kentucky RECC has filed with the Commission at the utility’s principal office located at:

South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation
200 Electric Avenue
Somerset, KY 42501

Any person may also examine the rate application and related documents which South Kentucky RECC has filed

with the Commission on the Commission's website at <https://psc.ky.gov>, or Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at its office located at:

Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, KY 40602

Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Commission by mail to: Kentucky Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602, or by electronic mail to: psc.info@ky.gov.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by South Kentucky RECC. However, the Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice.

Any person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Kentucky Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602, establishing the grounds for the

request, including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication or mailing of this notice, the Commission may take final action on the application.

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South Kentucky RECC programs save energy and money

The best way to save money on energy is to be more efficient, and South Kentucky RECC wants members to be as efficient as possible to help minimize their electric bills.

The co-op offers a number of programs and services designed to help members with the energy efficiency in their homes.

South Kentucky RECC offers a virtual energy assessment, which is an energy analysis found on the co-op's website, that members can conduct on their own. At the end of the assessment, members will receive suggestions for reducing energy use and making their home more efficient.

The co-op also provides free, on-site energy audits. An energy audit is an in-depth examination of a home by a trained South Kentucky RECC energy advisor that includes investigating the home's structure, checking out its electrical equipment, and talking to the resident about the family's usage, expectations and needs. They also advise

members on what might be using the most energy in their homes and how to be more efficient.

The Button-Up program is designed to help members increase their homes' efficiency and their comfort while lowering electric bills. It is a retrofit insulation program designed to reduce the demand for electric energy through a series of weatherization techniques that improve the thermal integrity of houses by reducing heat loss.

To qualify for Button-Up, a member's home must be at least two years old and use electricity as the primary heat source.

Members interested in Button-Up need to call their local office for an appointment with an energy advisor. The energy advisor will perform an energy audit and a heat-loss calculation. There are four levels of incentive payments for Button-Up. Depending on how you seal the envelope of your home through Button-Up and how many BTUs are saved, we'll pay you for improvements.

South Kentucky RECC offers the SimpleSaver/Smart Thermostat Program. Connected thermostats make it easy and convenient to manage a home's energy usage. By enrolling a qualified Wi-Fi thermostat in the SimpleSaver program, SKRECC members agree to allow brief, limited adjustments to their thermostat during times of peak electric demand. As a thank you for participating, they can earn \$100 for each thermostat enrolled, plus \$20 per thermostat at the end of each summer season for participating.

Another part of the SimpleSaver Program is enrollment of central air conditioners. When a member enrolls their central air conditioning, they are allowing the installation of a remote switch that will permit their unit to be cycled off briefly during peak electric demand. South Kentucky RECC members will then be paid \$20 annually in bill credits for each air conditioner enrolled.

If a South Kentucky RECC member is considering changing their inefficient heating system from ceiling cable,



South Kentucky RECC Energy Advisor Chuck Ball works with a local builder who is constructing a Touchstone Energy Home on co-op lines. Photo: Jesse Phillips

baseboard or electric furnace to either a heat pump of a minimum 14 SEER (Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio) and 8.2 HSPF (Heating Seasonal Performance Factor) or geothermal, through South Kentucky RECC's resistant heat to heat pump program, members may qualify for an incentive payment. Call your local office for more information.

Thinking about building a new home? Build one to Touchstone Energy Home standards to receive a reduction in your annual heating and cooling costs, and you may also qualify to receive an incentive. The incentive varies depending on whether you build and install a geothermal system or a high-efficiency air-to-air heat pump.

South Kentucky RECC has a list of Touchstone Energy Home specifications, which must be met in order to qualify, and the co-op must be provided with a floor plan so a heat-loss/gain calculation can be completed to determine the heating and cooling equipment size. Before an incentive is given, a blower-door test must be performed to verify that the house meets the standard.

There are also a number of things members can do on their own to make their homes more efficient. The U.S. Department of Energy recommends the following tips to be more efficient:

- Save as much as 10% a year on heating and cooling by turning your thermostat back seven to 10 degrees for the time

that you are out of the house at work. (Not recommended for heat pumps.)

