

**OWEN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 25, 2024**

PRESENT The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Owen Electric Cooperative, Inc., was held at the Headquarters Building in Owenton, Kentucky, on April 25, 2024. All Directors were present along with: Mike Cobb, Mike Stafford, Chuck Gill, Brian Jones, Jennifer Taylor, Erin Rehkamp, Christel Buffin and Attorney James M. Crawford.

**CALL TO ORDER,
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
AND INVOCATION**

The meeting was called to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation were given by Charlie Richardson and Bob True, respectively.

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA**

Upon a motion by Rick Messingschlager, second by Charlie Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the April 25, 2024, Board Meeting Agenda as presented.

MINUTES

APPROVED Upon a motion by Hope Kinman, second by Eddie McCord, the March 28, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted.

**SAFETY
MOMENT**

Mike Stafford gave the safety moment on protecting eyes from sun and other potential hazards.

**MEMBER
CONCERNS**

None.

NEW MEMBERS

ACCEPTED The Directors then reviewed and accepted the listing of 451 New Members.

**REVIEW OF LISTING OF
TERMINATED ACCOUNTS**

The Directors then reviewed and accepted as information a listing of the terminated accounts for the month.

**REVIEW OF PRESIDENT'S, CONSULTANT'S AND DIRECTORS'
EXPENSES**

The Directors then reviewed and accepted as information a listing of March expenses incurred by the President, Consultant and Directors.

**UNCOLLECTIBLE WRITE-OFFS AND
CAPITAL CREDIT PAYMENT**

The Board reviewed 46 member write-offs of \$6,916.85.

The Board reviewed payment of \$25,769.34 in Capital Credits.

Upon a motion by Bob True, second by Charlie Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Uncollectible Write-Offs, Capital Credit Payments and Consent Agenda Items.

PRESIDENT/ CEO REPORT

Mike Cobb presented the CEO Report for the month of April, 2024, in accordance with the summary attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Mike reviewed with the Board the following:

Nominating Committee & Elections/Credentials Committee – Mike advised the Nominating Committee had met and unanimously voted to place Bob True and Charlie Richardson in nomination for the Board of Directors. Mike advised the Credentials Committee had also met per the bylaws.

Heating Degree Days Comparison – Mike advised the Board regarding the seasonally warm winter and its adverse effect on electric sales.

Senate Bill 349 - Mike reviewed the legislation with the Board.

Electric Rate Comparisons for 2023. Mike noted Kentucky was 13th lowest in electric rates nationwide in 2023.

Fuel Cost Snapshot – Mike discussed coal and gas wholesale costs and the effect of same on the retail cost of electric.

CORPORATE SERVICES AND ACCOUNTING

Erin Rehkamp presented the Corporate Services and Accounting report in accordance with the summary attached hereto and made part of these minutes. Erin reported \$3,461,342 net margins through April 2024. Erin reported the cost of power in March was \$.75 cents of every dollar of revenue.

Erin reported the Coop has gone 94 days as of April 25, 2024, without a lost time injury and 94 days without a recordable incident. Erin reported the Coop currently has 123 full-time employees. May 9th is coop safety day and numerous speakers will discuss same with Coop employees.

MEMBER SERVICES

Mike Stafford presented the Member Services report for the month in accordance with the summary attached hereto and made part of these minutes. Mike reported accounts billed for the month of March, 2024, of 66,448 compared to 65,786 for the same period last year. Mike reported energy audits of 145 year-to-date compared to 120 for the same period last year.

OPERATIONS

Brian Jones presented the Operations report for the month in accordance with the summary attached hereto and made part of these minutes.

TECHNOLOGY

Chuck Gill presented the Technology report for the month in accordance with the summary attached hereto and made part of these minutes.

ENGINEERING

Jennifer Taylor presented the Engineering report for the month in accordance with the summary attached hereto and made part of these minutes.

FINANCIAL AUDIT

Bob True presented the Minutes of the April 18, 2024, Audit Committee meeting in accordance with the summary attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made part of these minutes.

On Motion by Rick Messingschlager, second by Hope Kinman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Financial Audit for year ended December 31, 2023, and 2022, as performed by Cherry Bekaert LLP Accountants.

RUS LOAN RESOLUTION

Attorney Crawford and Attorney Jake Thompson updated the Board on the RUS loan package. The RUS loan documents were reviewed and discussed at length. Upon a motion by Alan Ahrman, seconded by Rick Messingschlager, the Board unanimously approved the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the Corporation borrow from United States of America (the "Government"), acting through the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service ("RUS") an amount not to exceed \$60,000,000.00; and,

RESOLVED that the corporation accept the terms and conditions which the Administrator of RUS has established for obtaining the RUS loan, as such terms and conditions are set forth; and

RESOLVED that the Chairman is authorized on behalf of the Corporation to execute and deliver under its corporate seal, which the secretary is directed to affix and attest:

(a) as many counterparts respectively as shall be deemed advisable of an agreement with the Government, in the form of the RUS Loan Contract submitted to this meeting; and

(b) a note payable to RUS in the principal amount of \$60,000,000.00, substantially in the form of the RUS note submitted to this meeting; and

(c) as many counterparts as shall be deemed advisable of a Restated Mortgage and Security Agreement by and among the Borrower, the Government, and National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation which, among other things, pledges all of the Corporation's property to secure notes payable to the Government in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$200,000,000.00 at any one time, and a financing statement, substantially in the form of the security instruments presented to this meeting; and

RESOLVED that the officers of the Corporation be, and each of them is authorized in the name and on behalf of the Corporation, to execute all such instruments, make all such payments and do all such other acts as in the opinion of the officer or officers acting may be necessary or appropriate in order to carry out the purposes and intent of the foregoing resolutions; and

RESOLVED, that John Grant, Chairman, Hope Kinman, Secretary/Treasurer, and Michael L. Cobb, President/CEO, and any official(s) authorized to act in such corporate position(s) and to perform the functions of such position(s) are authorized on behalf of the Borrower (a) to execute and deliver from time to time advance requests, maturity extension election notices, prepayment election notices and refinancing election notices, in the form of such instruments attached to the note payable to RUS, and (b) to specify information and select options as provided in such instruments.

EKPC DIRECTOR

NOMINATION On Motion by Charlie Richardson, second by Hope Kinman, the Board voted unanimously to re-appoint Alan Ahrman as the Coop representative on the EKPC Board.

EKPC REPORT

Alan Ahrman gave the April, 2024, EKPC Board meeting report in accordance with the summary and minutes of said meeting prepared by EKPC staff. The actual summary and minutes cannot be attached to these minutes because of the terms of Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement EKPC has required the coop's director representative and CEO to sign before being allowed to attend said meetings.

KEC REP. STRATEGIC PLANNING

Rick Messingschlager discussed the April 2024 KEC two (2) day strategic planning session.

ATTY. REP. James M. Crawford reported there was no new litigation for the month.

