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Congratulations to Laura Atkins of Holden, winner of a Kindle from the Missouri Electric Cooperatives at the Missouri State Fair in August. Prize is presented by WCE Member Services Manager Brent Scholtzhauer.

**WCE offices will be closed
Friday, Nov. 10 in observance
of Veterans Day and
Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23-24
for the Thanksgiving holiday.**

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Clearing the air on Missouri time-based rate changes

By now you have probably seen the billboards in our area proclaiming "Missouri is moving to time-based electric rate plans this fall." If you are wanting to get an important message across to a large number of people, that's a great way to draw attention. The problem, however, is that not everyone who sees these billboards is in the intended audience, and not everyone is included in this rate change.

We've gotten quite a few questions about this, so I wanted to help clarify. The simple answer is not all of Missouri is moving to time-based rates this fall, and this includes West Central Electric.

You often hear us talk about the fact that electric cooperatives are different from other investor-owned utilities, and this is a great example. The advertisements you have seen left out one important fact -- this is a requirement only for the PUBLIC utilities, NOT the cooperatives.

Here's the difference: public utilities are governed by the Missouri Public Service Commission, which is responsible for regulating the rates, safety and quality of service of investor-owned utilities. Cooperatives are governed by a board of directors who are responsible for making sure the cooperative is doing the same. Those board members are cooperative members themselves who have been democratically-elected by their fellow members, and trusted to make these decisions.

The board and management of WCE take the job you have entrusted us to do very seriously. You have given us the responsibility of making sure your rates are as affordable as possible. You have also given us the responsibility of making sure you can rely on your electric service to be there when you need it. We work to make sure you have the lowest rates possible without having to compromise the reliability of your service.

We won't put off service upgrades, repairs, maintenance, etc. which would affect your ability to have electricity when you need it just to keep rates cheaper. When you compromise service and reliability, it can have catastrophic results. Skimping on quality of equipment or timely upgrades or repairs because of an increase in cost, in the dead of winter or the extreme heat of summer, can threaten our members' health and well-being.

Periodically we participate in rate studies to determine what we need to be able to afford to provide you with that reliable service. There may come a day in the future when changing our rate structure is better for our membership, but that day is not now.

We are honored that you have placed your trust in us as your member-owned electric cooperative, and I assure you that your board and the employees at WCE will continue to make decisions that are in the best interest of our members.



Michael Newland

GENERAL MANAGER

5 Ways to Safeguard Your Home This Winter

As the temperatures drop and the days grow shorter, there's a natural inclination to create a warm and cozy haven at home. Unfortunately, as we see increased use of heating equipment, candles and electrical items, the number of home fires tends to increase during winter months.

Here are five ways you can safeguard your home for the winter season.

1. Ensure carbon monoxide and smoke detectors are working properly. If your detectors are battery-operated, replace the batteries annually. Test the detectors once a month and give them a good dusting to ensure the sensors are clear of dirt and debris.

2. Inspect electrical cords. We depend on more cords during winter, whether for holiday lighting, extension cords or portable heaters. Before using any corded items, double check to make sure cords aren't frayed or cracked. If you use portable space heaters, remember to keep them at least 3 feet away from flammable items. Use models that include an auto shut-off feature and overheat protection. Space heaters can take a toll on your energy bills. Use them efficiently (to heat smaller spaces) and safely. Never plug a space heater into a power strip. Speaking of power strips...

3. Avoid overloading electrical outlets and power strips. When overloaded with electrical items, outlets and power strips can overheat and catch fire. If you use power strips for multiple devices, make sure the strip can handle the electrical load. For a safer bet, look for power strips that include surge protection.

4. Clean the fireplace to improve safety and efficiency. There's nothing better than a warm fire on a chilly night, but it's important to maintain your fireplace for safety. As wood burns, a sticky substance known as creosote builds up in the chimney. When creosote buildup becomes too thick, a chimney fire can ignite. The chimney should be cleaned at least once a year to reduce fire risks. Regular cleaning also improves air flow and limits the amount of carbon monoxide that seeps indoors.

5. Practice safety in the kitchen. As we spend more time in the kitchen during the holiday season, be mindful of potential fire hazards. Never leave food that's cooking on the stovetop unattended. Clean and remove spilled foods from cooking surfaces and be mindful of where you place flammable items like dish towels.

West Central Electric wants you and your family to stay safe during the winter season. Visit www.westcentralelectric.coop for additional safety tips.