- Seal or insulate air ducts to prevent leaking heated air into unheated spaces. This can save hundreds of dollars a year on your electric bill.
- Make sure you have a properly sized water heater and that the temperature is not set too high. Factory settings are usually on 140 degrees, but most households usually only require them to be set at 120 degrees.
- Use caulk or weather stripping to seal leaks around doors and windows. Install foam gaskets behind outlet and switch plates on walls.
- If you have a fireplace, make sure the damper is closed tightly when not in use.
- Be sure when purchasing appliances that you look for the ENERGY STAR logo. This insures that appliances have met specific standards for energy efficiency. Also, look at the required EnergyGuide label, which provides information on energy consumption of a particular appliance. If your appliance has them, use the energy-saving settings on them.
- Use energy-efficient LED lightbulbs throughout your home. The average household can save about \$225 a year in energy costs by using LED lighting.
- Make it a point to change the filters on your heating/air systems once a month or as recommended.
- During the winter, keep drapes on south-facing windows open during the day to allow sunlight to help heat your home (close them at night to reduce the chill from cold windows). It is the opposite in the summer. Keep drapes closed over windows receiving direct sunlight to prevent heat gain.
- You may need to increase the amount of insulation in your home. Check your attic or crawlspace to see how much is there.
- If you have questions about any of the programs and services mentioned, or need advice on energy-saving tips, please call your local South Kentucky RECC office or (800) 264-5112.

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To report an outage 24/7/365, please call your local office, (800) 264-5112, or set up your account to be able to text outages. Please do not report outages via social media.

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Retired South Kentucky RECC service technician honored

Retired South Kentucky RECC Service Technician Harlan Stout was recently inducted into the National Lineman's Hall of Fame for 2020. The ceremony, held in Kansas City, Missouri, honored and acknowledged lineworkers that have made notable contributions to the industry.

Stout is the first South Kentucky RECC employee to receive this award. He retired from the co-op in August 2019, after reaching an outstanding 55 years of service.

South Kentucky RECC Chief Operating Officer Kevin Newton says Stout was a very dedicated employee, who took exceptional pride in his work, and is very deserving of this recognition.

"Harlan was an employee who wanted to improve operations of our system for the members, and he worked very hard to do that. He truly cared and always gave his best to the co-op members, as well as his co-workers," says Newton.

Stout began work on an electric line crew in August 1964, at a time when there were no bucket trucks and most poles had to be set by hand. He became a serviceman in 1974 and remained an active serviceman for 45 years of his 55 years, until his retirement from South Kentucky RECC.



TAMMY CASH

Happy Holidays

Our offices will be closed Thursday, December 23, and Friday, December 24, as well as Friday, December 31, for Christmas and New Year's Eve—but our service never takes a break.

If you have an outage or issue, South Kentucky RECC employees will be at work before you can serve the Christmas ham. Call your local office or (800) 264-5112 to report an outage.

If you need to make a payment, there are several ways to pay:

- By phone
- Online at www.skrecc.com
- Mobile phone app
- Somerset office kiosk
- At a local, participating retailer through CheckOut

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Aaron Baldwin, upon signing, confirms that he mailed the December edition of South Kentucky RECC's section of the Kentucky Living Magazine to the members listed below on Tuesday, November 30, 2021. The members requested earlier this year to be removed from the mailing list to receive the magazine.

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I, Joyce D. Turpin, a Notary Public in and for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, County of Pulaski, do certify that Aaron Baldwin, whose name is signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 3rd day of December, 2021, has acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid.

Given under my hand this 3rd day of December, 2021.

My commission expires: Aug 31, 2025





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South Kentucky RECC faces rate adjustment

After maintaining steady power rates during the past 10 years, South Kentucky RECC has begun the process of requesting a rate adjustment with the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC).

South Kentucky RECC is dedicated to providing superior reliability and the best possible service for our membership. The co-op has not increased rates since 2011. During this 10-year period, inflationary pressures have resulted in substantial cost increases for goods and services regularly used by the co-op. In order for South Kentucky RECC to be able to continue providing the same excellent service, it must be able to recover the costs associated to build, operate and maintain the facilities required to provide this service.