TRAINING/MEETINGS

OEC Regular Board Meeting – May 30, 2024

Membership Appreciation Days – June 6-7, 2024

Annual Business Meeting – June 7, 2024

EKPC Annual Meeting – June 11, 2024

OEC Regular Board Meeting – June 27, 2024

CoBank Energy Directors Conference – July 17-19, 2024

OEC Regular Board Meeting – July 25, 2024

KEC Annual Meeting – August 12-13, 2024
OEC Regular Board Meeting – August 29, 2024
OEC Regular Board Meeting – September 26, 2024
NRECA Regional Meeting – October 7-9, 2024
OEC Regular Board Meeting – October 31, 2024
OEC Regular Board Meeting – November 21, 2024
OEC Regular Board Meeting – December 19, 2024
Directors Conference - January 25-28, 2025
OEC Regular Board Meeting - January 30, 2025
OEC Regular Board Meeting - February 27, 2025
NRECA Power Xchange - March 7-12, 2025
OEC Regular Board Meeting - March 27, 2025
OEC Regular Board Meeting - April 24, 2025
NRECA Legislative Conference - April 27-30, 2025

**CONFERENCE
REPORTS** None.

OLD BUSINESS
None.

NEW BUSINESS
None.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION** None.

ADJOURN Upon a motion by Hope Kinman, second by Charlie Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman



Secretary





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A Touchstone Energy Cooperative 

Regular Board Meeting

April 25, 2024



Agenda

- Directors Present/Absent
- Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation



Agenda & Minutes

- Adoption of Agenda (Tab 3)
- Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (Tab 4)

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Safety Moment

Mike Stafford

Review/Discuss Member Compliments and/or Concerns

Review Agenda

- Review New Members: 451
(Listing on Board Table & in Board Paq)
- Review Listing of Terminated Accounts:
159 Members at \$27,061.58
(Listing on Board Table & in Board Paq)

Review Agenda

**Review of President's,
Directors' and
Consultant Expenses**



Consent Agenda Items

- Approve Uncollectible Member Write-offs:
46 Members at \$6,916.85
(Listing on Board Table and in Board Paq)
- Approve Payment of Capital Credits: \$25,769.34
(Tab 11)
- Approval of Consent Agenda Items
 - Motion _____
 - Second _____



President/CEO Report

April 25, 2024

Board Meeting

President's Report Topics

- Nominating Committee & Elections/Credentials Committee Updates
- Heating Degree Days Comparison
- Senate Bill 349 Update
- Electric Rate Comparisons
- Fuel Cost Snapshot
- Other Discussion



REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

JUNE 7, 2024

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED PER THE PROCEDURES IN OUR BYLAWS, MET ON APRIL 10, 2024, REVIEWED THE OPERATIONS OF THE COOPERATIVE WITH THE PRESIDENT AND CEO, AND THEN PROCEEDED TO ELECT OFFICERS OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND TO NOMINATE MEMBERS TO SERVE AS DIRECTORS FOR THE NEXT TERM.

THE MEMBERS OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WERE:

- STEVE PETZINGER - DISTRICT 1
- CAROLYN THOMAS-THOMPSON - DISTRICT 3

JOE SHINKLE, RICH MASON AND RICK NITSCHKE--MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

I, RICK NITSCHKE, WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, AND CAROLYN THOMAS-THOMPSON WAS ELECTED TO SERVE AS SECRETARY.

OUR UNANIMOUS RECOMMENDATION IS THAT:

- MR. CHARLIE RICHARDSON** - **DISTRICT 1**
- MR. BOB TRUE** - **DISTRICT 3**

BE PLACED INTO NOMINATION TO SERVE AS YOUR DIRECTORS FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

WE FEEL THAT THESE CANDIDATES ARE QUALIFIED TO SERVE ON YOUR BOARD AND HOPE THAT YOU WILL GIVE THEM YOUR SUPPORT IN THE FUTURE AS YOU HAVE IN THE PAST.

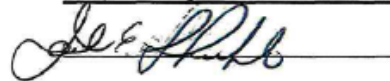
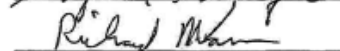
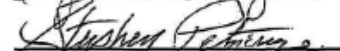
RICK NITSCHKE, CHAIRPERSON
2024 NOMINATING COMMITTEE
OWEN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

April 10th, 2024

We, the members of a five-member Nominating Committee, in accordance with the Bylaws of Owen Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("OEC"), Owenton, Kentucky, were appointed by the OEC Board of Directors to nominate two (2) members of the Corporation to be voted upon as directors at the members' annual meeting of the said Corporation to be held on June 7, 2024, at Arthur Service Center, 13179 Walton-Verona Road, Walton, Kentucky. We have unanimously agreed upon and do hereby nominate the following two (2) members of the Corporation to be voted upon by the Members to serve as Directors for terms designated below:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>TERM</u>
Charlie Richardson	1	4 Years
Bob True	3	4 Years

Committee Members:

 Chairperson SecretaryPost Date: April 11, 2024Office Posted: Headquarters

(Nomination for directors by the committee requires posting at least forty-five (45) days (April 23, 2024) prior to the annual meeting (June 7, 2024).



**REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS AND ELECTION COMMITTEE
OWEN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ANNUAL MEETING
April 11, 2024**

I, HARRY BROCK, CHAIRPERSON OF THE CREDENTIALS AND ELECTION COMMITTEE OF OWEN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WAS APPOINTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BYLAWS OF THIS COOPERATIVE AND THAT THEY MET AND POSTED THEIR REPORT OF THE NOMINEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BYLAW PROVISIONS. THERE WERE NO NOMINATIONS BY PETITION.

NOW, THEREFORE, AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE CREDENTIALS AND ELECTION COMMITTEE, WE HAVE REVIEWED THE BYLAWS OF THE COOPERATIVE FOR THIS ANNUAL MEETING. WE CERTIFY THAT THE TWO MEMBERS NOMINATED BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE, MR. CHARLIE RICHARDSON AND MR. BOB TRUE ARE DULY ELECTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BYLAWS, FOR A FOUR-YEAR TERM.

COOLING & HEATING DEGREE DAYS

Recorded at Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport

Month	Cooling Degree Days					Heating Degree Days					Average Temperature (Degrees F)							
	NOAA Normal 1991-2020	2022	2023	2024	% Above or Below Normal	% Above or Below Previous Year	NOAA Normal 1991-2020	2022	2023	2024	% Above or Below Normal	% Above or Below Previous Year	NOAA Normal 1991-2020	2022	2023	2024	% Above or Below Normal	% Above or Below Previous Year
May	90	127	63		-29.8	-50.4	118	50	108		-8.3	116.0	64.1	67.5	63.5		-0.6	-3.9
June	233	285	182		-21.8	-36.1	13	0	6		-52.0		72.3	74.5	70.9		-1.4	-3.6
July	340	417	343		0.9	-17.7	1	0	0				75.9	78.5	76.1		0.2	-2.4
August	309	318	305		-1.2	-4.1	2	0	0				74.9	75.3	74.8		-0.1	-0.4
September	146	155	158		8.6	1.9	53	52	2		-96.2	-96.2	68.1	68.4	70.2		2.1	1.8
October	23	3	39		67.4	1200.0	296	295	272		-8.1	-7.8	56.2	55.6	57.5		1.3	1.9
November	1	2	0				617	577	559		-9.5	-3.1	44.4	45.8	46.4		2.0	0.5
December	0	0	0				911	909	726		-20.3	-20.1	35.6	35.7	41.6		6.0	5.9
January	0	0	0				1,043	818	1032		-1.0	26.2	31.4	38.6	31.7		0.3	-6.9
February	0	0	0				847	622	648		-23.5	4.2	34.7	42.8	42.7		8.0	-0.1
March	3	0	0				664	651	519		-21.9	-20.3	43.6	44.0	48.3		4.7	4.3
April	16	12					328	322					54.6	54.7				

During March 2024, there were 21.9% fewer heating degree days than normal; temperature was 4.7 degrees warmer than normal.