Be Prepared

for Winter Storms

A little preparation can go a long way when it comes to the winter storm season. Here are a few tips to make sure you stay safe:

Stock up on necessities. Some items you should have on hand before the storm hits: water (one gallon per person per day, for several days), food (three-day supply of non-perishables), flashlights, first-aid kit/prescriptions, extra batteries/wireless phone chargers, manual can opener, extra blankets, moist towelettes, extra pet food (if applicable).

If your pipes burst or you suspect freezing and want to avoid potential interior damage, be prepared to shut off your main water valve, which is typically located on the perimeter of your home. You will likely need a water shutoff wrench to do this. Know where and how to shut off your water main (before the storm!) so you can avoid unnecessary flooding in your home.

If you experience any storm damage to your home, be sure to photograph and document it (for insurance claims) before you begin the clean-up process.

If temperatures remain below freezing for several days, be prepared for frozen pipes. Try these measures to prevent freezing:

Keep garage doors closed if you have water supply lines in the garage.

Open kitchen and bathroom cabinets to allow warmer air to circulate around plumbing.

Let cold water drip slowly from faucets served by exposed pipes.

What can you do to bump up efficiency during the cold winter months? Here are some ideas:

Cover windows – Can't afford storm windows? Instead, cover windows with heavy-duty plastic sheeting on a frame or clear plastic film to the inside of window frames.

Cut wood smaller – Cut wood 4-6 inches in diameter for a wood-burning fireplace. It will burn more cleanly because of the greater surface area.

Close garage door tightly – An attached garage is a buffer between your warm house and the cold outdoors. Keep the garage door shut to slow heat transfer.



Create a Maintenance Checklist and Calendar

Whether it's a digital calendar or a paper one, mark dates for the following maintenance tips from the U.S. Department of Energy:

- Furnaces and heat pumps: replace filters monthly or as needed
- Wood and pellet-burning heaters: clean the flue regularly and clean the inside of the heaters with a wire brush
- Vacuum heating registers and as far into the ducts as you can
- For baseboard or electric wall heaters, brush and remove dust and dirt from the cooling fins and fan
- Check and clean electronic air cleaners every three weeks

Cook Up Energy Savings in the Kitchen

If you plan to have family and friends over this holiday season, you can cook up energy savings by using small countertop appliances like microwaves, air fryers and slow cookers when possible, as they use much less energy than the stovetop or oven.

When using the oven, bake multiple dishes at once for maximum efficiency. After all, it takes as much energy to cook one dish as it does to cook several. Turn the oven off a few minutes before the recipe's end time and allow the residual heat to finish baking the dish. Once the food is done, leave the stove door ajar to allow the residual heat to warm the room. When using the stove top, match the pan size to the burner to maximize the stove top's efficiency.

With a little planning upfront, you can find efficient ways to save on everything from holiday décor to your favorite soup recipes.



Energy Efficiency Tips for the Holidays

If you haven't made the switch to LED holiday lights, it's time. LEDs can last 40 holiday seasons, and they're safer than incandescent holiday lights. LED holiday lights use 88% less energy than incandescent holiday lights. To put that into perspective, the Department of Energy



estimates that with standard holiday decorations, LED lights typically increase energy bills by about \$5 to \$7. But with incandescent lights, energy bills will typically increase by \$33 or more. For homes that go above and beyond with incandescent holiday lighting (think Clark Griswold), energy bills could increase by as much as \$350. Beyond energy savings, LEDs provide additional benefits, such as being shock-resistant, shatterproof and cool to the touch, making them safer for the home.

You can also lower energy use by conveniently managing holiday lighting. Smart light timers can help you save energy by connecting to a smart phone app or voice assistant to program lights to turn on and off at set times. If you don't use smart home technology, you can still save energy by using traditional timers.

Additional easy ways to save during the holiday season include turning off overhead lights and using your Christmas tree to illuminate your home. If you have a fireplace, remember to close the flue when you're not burning a fire to ensure heat doesn't escape through the chimney.

Can you help us locate these people?

The following members have capital credit refund checks due them. Checks mailed to the last address on file for these members have been returned. If you can provide a current address for any of the members listed below, or the name of an heir if the member is deceased, please contact us at 1-800-491-3803 or 1-816-565-4942.

