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Julie Crabtree

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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES ON 6-30-2025

KENTUCKY POWER OFFERS TIP TO MANAGE WINTER ELECTRIC BILLS

By LILLY ADKINS
BSN Associate Editor

ASHLAND — Kentucky Power is letting customers know where they can go to seek help with their electric bills.

Kentucky Power customer and distribution service manager Barry Nolen said in a press release that customers need to understand how cold weather affects energy usage and to prepare their homes to become as energy efficient as possible before winter arrives.

Nolen also said in the release that Kentucky Power customers who need help paying or managing their bills should first call the 24-hour service team at 800-572-1113 or contact a customer service representative via Facebook private message on the Kentucky Power business page.

Nolan said the company might be able to set up a payment plan that works for customers. One option that can help customers avoid bill spikes is the Average Monthly

Payment Plan, which averages out 12 months of electric usage and allows customers to pay approximately the same amount every month, the release said.

For those dealing with high winter bills now, payment plans and income-based programs may be available to those customers outside of the company.

The Big Sandy Area Community Action Program is available in Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Pike counties. Visit <http://bsacp.org> or call (606) 789-3641.

The Northeast Kentucky Community Action Agency is available in Lawrence, Boyd, Carter, Elliott and Greenup counties. Visit <http://nckca.net> or call 800-817-4443.

Information about the available payment plans and programs and how to sign up for them can also be found at www.kentuckypower.com/WinterBillHelp.

JCHS AWARDED MINI-GRANT FOR SHOWCASE EXPENSES

FRANKFORT — Johnson Central High School will receive a mini-grant to help defray expenses at the 2022-2023 CTE Showcase at the Capitol on Feb. 21 and the Kentucky School Board Association (KSBA) Annual Conference on Feb. 24.

JCHS was one of 32 schools to receive mini-grants, which were made possible through the Kentucky Department of Education's Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund II (ESSER II) funds.

The funds will support the showcase, which will highlight high-quality career and technical education (CTE) programs through displays of innovative projects explaining the benefit of learning as a result of CTE.

The showcase will take place on Feb. 21 at the Kentucky State Capitol, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. ET. Displays will be set up around the mezzanine level for legislators, guests and the general public to tour and speak with the students.

A second opportunity for schools to share their displays will take

place at the KSBA Annual Conference on Feb. 24, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville.

KIDE is inviting schools to celebrate February as CTE Month. Organized by the Association for Career and Technical Education, CTE Month is recognized annually to celebrate the value of career and technical education and the achievements and accomplishments of programs across the nation.

Highlights of the CTE Showcase will include metalwork in machine tools and welding a student-created school news channel in action, a welding simulator, student demonstrations in health science, an architectural model of a home, a carpentry program in action, a hydroponics program that supports the community, flight simulation through Bluegrass Aerospace Collaboration and equine studies. Guests will also be able to watch students bend conduit, see the EagleX solar car team in action and learn how CTE is combating the teaching shortage.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE CHANGE

In accordance with the requirements of the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) as set out in 807 KAR 5.069, Section 3, notice is hereby given to the customers of the Rattlesnake Ridge Water District (District) of a change in water rates for users of the District's water system. The changes in water rates are required by the U.S. Department of Agriculture acting through Rural Development (RD) in connection with a loan by RD to the District in the principal amount of \$1,906,000 to be evidenced by the issuance by the District of its waterworks revenue bonds in such amount, which RD has agreed to purchase provided the District meets certain conditions of RD, including revising the water rates as set forth below.