During March 2024, there were 20.3% fewer heating degree days than last year; temperature was 4.3 degrees warmer than last year.

SB349 (Sen. Robby Mills/Senate President Robert Stivers)

Bill would:

- **Create an Energy Planning and Inventory Commission**, an 18-member Commission w/ 5-person Executive Committee, to plan for KY's fuel security and energy future.
- **Provide further clarity on SB4**. Defines and clarifies "*intermittent*" and "*dispatchable*" and when and how a utility can move to retire a generating plant/unit.
- **Set 6-month PSC deadline for certain applications**. This includes CPCNs, territorial disputes, site compatibility certificates, financing proposals, and other permitting.
- **Require transparency from PSC contractors**. Contractors required to file non-privileged final report or recommendations in case file, and be subject to cross-examination.

Senate Bill 349 Passes

57 Yea / 35 Nay

SB 349 Sen. Mills Pass				
AN ACT relating to energy policy. EMERGENCY				
			YEAS 57	NAYS 35
✖ Aull	✔ Decker	✔ Hale	✔ McCool	✖ Roberts
✔ Baker	✖ Dietz	✖ Hart	✔ McPherson	✔ Rudy
✖ Banta	✔ Dixon	✔ Heath	✔ Meade	✔ Sharp
✖ Bauman	✖ Doan	Heavrin	✔ Meredith	✔ Smith
✖ Bentley	✔ Dossett	✔ Herron	✔ Miles	✖ Stalker
✔ Blanton	✔ Dotson	✔ Hodgson	Moser	✖ Stevenson C
✖ Bojanowski	✔ Duvall	✔ Huff	✔ Neighbors	✖ Stevenson P
✔ Bowling	Elliott	✔ Imes	✖ Nemes	✔ Tackett Life
✔ Branscum	✔ Fister	✖ Jackson	✔ Osborne	✔ Tate
✖ Bratcher K	✔ Flannery	✔ Johnson	✖ Palumbo	✔ Thomas
✔ Bratcher S	✖ Fleming	✔ Justice	✔ Petrie	✔ Timoney
✔ Bray	✔ Frazier Gord	✔ King	✔ Pollock	✔ Tipton
✔ Bridges	✔ Freeland	✔ Koch	✔ Pratt	Truett
✖ Brown Jr.	✔ Fugate	✖ Kulkarni	✖ Proctor	✔ Upchurch
✖ Burke	✖ Gentry	✔ Lawrence	Rabourn	✔ Wesley
✖ Callaway E	✖ Gilbert	✔ Lewis D	✖ Rawlings	✔ White
Callaway J	✔ Gooch	✔ Lewis S	✔ Raymer	✔ Williams
✖ Camuel	✖ Graham	✔ Lockett	✖ Raymond	✖ Willner
✖ Chester-Burt	✔ Griffie	Maddox	✔ Riley	✔ Wilson
✖ Clines	✖ Grossberg	✔ Massaroni	✖ Roarx	✖ Witten

- SB 349 Establishes an 18 member, state-run Energy Planning and Inventory Commission (EPIC) which reviews proposed closures of fossil fuel plants the with the reliability of the electric grid a priority
- SB 349 Also mandates more transparency and timely decisions by the Ky Public Service Commission

Beshear vetoes reliable energy bill

Co-ops to push for override

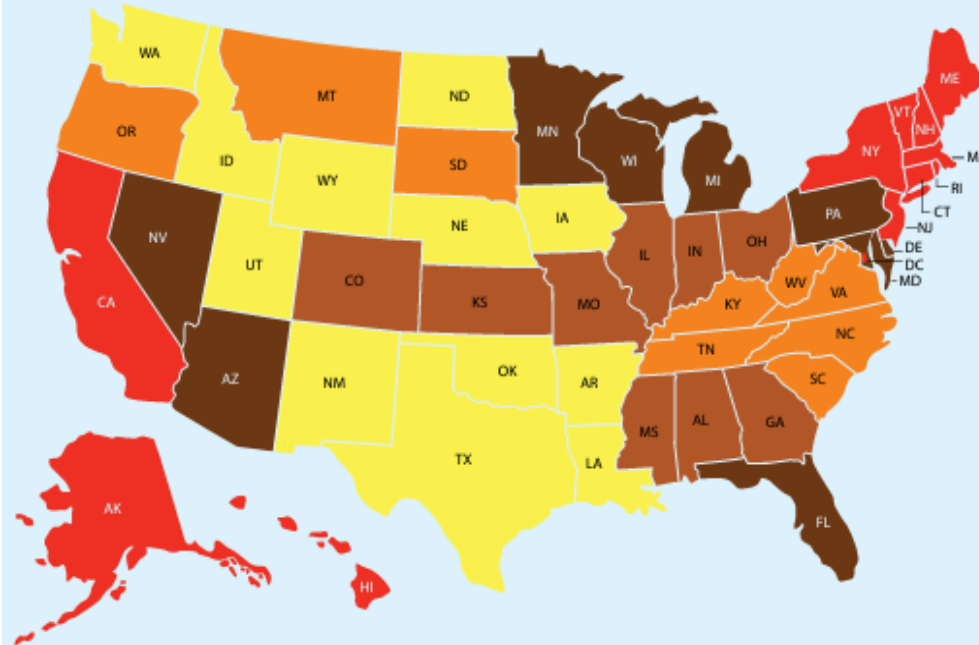
Siding with investor-owned utilities and a long list of activist groups, Gov. Andy Beshear on Tuesday voted Senate Bill 349, legislation that would help preserve the integrity of the electric grid in Kentucky. The bill also mandates transparency and timely action by the Public Service Commission.

In his veto message, Beshear says SB 349 would delay new generation. He also argues that the review board created by the bill is unconstitutional because it does not have enough members appointed by the governor or other constitutional officers. Sponsored by Senate President Robert Stivers, SB 349 simply requires a utility to demonstrate it has sufficient replacement energy sources available before it can shut down on-demand energy sources, such as coal and natural gas plants.

- **Governor's Veto was over-ridden:**
 - 27 to 11 in Senate
 - 61 to 36 in the House

2023 Average U.S. Electricity Prices*

The national average is 12.72 cents per kilowatt hour.