5 Star Builders Inc	6.72	Country Meadow Greenhouse	55.12	Henderson, Dennis	73.39
Abraham, Dawn	21.00	Cox, Margie	157.90	Heskett, Michelle E	54.11
Allen, Sean M & Caroline	27.22	Craney, Diana L	10.75	Hetrick, Frances E	32.88
Allen, Travis & Tabitha	171.14	Crawford, Eleanor L	131.19	Hicks, George A & Vivian	25.01
Alley, Steve A & Julie L	7.08	Criswell, Lance F & Estee M	140.11	Hines, Debra K	19.64
Altis, Sherry	21.98	Cuddy, Betty D	68.77	Hinners, Keith & Diana	108.41
Amann, Justin C & Christina M	172.27	Culver, Benjamin & Jaquenette	85.73	Hodkins, Matt & Cara	16.98
Anderson, Eugene A & Elizabeth	96.98	D D Express	80.98	Holmes, Neal J & Carol B	324.46
Anderson, George J Jr & Molli	76.35	Dale, J Douglas & Vicky L	2.05	Holthaus, Lynn & Michelle	112.74
Anderson, Maggie	40.92	Davis, Bobby D	22.94	Hopper, Melissa	20.69
Asher, Don E & Cheryl	115.44	Davis, Jackie	54.29	Howe, Patsy	390.05
Avery, Timothy S & Lisa L	11.18	Davis, Sharon N	23.86	Hoyer, Robert S & Patricia A	13.40
Baker, Russell & Heather	133.38	Davis, Shawn R & Shannon M	147.92	Hoyer, Timothy R & Pamela N	377.22
Barton, Michael W & Stacie L	239.67	Day, Roger S	40.57	Hudson, Frank	252.83
Bass, Bob G Sr & E Ann	48.71	Deangelis, Gary & Geri	75.51	Huey, Daniel & Carla C	158.41
Bates, Glenda	83.42	Demoss, Bruce & Lisa	67.24	Huke, Robert L & Jeanie	2.24
Bauermiester, Brian	6.49	Dempsey, Carol C	108.06	Hull, Patricia	121.14
Baumgarten, William & Jessica	64.91	Denton, Audra N	8.46	Humpherys, Don H & Carmiletta	381.96
Bear, William C	7.21	Deshazer, Gary & Shirley	152.35	Humphrey, Steve & Lisa	153.98
Bendure, William N & Patricia A	447.20	Dirck, Marsha	104.68	Hunsaker, Wallace L & Carole V	24.28
Benjamin, Vickie & Kennison, Lana	6.65	Drury, Mary	217.20	Hunt, Terry L & Leanne M	13.47
Berg, David R	62.20	Duckworth, Dana H	186.57	Hurd, Shirley	202.77
Bicknell, George F Jr	269.68	Duggan, Herbert B II & Sherry	82.79	Hynden, Laura	89.54
Biggs, Melissa A	78.90	Dykes, James R & Shelly A	13.35	Iles, Geneva	233.51
Billingsley, Nick D	5.79	Eager, William E & Marlene E	318.04	James, Milton & Belinda	24.96
Binder, Scott A & Karen A	82.66	Easterly, Andy G & Pamela	311.84	Jankura, Justin J	14.80
Birk, Justin W	6.94	Ehrenfeld, John D & Angela	103.19	Jenkins, Corleen M	129.26
Blaser, David A & Anne	166.55	Eitutus, Matthew J & Barbara A	136.93	Jennings, Debra I	50.47
Bohannon, A J & Geneva	73.13	Elliott, Ellen	374.94	Jeter, Jeffrey Lee & Diann	32.65
Boley, Martha D	47.80	Emison, Patricia	121.20	Johnson, Judith G	386.21
Borgen, Brian & Mary	321.75	Equity Bank	71.15	Johnson, Lucille S	3.56
Bortzfield, Frank	17.70	Eskelinen, Vesa & Teresa	137.08	Johnson, Mark G	25.48
Bott, James	16.79	Evans, Kenneth P & Joyce G	109.83	Jones, April L	30.55
Bottomley, Heidi	39.24	Evans, Michael L & Michelle	34.61	Jones, Bruce E & Robin K	71.94
Boyce, Candie	37.62	Everts, Jacob	68.27	Jones, Bud & Chris	152.99