Current Monthly Water Rates

5/8" x 1/2" Meter	Monthly Rate
First 1,000 gallons	\$19.32 Minimum Bill
Next 4,000 gallons	\$14.40 per 1000 gallons
Next 5,000 gallons	\$12.40 per 1000 gallons
Next 10,000 gallons	\$11.10 per 1000 gallons
Next 20,000 gallons	\$7.90 per 1000 gallons
Over 40,000 gallons	\$6.30 per 1000 gallons
3/4" Meter	Monthly Rate
First 5,000 gallons	\$76.92 Minimum Bill
Next 5,000 gallons	\$12.40 per 1000 gallons
Next 10,000 gallons	\$11.10 per 1000 gallons
Next 20,000 gallons	\$7.90 per 1000 gallons
Over 40,000 gallons	\$6.30 per 1000 gallons
1" Meter	Monthly Rate
First 10,000 gallons	\$138.92 Minimum Bill
Next 10,000 gallons	\$11.10 per 1000 gallons
Next 20,000 gallons	\$7.90 per 1000 gallons
Over 40,000 gallons	\$6.30 per 1000 gallons
1.5" Meter	Monthly Rate
First 30,000 gallons	\$328.92 Minimum Bill
Next 10,000 gallons	\$7.90 per 1000 gallons
Over 40,000 gallons	\$6.30 per 1000 gallons
2" Meter	Monthly Rate
First 50,000 gallons	\$470.92 Minimum Bill
Over 30,000 gallons	\$6.30 per 1000 gallons
3" Meter	Monthly Rate
First 100,000 gallons	\$785.92 Minimum Bill
Over 100,000 gallons	\$6.30 per 1000 gallons
4" Meter	Monthly Rate
First 200,000 gallons	\$1,115.92 Minimum Bill
Over 200,000 gallons	\$6.30 per 1000 gallons
6" Meter	Monthly Rate
First 500,000 gallons	\$3,305.92 Minimum Bill
Over 500,000 gallons	\$6.30 per 1000 gallons
Wholesale Rate	Monthly Rate
Big Sandy WD	\$4.30 per 1,000 gallons
City of Grayson	\$4.30 per 1,000 gallons
City of Vanceburg	\$3.82 per 1,000 gallons
Wholesale Rate (Emergency)	Monthly Rate
City of Olive Hill	\$4.30 per 1,000 gallons
KY Dept. of Parks (Golf Course)	\$4.65 per 1,000 gallons
Sandy Hook WD	
First 50,000 gallons	\$145.15
Over 50,000 gallons	\$2.90

Proposed Monthly Water Rates

5/8" x 1/2" Meter	Monthly Rate	Dollar Amount of Change	Percentage Change
First 1,000 gallons	\$20.48 Minimum Bill	\$1.16	6%
Next 4,000 gallons	\$15.26	\$0.86	6%
Next 5,000 gallons	\$13.14	\$0.74	6%
Next 10,000 gallons	\$11.77	\$0.67	6%
Next 20,000 gallons	\$8.37	\$0.47	6%
Over 40,000 gallons	\$6.68	\$0.38	6%
3/4" Meter	Monthly Rate	Dollar Amount of Change	Percentage Change
First 5,000 gallons	\$81.51	\$4.62	6%
Next 5,000 gallons	\$13.14	\$0.71	6%
Next 10,000 gallons	\$11.77	\$0.67	6%
Next 20,000 gallons	\$8.37	\$0.47	6%
Over 40,000 gallons	\$6.68	\$0.38	6%
1" Meter	Monthly Rate	Dollar Amount of Change	Percentage Change
First 10,000 gallons	\$147.26	\$8.34	6%
Next 10,000 gallons	\$11.77	\$0.67	6%
Next 20,000 gallons	\$8.37	\$0.47	6%
Over 40,000 gallons	\$6.68	\$0.38	6%
1.5" Meter	Monthly Rate	Dollar Amount of Change	Percentage Change
First 30,000 gallons	\$348.66	\$19.74	6%
Next 10,000 gallons	\$8.37	\$0.47	6%
Over 10,000 gallons	\$6.68	\$0.38	6%
2" Meter	Monthly Rate	Dollar Amount of Change	Percentage Change
First 50,000 gallons	\$499.16	\$28.26	6%
Over 50,000 gallons	\$6.68	\$0.38	6%
3" Meter	Monthly Rate	Dollar Amount of Change	Percentage Change
First 100,000 gallons	\$833.08	\$17.16	6%
Over 100,000 gallons	\$6.68	\$0.38	6%
4" Meter	Monthly Rate	Dollar Amount of Change	Percentage Change
First 200,000 gallons	\$1,500.88	\$84.26	6%
Over 200,000 gallons	\$6.68	\$0.38	6%
6" Meter	Monthly Rate	Dollar Amount of Change	Percentage Change
First 500,000 gallons	\$3,504.28	\$198.36	6%
Over 500,000 gallons	\$6.68	\$0.38	6%
Wholesale Rate	Monthly Rate	Dollar Amount of Change	Percentage Change
Big Sandy WD	\$4.36 per 1000 gallons	\$0.26	6%
City of Grayson	\$4.36 per 1000 gallons	\$0.26	6%
City of Vanceburg	\$4.05 per 1000 gallons	\$0.23	6%
Wholesale Rate (Emergency)	Monthly Rate	Dollar Amount of Change	Percentage Change
City of Olive Hill	\$4.36 per 1000 gallons	\$0.26	6%
KY Dept. of Parks (Golf Course)	\$4.91 per 1000 gallons	\$0.28	6%
Sandy Hook WD			
First 50,000 gallons	\$153.86 (Monthly Rate)	\$8.71	6%
Over 50,000 gallons	\$4.07 (Monthly Rate)	\$0.17	6%