8.00-9.99

7.92 North Dakota
8.34 Wyoming
8.88 Louisiana
9.03 Utah
9.12 Idaho
9.19 Nebraska
9.40 Oklahoma
9.43 Iowa
9.61 Washington
9.67 New Mexico
9.74 Arkansas
9.99 Texas

10.00-10.99

10.05 Kentucky
10.23 Oregon
10.27 West Virginia
10.42 South Dakota
10.76 South Carolina
10.79 Tennessee
10.86 North Carolina
10.91 Montana
10.92 Virginia

11.00-11.99

11.01 Missouri
11.10 Mississippi
11.12 Kansas
11.12 Ohio
11.36 Georgia
11.50 Alabama
11.50 Indiana
11.77 Colorado
11.91 Illinois

12.00-14.99

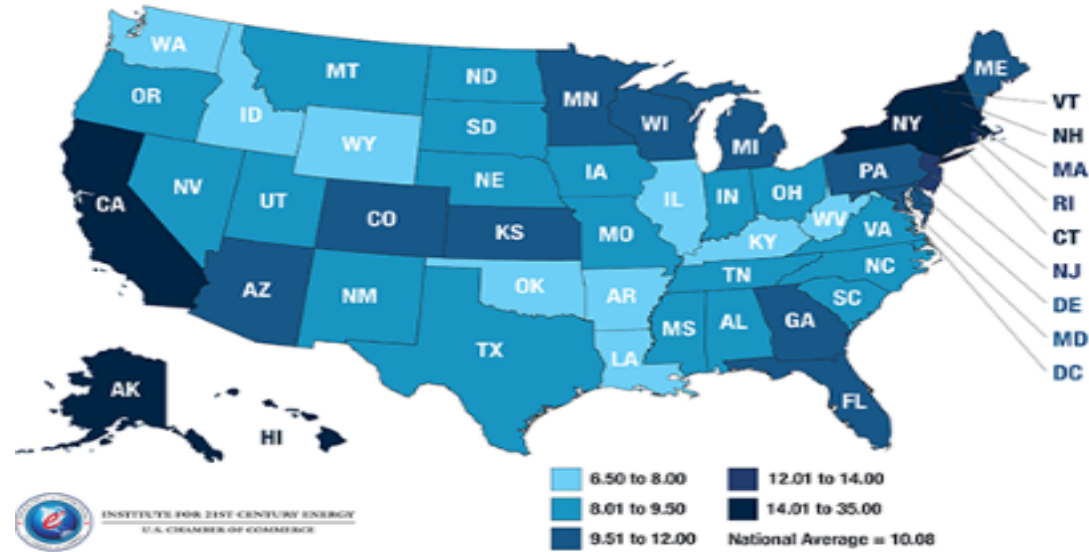
12.14 Arizona
12.17 Minnesota
12.54 Pennsylvania
12.63 Wisconsin
12.96 Delaware
13.01 Nevada
13.51 Florida
13.66 Michigan
14.37 Maryland

15.00+

15.41 New Jersey
16.53 District of Columbia
17.52 Vermont
18.32 New York
20.95 Maine
21.39 Alaska
21.97 Rhode Island
22.97 Massachusetts
22.98 New Hampshire
24.21 Connecticut
24.73 California
38.70 Hawaii

2013 U.S. Average Electricity Retail Prices

(cents per kilowatt hour)



2013 U.S. Average Electricity Retail Prices

(cents per kilowatt hour)

Alabama	9.02	Kentucky	7.54	North Dakota	8.19
Alaska	16.52	Louisiana	8.00	Ohio	9.16
Arizona	10.16	Maine	11.87	Oklahoma	7.81
Arkansas	7.82	Maryland	11.65	Oregon	8.39
California	14.57	Massachusetts	14.51	Pennsylvania	9.83
Colorado	9.80	Michigan	11.26	Rhode Island	13.91
Connecticut	15.68	Minnesota	9.52	South Carolina	9.14
Delaware	10.98	Mississippi	9.15	South Dakota	8.83
Dist. of Columbia	11.85	Missouri	8.96	Tennessee	9.22
Florida	10.30	Montana	8.58	Texas	8.77
Georgia	9.53	Nebraska	8.69	Utah	8.18
Hawaii	33.27	Nevada	9.04	Vermont	14.46
Idaho	7.61	New Hampshire	14.31	Virginia	9.01
Illinois	7.99	New Jersey	13.70	Washington	7.06
Indiana	8.63	New Mexico	9.24	West Virginia	7.91
Iowa	8.12	New York	15.62	Wisconsin	10.64
Kansas	9.57	North Carolina	9.18	Wyoming	7.55



Weekly Fuel Price Watch

Coal Spot Prices (Powder River Basin 8800 Btu)

April 5: \$13.65 per short ton
One month ago: \$13.85 per short ton
One year ago: \$14.85 per short ton

Natural Gas Spot Market (Henry Hub)

April 2: \$1.65 per million Btu
One month ago: \$1.58 per million Btu
One year ago: \$2.09 per million Btu

U.S. Crude Oil Spot Prices (West Texas Intermediate)

April 1: \$84.54 per barrel
One month ago: \$79.58 per barrel
One year ago: \$73.79 per barrel

On-Highway Diesel Prices

April 8: \$4.06 per gallon
One month ago: \$4.00 per gallon
One year ago: \$4.10 per gallon

Retail Gasoline Prices (Regular)

April 8: \$3.59 per gallon
One month ago: \$3.38 per gallon
One year ago: \$3.60 per gallon

Residential Propane Prices (October-March only)

March 25: \$2.58 per gallon
One month ago: \$2.61 per gallon
One year ago: \$2.67 per gallon

No. 2 Heating Oil Residential (October-March only)

March 25: \$4.03 per gallon
One month ago: \$4.09 per gallon
One year ago: \$4.07 per gallon





Corporate Services

April 2024

The logo for OWEN Electric, featuring the company name in a blue sans-serif font. The text is positioned to the left of a stylized blue swoosh that curves from the top right towards the bottom left, ending in a pointed tip.

OWEN Electric

Safety

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DAYS WITHOUT A LOST TIME INJURY

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DAYS WITHOUT A RECORDABLE INCIDENT


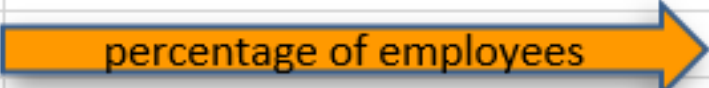




Safety Updates

- ▶ Both employees previously on restricted duty have been released to work full time without restrictions
- ▶ Safety Day will be celebrated company-wide on May 9, 2024

Leading Safety Indicators

Leading Indicators

Safety Culture Score 2019 = 90%

Crew Visits		5
Safety Suggestions		26
Near Miss Reports		1
Hazards Reported		0
Risk Assessments		0
Corrective Actions		1



Human Resources

Staffing Updates

- Total Employee Count:123
 - Executive: 2
 - Member Services: 26
 - Operations: 62
 - Engineering: 19
 - Corporate Services: 9
 - IT: 5
- A vacancy for a Metering Services Administrator has been filled internally by Colton True, a previous Call Center Representative. A Call Center position is now open and interviews are being conducted presently.
- The previous vacancy for Apprentice Lineman in Owenton has been filled internally by Wyatt Hartman.