The co-op is sensitive and concerned about the impact of this rate adjustment on its members. Because of this, South Kentucky RECC is requesting that the PSC allow the rate adjustment to be phased in over a two-year period. As proposed, the first-year increase for the average residential account using 1,019 kWh of electricity would be approximately \$4.74 per month. The second year, the increase would be an additional \$4.75 per month. The combined effect of these increases would then carry through after the second phase going forward.

The official notice of the rate adjustment with the exact, proposed changes is on the pages that follow. South Kentucky RECC filed the application with the PSC on December 1, 2021. Their review will take several months, so the new rates are not expected to be effective until mid-2022.

South Kentucky RECC offers billing options to assist members when budgeting for their electricity costs. Members can visit South Kentucky RECC's website at www.skrecc.com to learn more about these options and other programs. Members can always call to speak to a member services representative or energy advisor for assistance.

South Kentucky RECC is dedicated to providing superior service, as they did in February during the ice storm that hit their service territory. Employees worked approximately 15,000 hours to restore power to members. Top photo: Ben Burton; bottom photo: Donnie Ridner



Notice of proposed adjustment to retail electric rates

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, in accordance with the requirements of the Kentucky Public Service Commission (“Commission”), as set forth in 807 KAR 5:001 Section 17(2)(b) and 807 KAR 5:001 Section 17(4) of the Commission’s Rules and Regulations, notice is hereby given to the member consumers of South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation (“South Kentucky RECC”) of a proposed general rate adjustment. South Kentucky RECC intends to file an application styled, The Electronic Application of South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation for General

Adjustment of Rates, and Other General Relief, to the Commission, on or after December 1, 2021.

The rate adjustment, with a requested effective date of January 1, 2022, is intended to be implemented in phases over a period of two consecutive years, and will ultimately result in an increase in retail power costs to its members described below, and in an increase in revenue of \$8,685,396 or 7.71% for South Kentucky RECC.

The present and proposed monthly rates by rate class for each phase of rate implementation are listed below:

			Step 1	Step 2
		Present	Proposed 1/1/2022	Proposed 1/1/2023
Rate	Item			
A	Residential, Farm and Non-Farm Service			
	Consumer Charge	\$ 13.29	\$ 24.00	\$ 24.00
	Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.084330	\$ 0.078470	\$ 0.083130
A-ETS	Residential, Farm and Non-Farm Service (ETS)			
	Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.061120	\$ 0.061610	\$ 0.062110
B	Small Commercial Rate			
	Consumer Charge	\$ 24.66	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
	Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.096520	\$ 0.086680	\$ 0.088930
B-ETS	Small Commercial Rate (ETS)			
	Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.068380	\$ 0.068380	\$ 0.068380
LP	Large Power Rate (Excess of 50 kVA)			
	Consumer Charge	\$ 51.83	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00
	Demand Charge per kW	\$ 7.26	\$ 7.61	\$ 8.12
	Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.05804	\$ 0.05804	\$ 0.05804
LP-1	Large Power Rate (500 KW to 4,999 KW)			
	Consumer Charge	\$ 148.09	\$ 225.00	\$ 225.00
	Substation Charge 500–999 kW	\$ 373.20	\$ 373.20	\$ 373.20
	Substation Charge 1,000–2,999 kW	\$ 1,118.42	\$ 1,118.42	\$ 1,118.42
	Substation Charge 3,000–7,499 kW	\$ 2,811.45	\$ 2,811.45	\$ 2,811.45
	Demand Charge per kW	\$ 6.39	\$ 6.49	\$ 6.63
	Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.05196	\$ 0.05196	\$ 0.05196
LP-2	Large Power Rate (5,000 KW to 9,999 KW)			
	Consumer Charge	\$ 148.09	\$ 160.00	\$ 160.00
	Substation Charge 3,000-7,499 kW	\$ 2,811.45	\$ 2,811.45	\$ 2,811.45
	Substation Charge 7,500-14,799 kW	\$ 3,382.50	\$ 3,382.50	\$ 3,382.50
	Demand Charge per kW	\$ 6.39	\$ 6.54	\$ 6.69
	Energy Charge, First 400, per kWh	\$ 0.05196	\$ 0.05196	\$ 0.05196
	Energy Charge, All Remaining, per kWh	\$ 0.04484	\$ 0.04484	\$ 0.04484

