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WHO WE ARE

About East Kentucky Power Cooperative

East Kentucky Power Cooperative (EKPC) is a not-for-profit, member-owned generation and transmission electric cooperative that provides wholesale electricity to its 16 member-owner distribution cooperatives. Those cooperatives, in turn, serve approximately 545,000 homes, farms, businesses and industries in 87 Kentucky counties. EKPC generates electricity at power plants fueled by coal and natural gas located in Mason, Clark, Oldham and Pulaski counties, as well as landfill methane plants in Barren, Boone, Greenup, Hardin, Laurel and Pendleton counties. EKPC delivers electricity to its member-owner cooperatives over 2,800 miles of high-voltage transmission lines.

EKPC At A Glance

- Assets — \$3.8 billion
- Employees — 689
- Generating capacity (coal) — 1,687 megawatts
- Generating capacity (natural gas) — 1,556 megawatts (winter)
- Generating capacity (renewable)* — 195 megawatts
- Miles of transmission lines — 2,865 miles
- Number of substations — 376
- Meters served by owner-member co-ops — 545,476
- People served by owner-member co-ops — 1.1 million
- 2019 energy sales to members — 12.9 million megawatt hours
- 2019 operating revenue — \$860.1 million
- 2019 net margin — \$44.2 million

Statistics as of December 2019

** Includes contracts for hydro power from the Southeastern Power Administration*



EKPC's Mission & Values

MISSION

EKPC exists to serve its member-owned cooperatives by safely delivering reliable, affordable and sustainable energy and related services.

VALUES

- Safety
- Service
- Honesty & Integrity
- Respect
- Teamwork
- Environmental Stewardship

Cooperative Principles

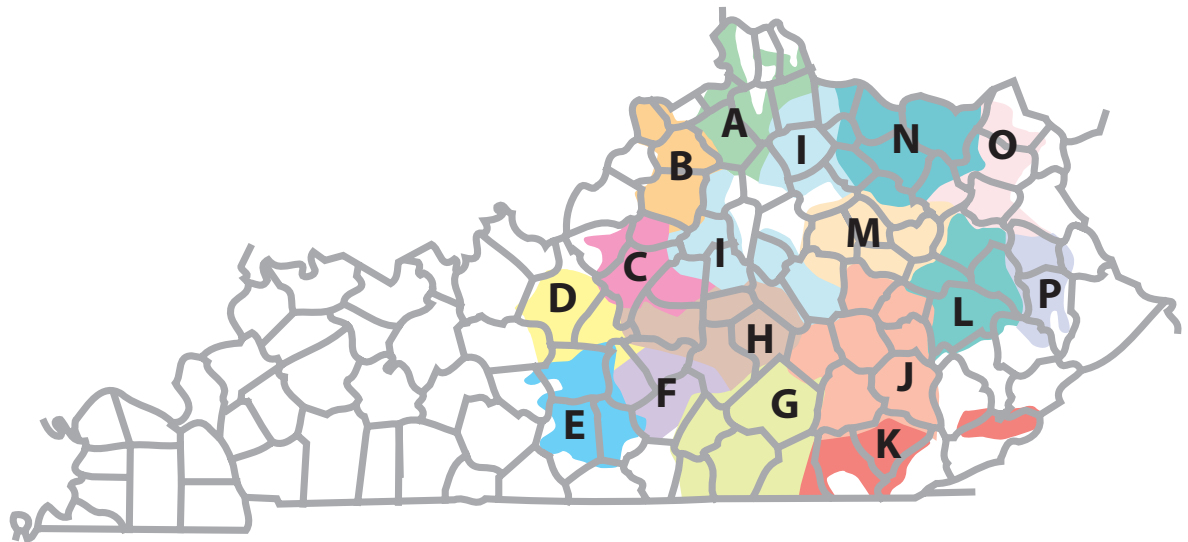
Adherence to the seven cooperative principles is what makes cooperatives different. Those principles are:

- Voluntary and open membership
- Democratic member control
- Members' economic participation
- Autonomy and independence
- Education, training & information
- Cooperation among cooperatives
- Concern for community



EKPC's Owners-Member

East Kentucky Power Cooperative is owned by 16 distribution cooperatives. EKPC generates and transmits to these 16 co-ops. They, in turn, distribute that electricity to 545,000 homes and businesses.