Accounting

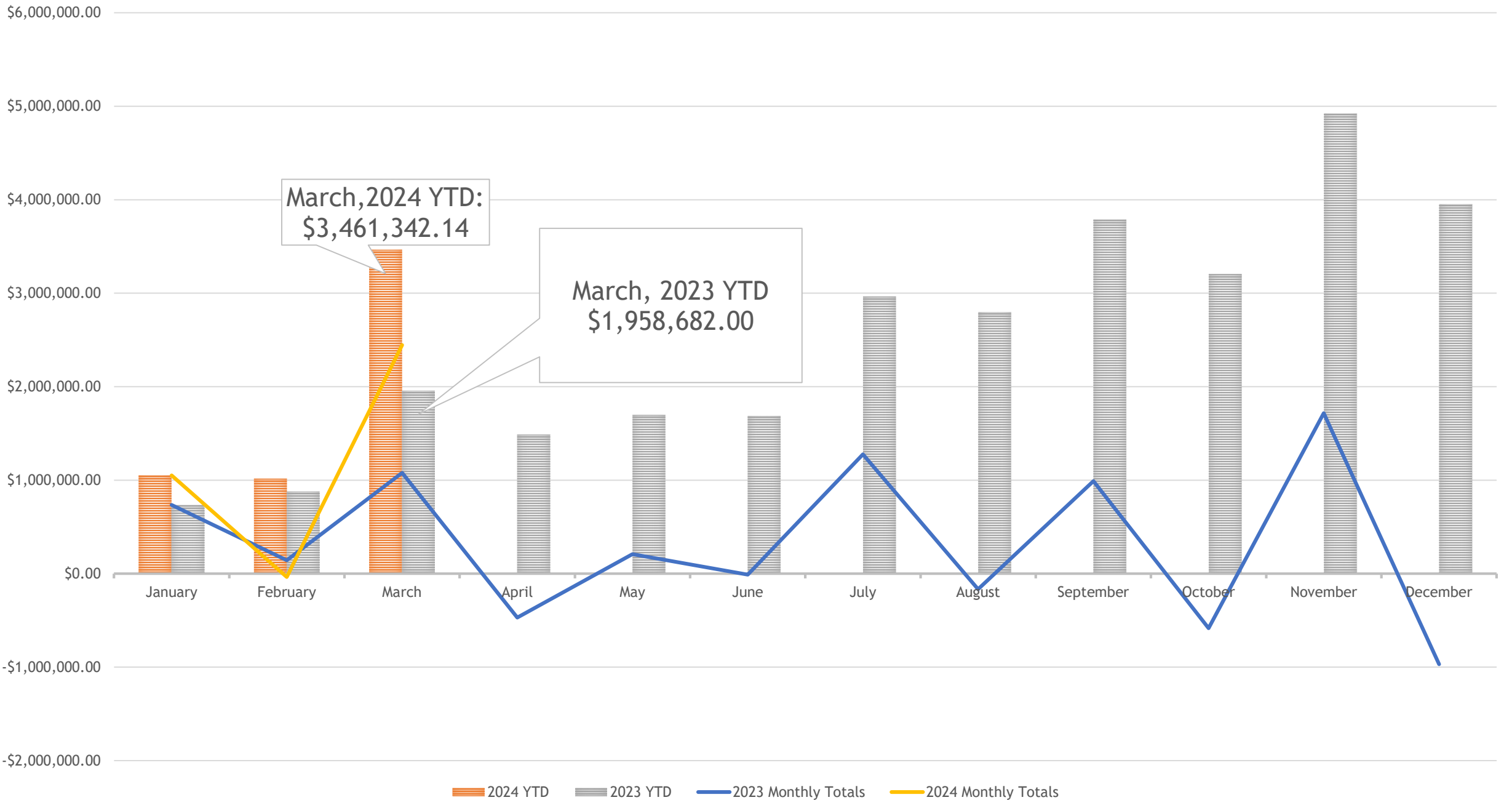
Financials to be provided at Board Meeting

Accounting Updates

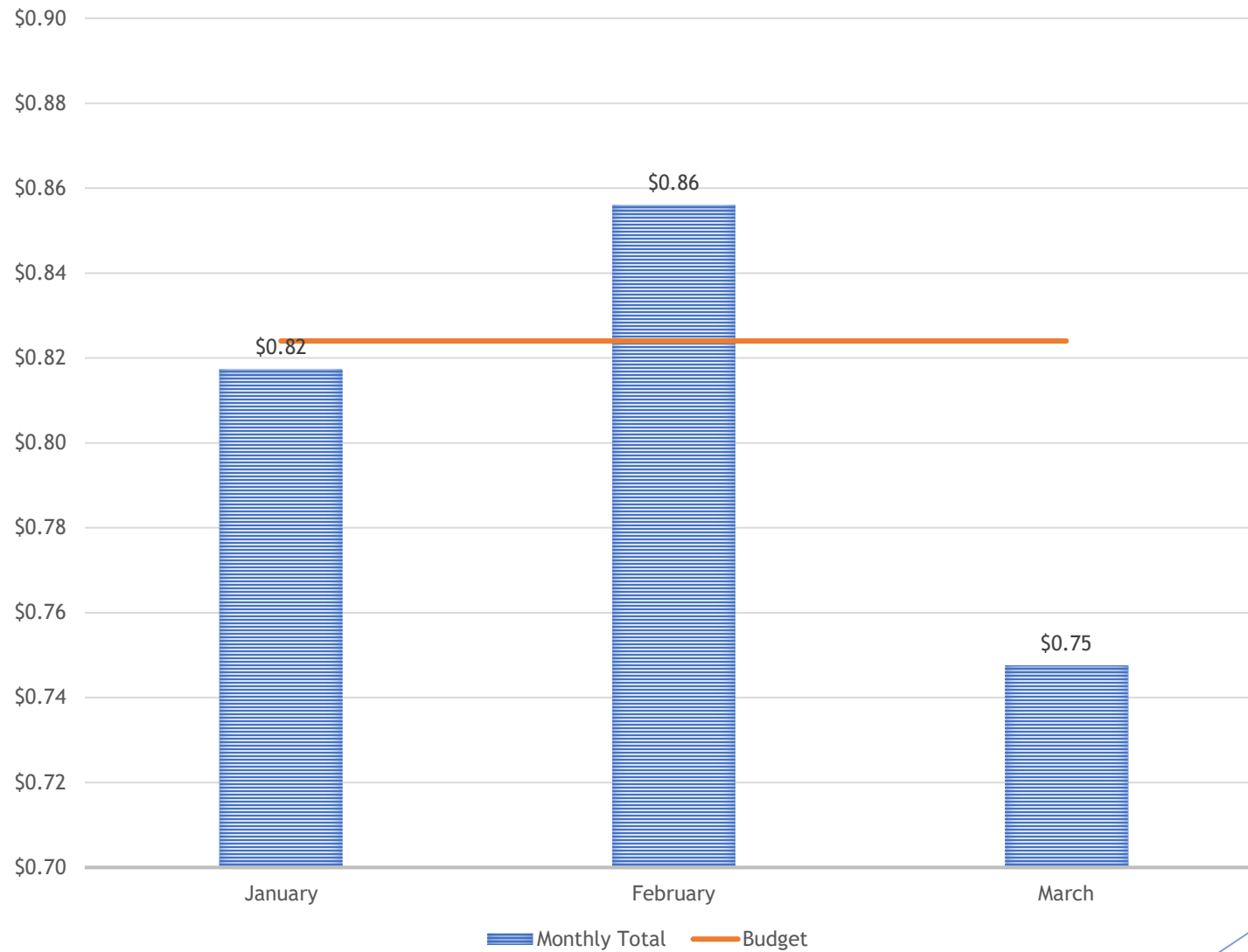
- Cherry Bekaert 2023 Financial Audit Completed
- 2023 Workers Compensation Audit Completed
- Annual Reports Completed:
 - RUS Form 7
 - RUS Form 12
 - PSC
 - EIA
- Annual Reports Outstanding:
 - 990
 - Property Taxes