			Step 1	Step 2
		Present	Proposed 1/1/2022	Proposed 1/1/2023
LP-3	Large Power Rate (500 KW to 2,999 KW)			
	Consumer Charge	\$ 151.21	\$ 151.21	\$ 151.21
	Substation Charge 500–999 kW	\$ 381.08	\$ 381.08	\$ 381.08
	Substation Charge 1,000–2,999 kW	\$ 1,142.01	\$ 1,142.01	\$ 1,142.01
	Demand Charge per kW Contract	\$ 6.52	\$ 7.26	\$ 8.04
	Demand Charge per kW Excess	\$ 9.46	\$ 9.98	\$ 9.98
	Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.04919	\$ 0.04919	\$ 0.04919
OPS	Optional Power Service			
	Consumer Charge	\$ 51.83	\$ 51.83	\$ 51.83
	Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.103900	\$ 0.106080	\$ 0.108260
AES	All-Electric Schools			
	Consumer Charge	\$ 86.07	\$ 86.07	\$ 86.07
	Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.078310	\$ 0.082800	\$ 0.087370
STL	Street Lighting			
	Mercury Vapor or Sodium 0–20,000 Lumens	\$ 8.67	\$ 8.84	\$ 9.01
	Mercury Vapor or Sodium Over 20,000 Lumens	\$ 14.02	\$ 14.30	\$ 14.58
	LED 10,500 Lumens	\$ 16.67	\$ 17.01	\$ 17.34
DSTL	Decorative Street Lighting			
	Metal Halide Acorn 100-Watt Metered	\$ 8.10	\$ 8.26	\$ 8.42
	Sodium Cobra on Existing Pole	\$ 16.05	\$ 16.37	\$ 16.69
	LED Cobra on Existing Pole	\$ 16.67	\$ 17.01	\$ 17.34
	LED Cobra on Existing Pole Metered	\$ 13.70	\$ 13.98	\$ 14.25
	Sodium Cobra on 30' Aluminum Pole	\$ 22.60	\$ 23.06	\$ 23.51
	14' Smooth Black Pole	\$ 12.05	\$ 12.29	\$ 12.53
	14' Fluted Pole	\$ 15.59	\$ 15.91	\$ 16.22
	LED 173 Watt Area	\$ 25.70	\$ 26.22	\$ 26.73
	30' Square Steel Pole	\$ 17.87	\$ 18.23	\$ 18.58
	Metal Halide Galleria 1,000-Watt	\$ 36.93	\$ 37.67	\$ 38.40
	Mercury Vapor on 8' Arm 400-Watt	\$ 18.59	\$ 18.96	\$ 19.33
	Mercury Vapor on 12' Arm 400-Watt	\$ 21.82	\$ 22.26	\$ 22.69
	Mercury Vapor on 16' Arm 400-Watt	\$ 22.84	\$ 23.30	\$ 23.75
	Metal Halide Galleria 400-Watt	\$ 22.19	\$ 22.63	\$ 23.07
	Metal Halide Lexington 100-Watt	\$ 8.46	\$ 8.63	\$ 8.80
	Metal Halide Lexington 100-Watt Metered	\$ 5.91	\$ 6.03	\$ 6.15
	Metal Halide Acorn 100-Watt	\$ 10.71	\$ 10.93	\$ 11.14
	Metal Halide Galleria 400-Watt Metered	\$ 12.74	\$ 13.00	\$ 13.25
	Sodium Cobra on Existing Pole 15,000 Lumens	\$ 10.53	\$ 10.75	\$ 10.96
	Sodium Cobra on 30' Aluminum Pole 7,000 Lumens Unmetered	\$ 19.42	\$ 19.81	\$ 20.19
	Sodium Cobra on 30' Aluminum Pole 15,000 Lumens Metered	\$ 16.92	\$ 17.26	\$ 17.59
	Sodium Cobra on 30' Aluminum Pole 7,000 Lumens Metered	\$ 16.92	\$ 17.26	\$ 17.59
	LED 173-Watt Area Metered	\$ 21.19	\$ 21.62	\$ 22.04
	1,000-Watt Galleria Metered	\$ 14.90	\$ 15.20	\$ 15.49
	250-Watt Cobra High Pressure Sodium w/30' Aluminum Pole	\$ 24.95	\$ 25.46	\$ 25.95
	400-Watt Cobra Mercury Vapor 8' Arm Metered	\$ 9.24	\$ 9.42	\$ 9.60