Brantley, Tyler J	70.62	Feldman, Dan & Dunavant, Dennis	34.51	Joy, Bratton	85.98
Brantner, Douglas I	40.73	Felton, Connie M	3.05	Juhl, Gloria A	96.83
Brockhaus, Aileen	168.64	Fields, Martin K	118.85	Jungelblut, Connie	109.28
Brooks, Jesse A Jr	238.47	Fisher, James & Miller, Katherine	44.18	Kapuchuck, Gene E	18.22
Brown, John F	89.89	Fitch, Debra S	141.47	Karangau, Cheryl	79.26
Brumback, Robert	119.17	Fitzgerald, Floyd C	3.64	Keller, Harry & Natalia	43.17
Burgen, Nelson J	53.25	Flint, Randy	75.22	Kelsey, Kimberlee	109.56
Burt, Daniel & Crystal	253.65	Folson, Toni	57.53	Kilgore, Michael & Robertson, Kath	95.78
Buster, Debra	54.95	Ford, James	35.61	King, Carol A	42.49
Carothers, Ernie & Chris	305.93	Ford, Norlene	140.17	King, Scott	55.69
Case, Harold & Laurie	218.88	Fosberg, Owen B & Lisa C	30.42	Kitchen, Mark	32.41
Casteel, William Cody	61.23	Foster, Kaysi	133.52	Klintworth, Mike & Carol J	48.77
Cavallaro, Rick C & Deanna L	402.33	Frazee, Harold L	141.02	Knaus, Andrew F & Susanna E	58.15
Clark, Chris & Jaime	34.71	Frazier, Felisa	86.08	Knight, Dennis H & Susan	96.04
Clinger, Evelyn	198.93	Freeman, Clifton K & Cheryl D	79.47	Kotz, Cynthia J	19.30
Cobb, Mary	138.83	Frye, Larry G	64.06	Lacy, Timothy R Jr	31.16
Cobb, William V	7.36	Garrett, Marne C	40.95	Lamb, Freddie J & Debra	129.54
Cochran, Chester	74.31	Garrett, Monti	151.45	Lamb, Ron	3.94
Cockrell, Michael H	53.97	Gates, Jason	75.91	Lane Investment Group	225.13
Coldwell Banker	2.00	Gibler, Maurice & Stilwell, Michelle	8.47	Lane, Jean R	262.94
Collett, Linda	248.07	Gill, Laura R	42.74	Larue, Michael Shawn & Jennifer	198.00
Collins, Jeremy & Christen	46.71	Gillam, Jedidiah Reyes	10.86	Latta, Chris M & Vicki L	40.12
Comer, Donald L	13.98	Githens, Frances & Tulipana, John	628.66	Lawrence, Blake & Jessica L	43.16
Conklin, Abraham M	20.49	Golden, Cristin	11.91	Legacy Custom Homes	7.89
Cooper, Darrell D	25.61	Gorden, Daniel W	13.34	Lewellen, James & Lyn	31.59
Copeland, Billy M Jr	9.04	Graham, Danny & Sherry	69.49	Libich, Richard O	182.12
Copple, William P	9.94	Gray, Marilyn	82.68	Linnartz, William M & Sharon A	146.12
Cordry, Timothy & Cornwell, Aimee	39.70	Gregory, Joe	14.14	Loftus, Charles	29.15
Couch, Dwight E & Joann B	146.45	Grube, Lavern D & Joyce A	114.94	Lopez, Edward Roque	21.65
		Gunter, Stephen C & Maureen	149.09	Loredo, Richard	94.03
		Haase, Brian H	45.89	Lowe, Greggory C & Sandra L	278.37
		Hailey, Dinese	61.68	Lowland Community Club	68.16
		Hall, Stephen L II & Tammy	187.49	Lutman, Travis & Michelle	199.93
		Hankins, Roy	62.37	Magic Media Inc	135.70
		Harness, Carl E	100.36	Mahl, Holly & Hastings, James	23.48
		Harris, Chelsea E	36.97	Maranto, Christopher L	94.88
		Hatfield, Steve E	107.12	Marshall, Jean	37.16
		Heath, Elbert C & Joyce E	14.16	Martin, Andrew J	67.33
		Heffern, James D & Rebecca A	253.09	Martin, Brian E	6.67