Monthly Comparison Year over Year	YTD 2023	YTD 2024	Difference	March 2023	March 2024	Difference
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 59,967,296.36	\$ 65,517,669.49	\$ 5,550,373.13	\$ 18,910,235.00	\$ 21,346,678.13	\$ 2,436,443.13
Power Production Expense	\$ 109,176.44	\$ 90,586.82	\$ (18,589.62)	\$ 45,327.50	\$ 28,819.92	\$ (16,507.58)
Cost of Purchased Power	\$ 48,358,758.00	\$ 52,754,227.00	\$ 4,395,469.00	\$ 14,624,327.00	\$ 15,929,793.00	\$ 1,305,466.00
Total Cost of Purchased Power	\$ 48,467,934.44	\$ 52,844,813.82	\$ 4,376,879.38	\$ 14,669,654.50	\$ 15,958,612.92	\$ 1,288,958.42
Total Net Revenue	\$ 11,499,361.92	\$ 12,672,855.67	\$ 1,173,493.75	\$ 4,240,580.50	\$ 5,388,065.21	\$ 1,147,484.71
Distribution Expense-Operation	\$ 1,473,099.73	\$ 1,272,588.76	\$ (200,510.97)	\$ 466,282.71	\$ 218,889.60	\$ (247,393.11)
Distribution Expense-Maintenance	\$ 1,704,675.12	\$ 1,683,599.65	\$ (21,075.47)	\$ 685,314.61	\$ 605,032.55	\$ (80,282.06)
Consumer Accounts Expense	\$ 1,070,979.62	\$ 1,101,979.38	\$ 30,999.76	\$ 335,476.79	\$ 341,333.01	\$ 5,856.22
Customer Service & Informational Expense	\$ 201,456.65	\$ 181,174.75	\$ (20,281.90)	\$ 61,003.84	\$ 35,675.07	\$ (25,328.77)
Administrative & General Expense	\$ 1,396,161.50	\$ 1,362,841.87	\$ (33,319.63)	\$ 447,321.84	\$ 423,070.82	\$ (24,251.02)
Total Controllable Costs	\$ 5,846,372.62	\$ 5,602,184.41	\$ (244,188.21)	\$ 1,995,399.79	\$ 1,624,001.05	\$ (371,398.74)
Depreciation and Amortization Expense	\$ 3,092,673.82	\$ 3,137,498.55	\$ 44,824.73	\$ 1,031,175.23	\$ 1,049,335.59	\$ 18,160.36
Interest on Long Term Debt	\$ 766,258.53	\$ 955,933.54	\$ 189,675.01	\$ 244,807.04	\$ 450,044.18	\$ 205,237.14
Interest Expense-Other	\$ 50,800.90	\$ 33,275.30	\$ (17,525.60)	\$ 10,339.22	\$ 9,690.87	\$ (648.35)
Other Deductions	\$ 8,103.12	\$ 12,012.63	\$ 3,909.51	\$ 2,219.29	\$ 2,348.90	\$ 129.61
Total Non Operating Expenses	\$ 3,917,836.37	\$ 4,138,720.02	\$ 220,883.65	\$ 1,288,540.78	\$ 1,511,419.54	\$ 222,878.76
Operating Margins	\$ 1,735,152.93	\$ 2,931,951.24	\$ 1,196,798.31	\$ 956,639.93	\$ 2,252,644.62	\$ 1,296,004.69
Non-Operating Margins - Interest	\$ 153,040.54	\$ 343,920.40	\$ 190,879.86	\$ 54,450.45	\$ 130,411.51	\$ 75,961.06
Non-Operating Margins - Other	\$ 1,536.07	\$ 123,885.62	\$ 122,349.55	\$ (728.13)	\$ 115.76	\$ 843.89
Other Capital Credits & Patronage Dividends	\$ 68,952.53	\$ 61,584.88	\$ (7,367.65)	\$ 68,952.53	\$ 61,584.88	\$ (7,367.65)
	\$ 223,529.14	\$ 529,390.90	\$ 305,861.76	\$ 122,674.85	\$ 192,112.15	\$ 69,437.30
Net Margins	\$ 1,958,682.07	\$ 3,461,342.14	\$ 1,502,660.07	\$ 1,079,314.78	\$ 2,444,756.77	\$ 1,365,441.99

2024 NET MARGINS



POWER COST TO REVENUE



Ratio Analysis

Distribution Equity is based on Policy 319

Benchmarks are based on debt covenants

<u>KEY METRICS</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Rolling 12 Month</u>	<u>Benchmark</u>
T.I.E.R (TIMES INTEREST EARNED)	4.621	3.126	1.25
O.T.I.E.R (OPERATING)	4.067		1.10
DSC (DEBT SERVICE COVERAGE)	3.199		1.35
ODSC (OPERATING)	2.639		1.35
MDSC <small>(Modified Debt Service Coverage)</small>	2.158		1.35
DISTRIBUTION EQUITY	33.46%		20%-35%
TOTAL EQUITY	54.03%		>27%
CURRENT RATIO	1.659		> 1.0
DAYS of CASH on HAND	113		100