			Step 1	Step 2
		Present	Proposed 1/1/2022	Proposed 1/1/2023
DSTL (cont.)	Decorative Street Lighting (cont.)			
	400-Watt Cobra Mercury Vapor 12' Arm Metered	\$ 12.40	\$ 12.65	\$ 12.89
	400-Watt Cobra Mercury Vapor 16' Arm Metered	\$ 13.37	\$ 13.64	\$ 13.90
	30' Aluminum Pole	\$ 27.23	\$ 27.78	\$ 28.32
OLS	Outdoor Lighting/Security Lighting			
	Mercury Vapor Security Lighting	\$ 10.70	\$ 10.92	\$ 11.13
	Mercury Vapor Security Lighting Metered	\$ 7.79	\$ 7.94	\$ 8.09
	Sodium Security Lighting	\$ 10.70	\$ 10.92	\$ 11.13
	Sodium Security Lighting Metered	\$ 7.79	\$ 7.94	\$ 8.09
	LED Security Lighting	\$ 13.73	\$ 14.00	\$ 14.27
	LED Security Lighting Metered	\$ 11.97	\$ 12.22	\$ 12.46
	LED Directional Flood 200-Watt	\$ 23.77	\$ 24.25	\$ 24.72
	LED Directional Flood 200-Watt Metered	\$ 18.28	\$ 18.65	\$ 19.01
	LED Directional Flood 391-Watt	\$ 36.38	\$ 37.11	\$ 37.83
	LED Directional Flood 391-Watt Metered	\$ 26.21	\$ 26.74	\$ 27.26
	Sodium Directional 250-Watt	\$ 17.08	\$ 17.43	\$ 17.77
	Sodium Directional 250-Watt Metered	\$ 9.88	\$ 10.08	\$ 10.28
	Metal Halide Directional 250-Watt	\$ 18.54	\$ 18.91	\$ 19.28
	Metal Halide Directional 250-Watt Metered	\$ 11.00	\$ 11.22	\$ 11.44
	Metal Halide Directional 400-Watt	\$ 22.99	\$ 23.46	\$ 23.91
	Metal Halide Directional 400-Watt Metered	\$ 11.00	\$ 11.22	\$ 11.44
	Metal Halide Directional 1,000-Watt	\$ 40.38	\$ 41.20	\$ 42.00
	Metal Halide Directional 1,000-Watt Metered	\$ 12.28	\$ 12.53	\$ 12.77

The dollar amount and percent of increase by rate class for each phase of rate implementation are listed below:

Rate Class		Proposed 1/1/2022 Increase Year One		Proposed 1/1/2023 Increase Year Two	
		Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent
A	Residential, Farm and Non-Farm Service	\$3,582,215	4.91%	\$3,586,451	4.68%
A-ETS	Residential, Farm and Non-Farm Service (ETS)	\$ 2,580	0.84%	\$ 2,632	0.85%
B	Small Commercial Rate	\$ 154,959	1.99%	\$ 155,033	1.95%
B-ETS	Small Commercial Rate (ETS)	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%
LP	Large Power Rate (Excess of 50 kVA)	\$ 313,981	2.04%	\$ 319,991	2.03%
LP-1	Large Power Rate (500 KW to 4,999 KW)	\$ 3,858	0.49%	\$ 4,109	0.52%
LP-2	Large Power Rate (5,000 KW to 9,999 KW)	\$ 25,879	0.50%	\$ 25,593	0.50%
LP-3	Large Power Rate (500 KW to 2,999 KW)	\$ 99,574	2.43%	\$ 100,222	2.39%
OPS	Optional Power Service	\$ 29,760	2.01%	\$ 29,760	1.97%
AES	All-Electric Schools	\$ 48,401	5.84%	\$ 49,263	5.62%
STL- DSTL- OLS	Lighting	\$ 75,769	2.00%	\$ 75,366	1.95%
Total		\$4,336,975	3.85%	\$4,348,421	3.72%