Cooperative	HQ Location	Web site
A Owen Electric	Owenton, Ky.	http://www.owenelectric.com/
B Shelby Energy	Shelbyville, Ky.	http://www.shelbyenergy.com/
C Salt River Electric	Bardstown, Ky.	http://www.srelectric.com/
D Nolin RECC	Elizabethtown, Ky.	http://www.nolinrecc.com/
E Farmers RECC	Glasgow, Ky.	http://www.farmersrecc.com/
F Taylor County RECC	Campbellsville, Ky.	http://www.tcrecc.com/
G South Kentucky RECC	Somerset, Ky.	http://www.skrecc.com/
H Inter-County Energy	Danville, Ky.	http://www.intercountyenergy.net/
I Blue Grass Energy	Nicholasville, Ky.	http://www.bgenergy.com/
J Jackson Energy	McKee, Ky.	http://www.jacksonenergy.com/
K Cumberland Valley Electric	Gray, Ky.	http://www.cumberlandvalley.coop/
L Licking Valley RECC	West Liberty, Ky.	http://www.lvrecc.com/
M Clark Energy	Winchester, Ky.	http://www.clarkenergy.com/
N Fleming-Mason Energy	Flemingsburg, Ky.	http://www.fmenergy.net/
O Grayson RECC	Grayson, Ky.	http://www.graysonrecc.com/
P Big Sandy RECC	Paintsville, Ky.	http://www.bigsandyrecc.com/



MAKING & DELIVERING POWER

Power Sources

The electricity EKPC provides typically comes from two sources: power plants owned and operated by EKPC; and from power purchase agreements administered by the cooperative.

East Kentucky Power Generation

Coal	Generation	Landfill	Generation
Spurlock	1,346 net MW	Bavarian	4.6 net MW
Cooper	341 net MW	Laurel Ridge	3.0 net MW
Total Coal	1,687 net MW	Green Valley	2.3 net MW
		Pearl Hollow	2.3 net MW
		Pendleton	3.0 net MW
		Glasgow**	0.9 net MW
Natural Gas	Generation	Total Landfill	16.1 net MW
Smith	Summer		
Combustion	753 net MW	Solar	Generation
Turbine	Winter	Cooperative Solar Farm One	8.5 MW
Units	989 net MW		
Bluegrass	Summer	Hydro	Generation
Combustion	501 net MW	Southeastern	170 MW
Turbine	Winter	Power Adm.	
Units	567 net MW	(SEPA)	
Total Natural Gas Summer	1,254 net MW		
Total Natural Gas Winter	1,556 net MW		

** Effective December 2015, a third party began receiving the output of Glasgow in a 10-year power purchase agreement.

Green Hydroelectric Power

EKPC holds long-term contracts to purchase up to 170 megawatts of electricity generated by hydroelectric dams, including two in Kentucky—Wolf Creek Dam and Laurel Dam. These facilities are operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the electricity they generate is marketed by the Southeastern Power Administration (SEPA).



MAKING & DELIVERING POWER

Delivering Electricity

How does electricity move from a power plant to homes and businesses? Utilities use power lines to move electricity. Typically, electricity is generated at a power plant and sent out on high-voltage transmission lines to substations where the voltage is reduced and electricity is transferred to distribution lines. From there it goes to homes and businesses.

Electric Lingo

Baseload — Units that typically operate around the clock and throughout the year to provide electricity.