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Martin, Brian K	67.20	Peters, Bronson M & Christina	47.04	Somerset Homes	6.61
Martin, Gerald L	148.09	Peters, Jeffrey R & Sarah J	102.70	Sommers, Sean E	18.37
Martin, Gerald L & Rose	71.35	Peterson, Elizabeth	31.81	Speakman, Tommy R Jr	45.95
Martin, Ilene K	9.14	Petre, Jacki	4.53	Spear, Brad & Anissa	236.93
Martin, Jerry & Donna	202.75	Phillips, Melissa	50.61	Spencer, Michael A	26.05
Martin, Kenneth D	48.69	Pippin, Randall & Carol	52.74	Spurgeon, Charles R	13.59
Martin, Laura M	68.77	Pleacher, Joseph Jr & Teresa	223.12	SPVWWTP LLC	21.67
Mason, Marcie	61.31	Poindexter, Michael & Nancy	187.63	Staas, Ronald L & Terry L	13.21
Master Electric	38.12	Ponderosa Club	29.70	Standley, William T & Rosemary	16.11
MBC Construcion Inc	97.81	Porter, Angela D	220.09	Staples, Danny	5.95
Mccabe, Suzanne	70.11	Pratt, Anthony E & Joella	8.27	Stewart, Chad M	67.44
Mcclain, Dean & Tracey L	62.79	Price, Paul A	62.29	Stodghill, Robert & Tina	188.00
Mcclain, Doug & Diana D	61.26	Pritchett, Clay N & Rose	33.39	Strandjord, Arlen	24.94
Mcconnell, Shawn C & Joell	196.20	Quarn, John R & Ruth L	281.65	Stratton, Jeff	41.29
Mccoy, Jared D	69.60	Rahe, Michael D & Jennifer	24.31	Strauss, Crystal D	17.95
Mcfadden, Helena K	16.39	Rand, Don & Cynthia	38.60	Strickland, Lewis D	24.92
Mcgonnigil, Benjamin J	38.79	Raney, Laura	19.10	Strodtman, Jennifer M	54.42
Mcmillan, Osborne & Imogene	5.30	Rankin, Becky	11.52	Stroud, Amy & Bristow, Robbie	57.96
Mears, Wade K	5.30	Rankin, Mark L	106.81	Struchtemeyer, Keith & Judy	72.40
Melchar, Richard P & Denise M	135.37	Ransdell, Mitchell & Kristine	43.82	Stuart, Timothy D & Sheila K	9.69
Melton, Loren H & Joann M	135.03	Ratliff, Cyrus E & Rosemary	143.03	Suchart, Steven S	11.36
Merriman, Tara	67.23	Ray, Michael S & Judy	61.84	Summer, David O	44.26
Mesa, Giovanni R	20.32	Rector, Lowell	9.51	Swafford, Beverly	106.49
Metcalf, Matthew & Christina	160.21	Rector, Lowell	89.23	Taylor, Matthew A & Trinity	38.90
Meyer, John E & Nicole L	14.80	Reed, Casie	51.48	Teller, Jakie W & Mildred A	7.65
Meyer, Larry J	192.28	Reed, Johnny & June	39.22	Tellier, Tate	21.43
Mid America Mechanical LLC	137.24	Reichenbach, Kurt	11.89	Textor, Alice	59.52
Milam, Tonja R	92.07	Reynolds, Scott & Limbaugh, Ashlie	32.07	Thomas, Paul A	48.20
Miles, Daniel B & Reda	257.04	Rhodes, David & Roberson, Marilyn	34.11	Thompson, Holly	89.92
Miller, Christi S	80.74	Rhodes, Leslie & Lorie L	47.95	Thompson, Leif	123.50
Miller, Lawrence M	13.09	Riebold, Floyd E	45.60	Thornburg, Clayton L	124.07
Miller, Lisa D	0.21	Ring, Ricky D	89.74	Todd, Shawn & Theresa L	75.35
Miller, Nancy A	97.84	Rist, Vincent & Jones, Amanda	75.21	Tressler, Terrese	11.09
Miller, Sharon A	127.31	Rodriguez, Chris W	56.22	Trigg, Ruth K	52.86
Misenhelter, Aaron L & Lela	88.28	Ross, Brooks E	74.42	Trotter, Denton S	222.66
Misner, Sarah	12.39	Rucker, Marvin W	73.10	Truex, Jeffrey W	64.81
Mitchell, Derek J & Terri	64.04	Rumble, Christina	1.32	Tucker, Roy & Shelly A	29.51