The effect of the proposed rates on the average monthly bill by rate class along with average usage are listed below:

Rate Class		Average Usage (kWh)	Current Dollar Amount of Average Usage	Proposed 1/1/2022			Proposed 1/1/2023		
				Increase Year One			Increase Year Two		
				Dollar Amount of Average Usage	Increase in Dollars	Percent Increase	Dollar Amount of Average Usage	Increase in Dollars	Percent Increase
A	Residential, Farm and Non-Farm Service	1,019	\$ 96.60	\$ 101.34	\$ 4.74	4.91%	\$ 106.09	\$ 4.75	4.68%
A-ETS	Residential, Farm and Non-Farm Service (ETS)	759	\$ 44.14	\$ 44.52	\$ 0.37	0.84%	\$ 44.90	\$ 0.38	0.85%
B	Small Commercial Rate	1,269	\$ 143.26	\$ 146.11	\$ 2.85	1.99%	\$ 148.97	\$ 2.86	1.95%
B-ETS	Small Commercial Rate (ETS)	602	\$ 38.91	\$ 38.91	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 38.91	\$ -	0.00%
LP	Large Power Rate (Excess of 50 kVA)	37,084	\$ 2,967.63	\$ 3,028.08	\$ 60.45	2.04%	\$ 3,089.69	\$ 61.61	2.03%
LP-1	Large Power Rate (500 KW to 4,999 KW)	988,103	\$ 65,176.07	\$ 65,497.57	\$ 321.50	0.49%	\$ 65,839.99	\$ 342.43	0.52%
LP-2	Large Power Rate (5,000 KW to 9,999 KW)	3,587,578	\$ 207,025.83	\$ 208,104.11	\$1,078.28	0.52%	\$ 209,170.49	\$1,066.37	0.51%
LP-3	Large Power Rate (500 KW to 2,999 KW)	701,327	\$ 42,695.63	\$ 43,732.86	\$1,037.23	2.43%	\$ 44,776.84	\$1,043.98	2.39%
OPS	Optional Power Service	6,848	\$ 742.45	\$ 757.38	\$ 14.93	2.01%	\$ 772.30	\$ 14.93	1.97%
AES	All-Electric Schools	54,998	\$ 4,226.47	\$ 4,473.41	\$ 246.94	5.84%	\$ 4,724.75	\$ 251.34	5.62%
STL-DSTL-OLS	Lighting	53	\$ 12.59	\$ 12.84	\$ 0.25	2.00%	\$ 13.10	\$ 0.25	1.95%

South Kentucky RECC is also proposing to make changes to certain sections of the Rules and Regulations and Schedules contained in its published tariff. The specific changes being proposed can be found in South Kentucky RECC’s application filed with the Kentucky Public Service Commission. A listing of the sections (by section number and title) containing proposed changes and a brief summary of those changes follows:

Section 2.70 Return Check Charge: The requested change substitutes the wording reference of “check” with “payment” as it appears in the section and when referenced in other locations within the tariffs and schedules.

Section 5.41 Exception to Required Deposits: The requested changes alter the requirements as to what criteria may be used in determining a waiver for a required deposit. A change to the first condition reduces the threshold in the number of cut-off notices allowed when considering consumer history; a change to the second condition reduces the acceptable letter of credit criteria regarding the date of issue from 18 months to 12 months; a third condition to allow for a waiver has been added which allows for a soft credit check to be utilized with consumer permission. It also expands the terminology for an acceptable deposit collateral for an industrial or large power account to include the utilization of a bank letter of credit.