Signed financials will be included in Board Paq



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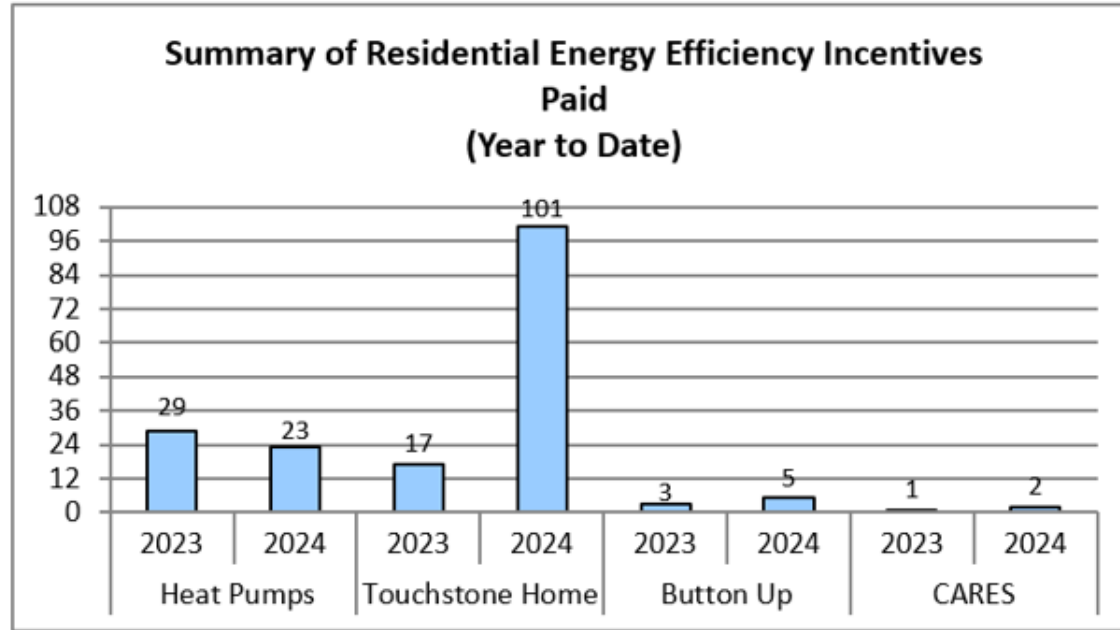
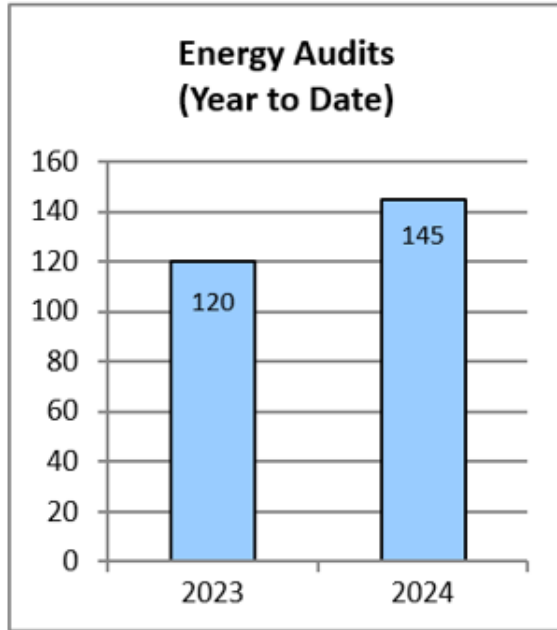
MEMBER SERVICES REPORT

APRIL 25, 2024

Member Account Activity	Current Month 2024	Last Month 2024	Same Period Last Year 2023
Bank Deposits	\$13,734,980.24	\$14,509,100.71	\$14,219,219.25
Accounts Billed	66,448	66,247	65,786
Total Billing (Excluding Taxes)	\$11,362,305.43	\$13,543,457.40	\$11,848,464.78
Delinquent Notices Mailed	8,070	8,737	8,911
Total Delinquent Amount	\$1,630,081.53	\$2,804,676.32	\$1,736,343.53
Total Penalty Amount	\$81,520.92	\$139,955.66	\$95,120.59
Number of Arrangements	1,212	1,337	1,261
Total Amount of Arrangements	\$316,312.88	\$365,800.27	\$328,323.09
Return Check Amount	\$21,440.09	\$25,778.26	\$34,225.40
Number of Return Checks	95	106	105
Office Pymts (Walk-in & Drive-thru)	2,807	2,781	3,239
Cutoff Tickets	1,222	1,450	1,652
Actual Cutoffs	616	694	603
New Accounts Set Up	600	469	627
Service Orders	3,053	2,621	3,216
Calls Answered by Member Services Reps	8,052	8,564	9,367
Telelink Calls	22,660	23,610	31,142
Member Services Collection Program	\$4,997.08	\$5,456.38	\$5,456.85
Total Collections by Member Services	\$1,048,989.08		

*	MAR. '24	FEB. '24	MAR. '23
COINCIDENT PEAK <i>(kW)</i>	202,127	230,188	231,901
ENERGY <i>(kWh</i> <i>MEASURED @ SUBS)</i>	105,635,670	109,843,019	116,005,755
AVERAGE TEMPERATURE <i>(MEASURED @ CVG)</i>	47.6^o	42.7^o	43.5^o
B RATE TOTALS <i>(kW)</i> & PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL LOAD	28,235 13.97%	25,568 11.11%	33,853 14.60%

*does not include Nucor



Direct Load Control (Simple Saver DSM Program)			
	Monthly Activity		Program Total
	Installations	Removals	
HVAC	0	-11	HVAC 2,587
Water Heater	0	0	Water Heater 1,595
Thermostat	38	4	Thermostat 1,240
Totals	38	-7	Totals 5,422

	MAR. '24	FEB. '24	MAR. '23
LICENSED COOPERATIVE SOLAR PANELS	282	282	260
ENVIROWATTS	BIOMASS	275	297
	SOLAR	2	2
	WIND	1	1
	HYDRO	1	1
EV CHARGING STATION ADS	2	2	0
RESIDENTIAL EV CHARGING PILOT PARTICIPANTS	20	n/a	n/a



Northern Kentucky companies active in solar energy adoption

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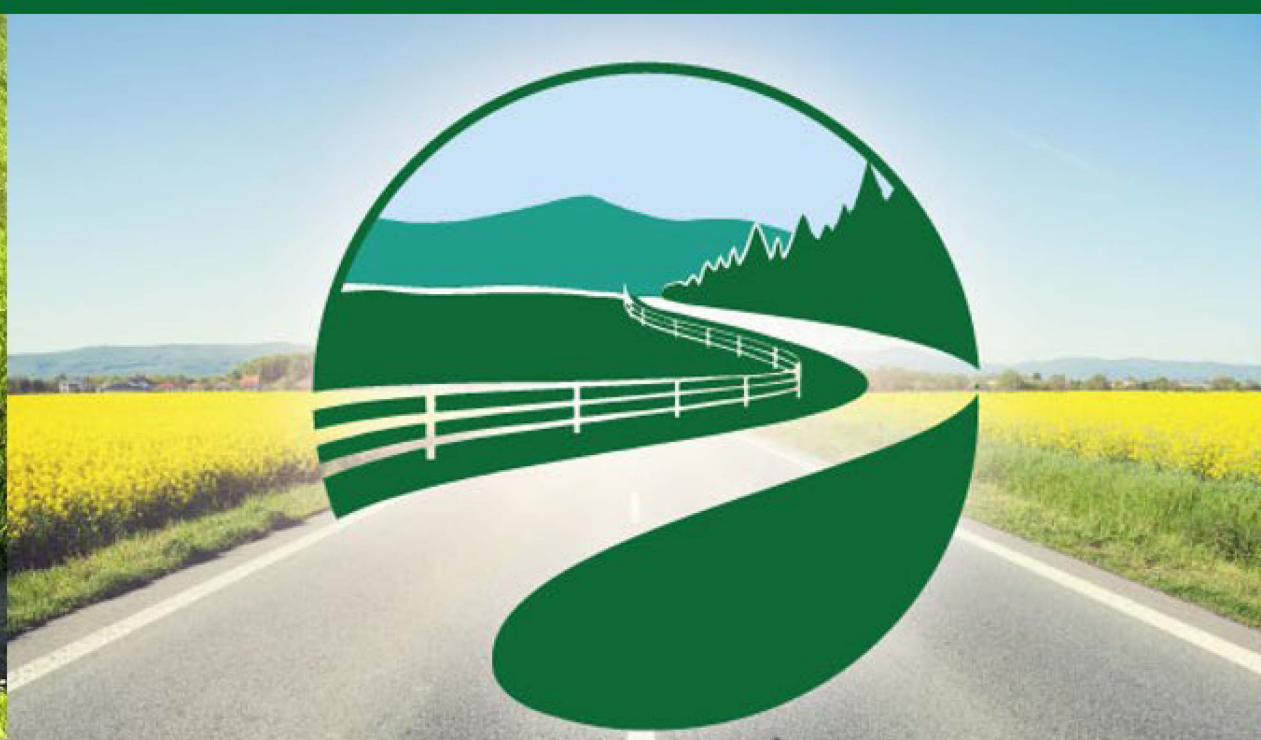
Owen Electric Sources Solar through Cooperative Agreement

Some customers in Northern Kentucky receive electric service through Owen Electric Cooperative. Owen is member owned and purchases power from East Kentucky Power Cooperative (EKPC) then distributes it to homes and businesses in nine Northern and Central Kentucky counties.