Peaking — Units that typically operate during periods of very high demand for electricity; for example, very hot and very cold days when large amounts of electricity are used for cooling and heating.

LFGTE — Landfill gas to electric. Since 2003, EKPC has pioneered the use of landfill methane as fuel to generate electricity in Kentucky and today operates six LFGTE plants.

Megawatt (MW) — One million watts. A megawatt is a typical measurement of power plant capacity; that is, how much electricity the plant can put out. One megawatt is enough electricity to power about 500 typical Kentucky homes.

Transmission lines—Transmission lines are like the major highways of the electricity delivery system. They are designed to move large amounts of electricity over long distances at high voltages. Transmission lines tend to be on larger, taller poles/structures with wider rights of way.

Distribution lines—Distribution lines are like the secondary roads and streets of the electricity delivery system. These are the smaller lines that deliver electricity to homes and businesses. Distribution lines often are located on wooden poles along roadways. Within some newer housing/business developments, distribution lines are located underground.

Substations—Substations are important facilities for delivering electricity. They feature equipment that allows utilities to change and regulate voltage, and to quickly isolate and fix problems when they occur.



ABOUT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

Cooperative Q&A

What is an electric cooperative?

Electric cooperatives are not-for-profit, member-owned organizations dedicated to providing their member-owners with electricity as safely, reliably and affordably as they can. A cooperative is democratically governed by its members and exists solely to serve them.

What does “not-for-profit” mean?

As a not-for-profit business, a cooperative exists to serve the interests of its members rather than maximizing profits on behalf of owners or stockholders.

How is EKPC different from other cooperatives?

EKPC is a generation and transmission cooperative, rather than a distribution cooperative. EKPC was formed in the 1940s by a group of distribution cooperatives. EKPC’s mission is to provide those co-ops with wholesale electricity as safely, reliably and affordably as possible. Today, EKPC provides electricity from the power plants it owns and operates, as well as from power purchase agreements it administers. And EKPC owns and maintains nearly 2,800 miles of transmission lines and about 376 substations, which are used to deliver the electricity to member-owner cooperatives. Those distribution cooperatives then take the electricity from substations and deliver it to nearly 545,000 homes, farms, businesses and industries in 87 Kentucky counties.

How did electric cooperatives come about?

In the early 1900s, most power companies concentrated on serving cities and towns rather than rural areas. That’s because of the high cost of constructing facilities to serve sparsely populated regions. As late as the mid-1930s, nine out of 10 rural homes in the U.S. were without electric service. During that decade, the federal government formed the Rural Electrification Administration (REA), which provided federal assistance to bring electric facilities to rural America. Farmers and rural residents formed member-owned distribution cooperatives to construct and maintain power lines to their farms and homes. Later, some distribution cooperatives joined forces to form generation & transmission cooperatives to provide electricity more affordably and reliably.

Within a few years after World War II, the number of rural electric systems in operation doubled, the number of consumers connected more than tripled, and the miles of energized line grew more than five-fold. By 1953, more than 90 percent of U.S. farms had electricity. Today about 99 percent of the nation’s farms have electric service. Most rural electrification is the product of locally owned rural electric cooperatives that got their start by borrowing funds from REA to build lines and provide service on a not-for-profit basis. Today REA is the Rural Utilities Service, or RUS, and is part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

TOUCHSTONE ENERGY

About the Touchstone Energy brand

EKPC and its 16 member-owners participate in the Touchstone Energy Cooperatives brand, which is a nationwide alliance of more than 700 local, consumer-owned electric cooperatives in 46 states. Touchstone Energy co-ops provide high standards of service according to their four core values: integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to community. Together, EKPC and its 16 member-owner cooperatives are known as Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives.

Kentucky's Touchstone Energy[®] Cooperatives 

Cooperative Associations

EKPC is a member of:

- National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA),
<http://www.nreca.coop/>
- Kentucky Electric Cooperatives,
<http://www.kyelectric.coop>



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