Section 5.42 Interest on Deposits: The requested change alters the month that interest on deposits will be credited and paid.

Section 5.43 Evidence, Duration and Recalculation of Deposit: The requested change alters relevant payment history criteria for when a refund of deposit may occur. There is also a correction for a typographical error.

Section 5.50 Unpaid Checks from Consumers: The requested change is to substitute the wording reference of “check(s)” with “payment(s)” as it appears in the section.

Prepay Metering Program Tariff T-38- T-41: This change modifies the term and condition statement on sheet T-41, to add paragraph 22, to allow for disconnection by the utility after there has been no consumer energy usage for a period of 90 days or more. This change would also be inserted in the Agreement For Participation In Prepay Program on page 3 of 3.

Multiple Schedules: A text change to replace the words “Security Lighting” with “Outdoor Lighting”.

Any person may examine the rate application and related documents which South Kentucky RECC has filed with the Commission at the utility’s principal office located at:

South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation
200 Electric Avenue
Somerset, KY 42501

Any person may also examine the rate application and related documents which South Kentucky RECC has filed

with the Commission on the Commission's website at <https://psc.ky.gov>, or Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at its office located at:

Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, KY 40602

Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Commission by mail to: Kentucky Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602, or by electronic mail to: psc.info@ky.gov.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by South Kentucky RECC. However, the Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice.

Any person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Kentucky Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602, establishing the grounds for the

request, including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication or mailing of this notice, the Commission may take final action on the application.

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South Kentucky RECC programs save energy and money

The best way to save money on energy is to be more efficient, and South Kentucky RECC wants members to be as efficient as possible to help minimize their electric bills.

The co-op offers a number of programs and services designed to help members with the energy efficiency in their homes.

South Kentucky RECC offers a virtual energy assessment, which is an energy analysis found on the co-op's website, that members can conduct on their own. At the end of the assessment, members will receive suggestions for reducing energy use and making their home more efficient.

The co-op also provides free, on-site energy audits. An energy audit is an in-depth examination of a home by a trained South Kentucky RECC energy advisor that includes investigating the home's structure, checking out its electrical equipment, and talking to the resident about the family's usage, expectations and needs. They also advise

members on what might be using the most energy in their homes and how to be more efficient.

The Button-Up program is designed to help members increase their homes' efficiency and their comfort while lowering electric bills. It is a retrofit insulation program designed to reduce the demand for electric energy through a series of weatherization techniques that improve the thermal integrity of houses by reducing heat loss.

To qualify for Button-Up, a member's home must be at least two years old and use electricity as the primary heat source.

Members interested in Button-Up need to call their local office for an appointment with an energy advisor. The energy advisor will perform an energy audit and a heat-loss calculation. There are four levels of incentive payments for Button-Up. Depending on how you seal the envelope of your home through Button-Up and how many BTUs are saved, we'll pay you for improvements.

South Kentucky RECC offers the SimpleSaver/Smart Thermostat Program. Connected thermostats make it easy and convenient to manage a home's energy usage. By enrolling a qualified Wi-Fi thermostat in the SimpleSaver program, SKRECC members agree to allow brief, limited adjustments to their thermostat during times of peak electric demand. As a thank you for participating, they can earn \$100 for each thermostat enrolled, plus \$20 per thermostat at the end of each summer season for participating.

Another part of the SimpleSaver Program is enrollment of central air conditioners. When a member enrolls their central air conditioning, they are allowing the installation of a remote switch that will permit their unit to be cycled off briefly during peak electric demand. South Kentucky RECC members will then be paid \$20 annually in bill credits for each air conditioner enrolled.

If a South Kentucky RECC member is considering changing their inefficient heating system from ceiling cable,



South Kentucky RECC Energy Advisor Chuck Ball works with a local builder who is constructing a Touchstone Energy Home on co-op lines. Photo: Jesse Phillips

baseboard or electric furnace to either a heat pump of a minimum 14 SEER (Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio) and 8.2 HSPF (Heating Seasonal Performance Factor) or geothermal, through South Kentucky RECC's resistant heat to heat pump program, members may qualify for an incentive payment. Call your local office for more information.