Owen's members have the option to invest in renewable energy by licensing panels at a solar farm on EKPC's campus in Winchester. The solar farm boasts more than 32,000 panels that can collectively produce up to 8.5 megawatts of electricity. Each panel costs \$460 for a 25-year license, and Pomeroy Technology LLC in Boone County currently holds licenses for 40 panels, an \$18,400 investment. Each month, Pomeroy receives bill credits for the capacity and generation value of those panels.

For members, Owen President and CEO Michael Cobb said this solar farm has been a good alternative to onsite solar. Around 2015, Cobb said they were hearing from members, civic groups, and commercial and industrial organizations that wanted more in the area of renewables, and sustainable energy was becoming an increasingly important issue for both residential and commercial members.

"We take pride in being receptive to our members, so the Cooperative Solar program was developed for the benefit of offering a competitive alternative to onsite solar and a great way of addressing sustainability goals," he said.



ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY





Operations Board Report

April 2024



Right-of-Way

	March	YTD	Target - 2024	% Complete
Trimming Miles	50.1	132.90	516	25.8%

- 2024 Trimming Goal – 516 miles
- Moved to 7 year cycle (445 miles)
 - Circuits on the schedule equal 516 miles
- Goals communicated with the crews
 - Monthly Goal – 40 Miles
 - Met 1st qrtr goal (44.3miles)
 - Incentivized with a qrtrly lunch
- Minimal Capital Jobs
 - Good for Productivity
 - Used to manage budget

Crews are currently working in:

- Williamstown – Feeders 6&7
- Grantslick – Feeder 1
- Richardson – Feeder 3
- Noel – Feeder 4
- Sterling – Feeder 1&3

OEC's Drone Fleet

- DJI Mavic 3T
 - Thermal 640x512px camera
 - 56X Hybrid zoom camera
 - Wide Angle 48 MP camera
 - RTK Module – Centimeter level precision
 - 45 minute flight time
 - Advanced optical system
 - Horizontal Omnidirectional Vision System
 - Downward & Upward vision system



Part 107 Certification (UAV Pilot License)

- (5) currently studying to obtain licensing
 - 2 Service Technicians, Line Inspector, 2 staff
 - Recurring training every 2 years to maintain license
 - Goal is to complete testing by July 2024





Requirements to become a Certified Drone Pilot

- Required to pass a 60 question multiple choice exam at a FAA testing center
 - Passing score is 70%
 - Exam Cost is \$170.00
 - Create an account at the Integrated Airman Certification and Rating Application (IACRA)
 - Schedule your exam (Part 107 – Unmanned Aircraft General) at an approved FAA testing center <http://candidate.catstest.com/sitesearch.php>
- You will need a thorough understanding of the following topics:
 - FAA regulations
 - National airspace system
 - Aeronautical charts
 - Airport operations
 - Airspace operational requirements
 - Weather theory
 - sUAS loading and performance
 - Radio communication procedures
 - sUAS emergency procedures
 - Aeronautical decision making
 - Physiology (aeromedical factors)
 - sUAS maintenance and inspection procedures



Technology Report

April 2024



Engineering

Jennifer Taylor

2024 Reliability KPI

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD
SAIDI	15.460				15.460
SAIFI	0.130				0.130
MED	0				0

THRESHOLD
TARGET
STRETCH

Reached Stretch for both SAIDI and SAIFI for Q1,
March was a mild outage month compared to the last few.

Joint Use Update

- SJR175 passed both in House and Senate and signed by Governor charging the PSC with developing a revised regulation that will eliminate impediments to BB deployment in KY
 - PSC has 60 days to revise regulation
- PSC released order on 4/11 stating
 - Stakeholders are to come up with proposed changes to the regulation by 4/19
 - Informal conference to be held on 4/26
- KEC issued their proposed changes
 - Application certification that information is complete and in line with utility's tariff
 - "High Volume" be changed from 1000 poles/month to 300 poles/month
 - Make Ready deposit be made by attachers when more than 300 poles/month
- KEC has been coordinating with IOU's so that our recommendations are "in line"
- Eric Langley, counsel for KU/LGE/Duke told McLean that Kentucky is the "hottest state in the nation on Broadband activity and deployment"



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Board Committee Report- Audit Committee

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Review/Discuss/Approve- Review Financial Audit

Motion: _____

Approve: _____

Review/Discuss/Approve- RUS Mortgage Approval

Motion: _____

Approve: _____

Review/Discuss/Approve- EKPC Director Nomination 2024-2025

Motion: _____

Approve: _____



EKPC Report



Report Presented By:
Alan Ahrman



Report Presented By:
Rick Messingschlager

Attorney's Report

Presented By: Jim Crawford

Information Agenda



2024/2025 Board Meetings & Training

May 30, 2024-Regular Board Meeting, 9:00am, HQ-Owenton, KY
June 6-7, 2024-Membership Appreciation Days
June 7, 2024-Annual Business Meeting, 6:00pm, Walton, KY
June 27, 2024-Regular Board Meeting, 9:00am, HQ-Owenton, KY
July 17-19, 2024-CoBank Energy Directors Conference, Boston, MA
July 25, 2024-Regular Board Meeting, 9:00am, HQ-Owenton, KY
August 12-13, 2024-KEC Annual Meeting, Louisville, KY
August 29, 2024-Regular Board Meeting, 9:00am, HQ-Owenton, KY
September 26, 2024-Regular Board Meeting, 9:00am, HQ-Owenton, KY
October 7-9, 2024-NRECA Regional Meeting, Columbia, SC
October 31, 2024-Regular Board Meeting, 9:00am, HQ-Owenton, KY
November 21, 2024-Regular Board Meeting, 9:00am, HQ-Owenton, KY
December 19, 2024-Regular Board Meeting, 9:00am, HQ-Owenton, KY
January 25-28, 2025-Directors Conference, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL
January 30, 2025-Regular Board Meeting, 9:00am, HQ-Owenton, KY
February 27, 2025-Regular Board Meeting, 9:00am, HQ-Owenton, KY
March 7-12, 2025-NRECA Power Xchange, Atlanta, GA
March 27, 2025-Regular Board Meeting, 9:00am, HQ-Owenton, KY
April 24, 2025-Regular Board Meeting, 9:00am, HQ-Owenton, KY
April 27-30, 2025-NRECA Legislative Conference, Washington, DC

- Conference Reports
 - As needed
- Old Business
- New Business
- Executive Session
- Miscellaneous
- Adjourn
 - Motion _____
 - Second _____