Mitchell, Kay	112.76	Ryan, Steven & Shirley M	158.52	Turner, Mary A	180.06
Mitchell, Paul & Stacey E	159.75	S & K Construction Corp	11.70	Tutorino, James & Engelman, Emi	9.77
Montgomery, Clifton & Kimberly A	16.17	Sack, Nicholas	46.64	Tweedy, Melissa K	46.39
Moore, Barbara	25.45	Sage, Gerald	113.46	Union Bank	40.56
Moore, Christopher	0.86	Sallee Homes Inc	83.00	United Country MMRE	10.70
Moore, Jason & Boyd, Terrie J	125.03	Sanders, Richard K	42.99	Vandeventer, Larry	82.38
Moore, Jeanie L	108.10	Sayers, Derreck & Rebecca	193.04	Vannoy, Jesse C	14.35
Moore, Ronnie G & Marilyn E	174.47	Scheett, Joel S	56.39	Vanwey, Jeremy	94.09
Moore, Tina	98.44	Schick, Robbie	10.74	Velarde, Trudy	44.24
Morgan, Robert D & Jackie L	82.07	Schmitz, Jeremiah & Luanna	52.37	Vonderahe, Eric B	57.49
Morris, Bill & Bernice Elaine	43.05	Schmitz, Tommy E Jr & Luanna	207.09	Wagner, Quentin	164.45
Mueller, Audrey B	163.16	Schwantz, Bradley	114.53	Walker, Ken & Brenda J	75.29
Mueller, Brian J	23.97	Scott, Adam L	34.96	Walton, Donald	21.52
Mulkey Creek Farm	1.57	Scrivener, Patrick & Waylene	88.18	Watterson, Michael L & James M	38.40
Myers, Rodney & Sue	128.78	Shaffer, Nathan S & Teresa	136.36	Watts, Steven C & Nancy M	53.58
Nelson, Amber	126.39	Sheets, Wayne & Ilene	154.90	Wells, James R & Lois A	225.57
New Oak Vineyards, LLC	137.29	Shick, Andrew T & Michelle	8.97	West, Stanley R	73.45
Nussbaum, Donna	108.50	Shier, Lillie	15.67	Wheeler, Connie	6.95
Nutty, Jerie L	30.62	Shockley, Bob & Jen	358.83	Wheeler, George W Sr & Mary A	331.80
OakGrove Cong/Jehovah's Witness	139.22	Shrader, Sarah	35.66	Wheeler, Isaac D & Brooke	68.99
Oakmont Services Inc	420.44	Sidebottom, Dennis J & Pamela	72.79	White, Christopher & Tara	27.24
Oberg, Deann	27.54	Sidebottom, Joshua M	26.88	Whited, Michael J	66.95
Ochoa, Pauline G	106.44	Siegert, Michelle L	157.85	Whiting, Ronald J	283.17
O'Dell, Kenneth R	107.39	Simmons, Charles R & Darnell C	15.39	Wilkinson, Lauren	123.15
Oden, John C & Betty R	36.67	Simpson, James L	61.20	Wilson, Glenn H & Faye	125.23
Onken, Mark H & Susan	30.05	Simpson, Terry M & Joann E	159.79	Wilson, Jacqueline	100.14
Orr, Vivian J	24.97	Sinclair, Jerry	62.61	Wilson, Richard L & Debra D	85.75
Oswald, Frank J	19.09	Sing, Larmon W & Brenda S	133.16	Wiltz, Tom	38.34
P & C Farms	54.46	Smith, Byran & G L	212.97	Wilwert, Jacob J & Nora	48.63
Paint Games Plus	278.06	Smith, Charles E & Larayne A	66.52	Winfrey, Richard	22.15
Palmer, Christopher E	12.66	Smith, Cody & Carey L	30.37	Wise, Phillip S	12.23
Parker, Donald & Sherry	250.44	Smith, Edna L	179.54	Woodworth, Tabitha A	206.85
Parker, Tommy & Kristina	22.38	Smith, Heather	79.71	Wulff, Justin W & Kelli D	15.24
Patterson, Robert E	32.42	Smith, Roseann	160.19	Yancey, Randy K & Sonya M	200.22
Peak, James & Sharon K	75.10	Smith, Tim L	46.28	Yates, William T	14.24
Pemberton, Candylin	18.00	Smith, William K	33.78	Young, Thomas C & Herlynda G	66.77
Pennel, Joshua Logan	13.30	Soendker, Mark C	1.43	Zink, Gerry L & Joy J	19.46
Perkins, David A & Fredia C	74.03	Soltis, Joey O	30.57		