Thinking about building a new home? Build one to Touchstone Energy Home standards to receive a reduction in your annual heating and cooling costs, and you may also qualify to receive an incentive. The incentive varies depending on whether you build and install a geothermal system or a high-efficiency air-to-air heat pump.

South Kentucky RECC has a list of Touchstone Energy Home specifications, which must be met in order to qualify, and the co-op must be provided with a floor plan so a heat-loss/gain calculation can be completed to determine the heating and cooling equipment size. Before an incentive is given, a blower-door test must be performed to verify that the house meets the standard.

There are also a number of things members can do on their own to make their homes more efficient. The U.S. Department of Energy recommends the following tips to be more efficient:

- Save as much as 10% a year on heating and cooling by turning your thermostat back seven to 10 degrees for the time

that you are out of the house at work. (Not recommended for heat pumps.)

- Seal or insulate air ducts to prevent leaking heated air into unheated spaces. This can save hundreds of dollars a year on your electric bill.
- Make sure you have a properly sized water heater and that the temperature is not set too high. Factory settings are usually on 140 degrees, but most households usually only require them to be set at 120 degrees.
- Use caulk or weather stripping to seal leaks around doors and windows. Install foam gaskets behind outlet and switch plates on walls.
- If you have a fireplace, make sure the damper is closed tightly when not in use.
- Be sure when purchasing appliances that you look for the ENERGY STAR logo. This insures that appliances have met specific standards for energy efficiency. Also, look at the required EnergyGuide label, which provides information on energy consumption of a particular appliance. If your appliance has them, use the energy-saving settings on them.
- Use energy-efficient LED lightbulbs throughout your home. The average household can save about \$225 a year in energy costs by using LED lighting.
- Make it a point to change the filters on your heating/air systems once a month or as recommended.
- During the winter, keep drapes on south-facing windows open during the day to allow sunlight to help heat your home (close them at night to reduce the chill from cold windows). It is the opposite in the summer. Keep drapes closed over windows receiving direct sunlight to prevent heat gain.
- You may need to increase the amount of insulation in your home. Check your attic or crawlspace to see how much is there.
- If you have questions about any of the programs and services mentioned, or need advice on energy-saving tips, please call your local South Kentucky RECC office or (800) 264-5112.

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Visit www.skrecc.com to pay your bill online, to visit our outage center, or for more information about the Co-op Connections Program.

To report an outage 24/7/365, please call your local office, (800) 264-5112, or set up your account to be able to text outages. Please do not report outages via social media.

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Retired South Kentucky RECC service technician honored

Retired South Kentucky RECC Service Technician Harlan Stout was recently inducted into the National Lineman's Hall of Fame for 2020. The ceremony, held in Kansas City, Missouri, honored and acknowledged lineworkers that have made notable contributions to the industry.

Stout is the first South Kentucky RECC employee to receive this award. He retired from the co-op in August 2019, after reaching an outstanding 55 years of service.

South Kentucky RECC Chief Operating Officer Kevin Newton says Stout was a very dedicated employee, who took exceptional pride in his work, and is very deserving of this recognition.

"Harlan was an employee who wanted to improve operations of our system for the members, and he worked very hard to do that. He truly cared and always gave his best to the co-op members, as well as his co-workers," says Newton.

Stout began work on an electric line crew in August 1964, at a time when there were no bucket trucks and most poles had to be set by hand. He became a serviceman in 1974 and remained an active serviceman for 45 years of his 55 years, until his retirement from South Kentucky RECC.



TAMMY CASH

Happy Holidays

Our offices will be closed Thursday, December 23, and Friday, December 24, as well as Friday, December 31, for Christmas and New Year's Eve—but our service never takes a break.

If you have an outage or issue, South Kentucky RECC employees will be at work before you can serve the Christmas ham. Call your local office or (800) 264-5112 to report an outage.

If you need to make a payment, there are several ways to pay:

- By phone
- Online at www.skrecc.com
- Mobile phone app
- Somerset office kiosk
- At a local, participating retailer through CheckOut

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