

OWEN ELECTRIC CONNECTION

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Summer storms remind us all to be safe



WHITNEY DUVALL

I'm always happy to see the leaves begin to fall and cooler weather begin to settle in our region. As we approach the end of the year, I can't help but look back at 2026 and recall how we've all been impacted by a summer when storms seemed frequent and relentless. June brought tornadoes, July brought straight-line winds and August hammered us with violent thunderstorms and oppressive heat.

I'd put Owen Electric's linemen against any group of lineworkers in the country. They are truly the best of their trade, and they spend countless hours working outside in brutal conditions to get your power restored in the aftermath of storms. In August, several of these storms hammered areas within the co-op's territory one day after the next.

Our priority in these types of situations is always safety. Owen Electric employees are trained to work safely, and we hold them accountable to do so. However, safety is also the public's responsibility. Whether you realize it or not, YOU have a role to play in safe power restoration. Here's some things to keep in mind:

- Give crews space to work. Our crews are properly outfitted with personal protective equipment. PPE helps them work safely in hazardous conditions. Just because they're working in an area doesn't mean it's safe for you to approach. Allow them space and time to get the lights back on.
- Treat every downed line as if it is energized. Extreme winds, tornadoes and thick ice can all take a heavy toll on power lines and utility poles. Lines can come down and poles can snap long before our crews can safely be dispatched. Don't approach downed lines, and don't ever hesitate to report hazardous conditions by calling our toll-free number (800) 372-7612.
- Don't take hazardous cleanup work into your own hands. As was the case with August storms, high winds may result in trees being uprooted and limbs snapping off onto power lines, transformers and poles. Just because the power at your house may be out, that doesn't mean nearby lines aren't still energized. Don't take any chances–leave debris near power lines alone. Our crews will safely remove these hazards.

We can only do our part effectively if you do yours. We appreciate your commitment to stay safe and to allow our crews to do their work.

President and CEO
Michael Cobb



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Data center tariff protects members

Data centers seem to dominate local headlines lately. Announcements have been made recently regarding data centers being developed across Kentucky, and some announcements for developments have been made with regard to projects within counties served by Owen Electric. Kentucky has some of the lowest electric rates in the eastern United States, so it's understandable that data centers (which are very energy-intensive facilities) are considering locating in the commonwealth.

As a member-owned utility, your co-op is focused on improving our members' lives, enhancing reliability and stabilizing your electric rates. This is why we were proactive in getting a framework approved by the Kentucky Public Service Commission that establishes how we engage with data center developers.

This framework, or "tariff," ensures data centers pay all of the costs of electricity and infrastructure necessary to serve them, and those costs are not borne by the rest of Owen Electric's members.

The PSC approved Owen Electric's Data Center Tariff in June of this year. Outlined in this tariff are the conditions a data center would have to meet before being served by the cooperative. Most data centers request a substantially larger amount of electricity compared to even large industrial operations or manufacturers. Providing electricity to these facilities presents unique challenges for any utility, but Owen Electric has an obligation to serve them if they locate within our service territory. This tariff ensures that Owen Electric is able to do so while also protecting you, our members.

The tariff thoroughly lays out the requirements for any developer considering our service territory for a data center. Developers have to submit a formal application and make an upfront payment before a project officially enters the queue. Load studies will be completed and reviewed by our regional transmission organization. Collateral must be identified in order to properly secure the utility, pre-payment of cash deposits must be made and larger operators will even have to pay for the cost of any new generation or infrastructure improvements that may be required in order to serve them.

All these conditions are intended to insulate our membership from any costs associated with serving data centers. In addition, this thorough process helps us ensure that the reliability of our existing infrastructure isn't negatively impacted. To put it plainly, we will keep the electricity flowing and the lights on for everyone on our system.



CARLOS STAUDT/CENTRAL TEXAS EC

THE 7 COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES

October is Co-op Month

1. **Voluntary and Open Membership** Membership in a cooperative is open to all people who can reasonably use its services and stand willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, regardless of race, religion, gender or economic circumstances
2. **Democratic Member Control** Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions.
3. **Members' Economic Participation** Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their cooperative.
4. **Autonomy and Independence** Cooperatives are autonomous, self-help organizations controlled by their members.
5. **Education, Training and Information** Education and training for members, elected representatives (directors/trustees), CEOs and employees help them effectively contribute to the development of their cooperatives.
6. **Cooperation Among Cooperatives** By working together through local, national, regional and international structures, cooperatives improve services, bolster local economies and deal more effectively with social and community needs
7. **Concern for Community** Cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies supported by the membership.

OWENTON ROTARY AUCTION VEHICLES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026 | 10 A.M.
OWEN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS


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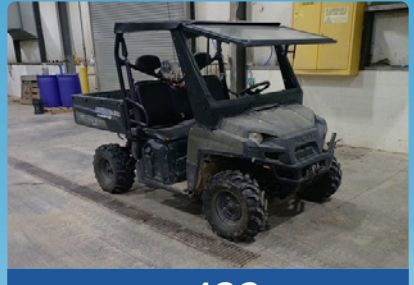

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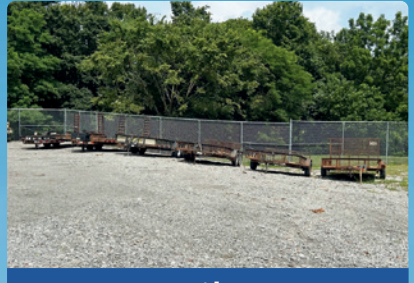

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Trailers

***Mileage will increase. Questions? (800) 372-7612, ext. 8337**

Vehicle & Equipment Information

927 2016 Chevrolet Colorado, 4x4, 171k miles
899 2012 GMC Sierra 2500, 4x4, 221k miles
886 2010 Chevrolet K-3500, 139k miles
952 2019 GMC Sierra 2500, 4x4, 227k miles
877 2010 Chevrolet 1500, 4x4, 171k miles
943 2018 Chevrolet 1500, 4x4, 181k miles
929 2016 Chevrolet 2500, 4x4, 277k miles
422 2014 Polaris Ranger 800 EFI, 2.9k miles

109 2000 tandem axle flatbed trailer
118 2000 16' tandem axle flatbed trailer
124 2004 Cronkhite tandem axle skid steer trailer
136 2008 12' single axle utility trailer
139 2010 12' single axle utility trailer
144 2016 14' tandem axle utility trailer
Trencher attachment for skid steer (not pictured)

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