FROM THE WCE BOARDROOM...

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors held August 24, 2023

A meeting of the board of directors of West Central Electric Cooperative was held at the offices of the Cooperative, in Higginsville, Missouri, at 9:15 a.m. on Thursday, August 24, 2023, pursuant to the bylaws of the cooperative and previous resolution of the board of directors. The meeting was called to order by President Densil Allen Jr. Robert Simmons, secretary of the cooperative, caused the minutes of the meeting to be kept. The following directors were present: Allen, Simmons, Richard Strobel, Stan Rhodes, Sandra Streit, Dale Jarman, Jeremy Ahmann and Colby Dowell. Clark Bredehoeft was absent. Also present were General Manager Michael Newland and cooperative attorney Sheri Smiley.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

After discussion, the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The board approved its consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the regular meeting of July 27, 2023; expenditures for the month of July 2023; new membership applications and membership terminations; treasurer's report.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

The following reports were approved:

Financing and Treasurer's Report: Newland presented the July 2023 Operating Report (RUS Form 7) and Comparative Operating Statement. He reviewed the Financial and Statistical Report and Treasurer's Report with monthly and annual budget comparisons and gave the investment report. He presented and reviewed statistical data pertaining to operating revenue, expenses, margins, assets, liabilities, cash flow management, and KWH sales and ratios. Overtime because of storm damage was reported on. The impacts on the budget of brush cutting and spraying and the NW increased power costs were discussed. Capital credit payout effect on equity was reported on.

Operations Report: Operations Manager Scott Gard provided a report to supplement the written Operations Report. He reported on crews and fleet. He also reported on outages and storm damage for the July 30 storm with 1,000 outages reported. Mechanic work on trucks was discussed.

Safety and Engineering Report: Engineering Manager Pete Nelson provided a report to supplement the written Safety and Engineering Report. Safety meetings were reported on. A close call issue with an unmarked gas line was reported as well as a report on the Federated audit and make-ready work. An update was given on a potential new subdivision.

Member Services Report: Member Services Manager Brent Schlotzhauer provided a report to supplement his written Member Services Report. His report included CYCLE as well as RoundUp enrollment and updates. The Johnson County Community Health Services Summer block party was attended. The HCC Network



Project Connect event and the Higginsville Rotary luncheon were also attended. He reported on issues with a member who was disconnected. He reported on rebates and chamber meetings he attended.

AMEC REPORT

Newland reported on the meeting he attended.

NW REPORT

Simmons and Newland reported on the NW meeting. They reported on the Lone Jack Substation build and site, capital purchases, the budget, and impact of recent record heat in August on the system.

ANNUAL MEETING DISCUSSION

Newland led a discussion on the 2023 Annual Meeting. Discussion was held on what will be improved next year including comments from members on the food line and how prizes were drawn for.

LEGAL REPORT

Smiley reported on legal matters.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Newland presented the monthly Manager's Report. An MIP summary will be done. He is reviewing the credit card policy and the line extension policy. He met with the Johnson County Economic Development on a potential new load. He met with AECL on grants and economic development, and a potential large load was discussed. The Wage and Salary Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Sept. 26. He reminded the board of the upcoming AMEC director's meeting, and gave a RoundUp update on how opt in and opt out works and how it is communicated to the members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Allen discussed the Veteran's Home in Warrensburg. The cooperative will help with using the bucket truck to change out lights on poles where veteran's banners are. There was no other unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was called at 11:58 a.m. and adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned.

FINANCIAL REPORT • Statement of Operations • July 2023

	This month	YTD 2023	YTD 2022
Revenue	\$2,730,411	\$19,305,016	\$19,623,909
Power Bill Expense	1,732,843	11,095,142	11,139,686
Operation & Maint. Expense	752,285	4,705,097	4,125,877
Depreciation Expense	224,127	1,557,216	1,474,357
Interest Expense	123,900	848,512	792,004
Total cost of Srvc. (Total Expense)	2,833,155	18,205,967	17,531,924
Operating Margins (Revenue less Expenses)	(102,744)	1,099,049	2,091,985
Other Margins	30,713	171,298	111,205
TOTAL MARGINS	\$(72,031)	\$1,270,347	\$2,203,190