Customer Class	Average Monthly Usage Per Customer (Gallons)	Average Monthly Bill (Present Rates)	Average Monthly Bill (Proposed Bill)	Average Increase in Monthly Bill (\$)	Average Increase in Monthly Bill (%)
5/8" x 3/4" Meter	5,000	\$76.92	\$81.52	\$4.60	6%
3/4" Meter	5,000	\$76.92	\$81.51	\$4.62	6%
1.5" Meter	30,000	\$328.92	\$348.66	\$19.74	6%
2.0" Meter	50,000	\$470.92	\$499.18	\$28.26	6%
3.0" Meter	100,000	\$785.92	\$833.08	\$47.16	6%
4.0" Meter	200,000	\$1,115.92	\$1,500.88	\$384.96	6%
6.0" Meter	500,000	\$3,305.92	\$3,504.28	\$198.36	6%

The proposed monthly water rates shall be effective for water sold after the date of the final approving Order of the PSC, which Order is expected to be issued no later than 30 days of the filing of the Application and the meeting of the minimum filing requirements. Such date is expected to be on or about February 17, 2023. The Application for approval of the rate change has been filed with the PSC and may be examined during normal business hours at the following locations: (i) Rattlesnake Ridge Water District Office, 5302 KY 7, Grayson, KY 41143; (ii) PSC, 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET; and (iii) via the PSC website at <http://psc.ky.gov>. Comments regarding the Application may be submitted to the PSC via its website or by mail to PSC, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

The proposed rates are required under the terms of an agreement between the District and RD and KRS 278.023 does not grant the PSC any discretionary authority to modify or reject any portion of the agreement between the District and RD or to defer the issuance of all necessary orders to implement the terms of the agreement. The RD loan proceeds will be used to finance the costs of the installation of 4000 new radio read meters, 8 system wide master meter vaults, replacement of 700 problematic service lines and meter assemblies and approximately 14,500 LF of new water main extensions.

Signed Bill Gilbert, Chairman, Rattlesnake Ridge Water District



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Tennessee Baptist Convention. Located in Jefferson City, among the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains, Carson-Newman offers 50 undergraduate majors, as well as associate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees. The institution's website is cn.edu.

Adult Prom Night slated Feb. 11 in Inez

INEZ — Adult Prom Night is scheduled for Feb. 11 at the Collier Center in Inez, during which a Queen and King will be crowned.

DJ Timmy, Cassidy's BBQ and Lori Beth Day Photography will also provide services during the event.

Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/memories-for-a-mission-adult-prom-registration-485673250767> for more information. Proceeds benefit the Kendyl & Friends Foundation Inclusive Playground-The Christian Cage Campus.

Plant order forms available at extension office

LOUISA — The Lawrence County Cooperative Extension Service has posted its 2023 plant order forms on its Facebook page and for those who want to order strawberries, blackberries, blueberries, raspberries, asparagus, rhubarb or Spanish sweet onions. Order forms and prepayment are required by Feb. 27 at 4:30 p.m.

East Kentucky Gospel Fest to be April 28-29

LOUISA — East Kentucky Gospel Fest is scheduled April 28 and 29 at the Lawrence County Community Center in Louisa.

On Friday, April 28, doors open at 5 p.m. and the evening concert begins at 6 p.m. On Saturday, April 29, doors open at noon with a matinee at 1 p.m. and an evening concert at 6 p.m.

The lineup will be released at a later date. Free parking and concessions will be available, and love offerings will be received.

For more information, contact Violet Maynard at (614) 496-1618 or Shona Smith at (606) 686-3632.

Thank you for subscribing!