



RELIABLE
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ANNUAL 2021 REPORT



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 



RESPONSIVE

Because we are owned by the people we serve, Owen Electric Cooperative has a unique accountability to our members. Throughout our history, it has been our duty to respond and adapt quickly to new and changing circumstances.

Every generation brings its own unique set of challenges, from equipment shortages during World War II to costly regulations in recent decades. Through it all,

Owen Electric has worked with fellow cooperatives across Kentucky and the nation to advocate for at-cost and reliable electric service for you.

The last couple of years have been full of challenges. In this annual report, we would like to share a few examples of how our cooperative is responsive to those needs with the best interests of our local communities always top of mind.

At our core, Owen Electric is responsive to our members because we are led by fellow co-op members. Every member of the board of directors is a member of this co-op, democratically elected by the membership to represent the interests of all members, not special interests or outside agendas. Owen Electric board members are your neighbors, not corporate or special interest groups who live hundreds or thousands of miles away.

We are proud of our board and grateful for their service. In addition to their oversight and guidance of the cooperative, board members receive important education and training, so they are prepared to deal with the complex issues within our industry.

From ice and snowstorms, to flooding and tornadoes, 2021 was one of the most challenging weather years in Kentucky history. Owen Electric was responsive to these challenges.

After winter storms made their way out of our local forecast in February 2021, crews from Owen Electric mobilized to provide mutual aid to three sister cooperatives from the hardest-hit areas in eastern Kentucky—Grayson RECC, Clark Energy and Inter-County Energy. While we were very fortunate to avoid catastrophic ice accumulations, our cooperative has been in their shoes before, and we know how much assistance from neighboring cooperatives can help. By being responsive to this crisis, Owen Electric crews not only helped our fellow co-ops, they also received crucial restoration experience. In December, when tornadoes and severe storms moved through the state, our crews were able to help again, traveling to Farmers RECC, Inter-County Energy and Warren RECC.

Of course, these natural disasters came amid the second year of COVID-19. Though everyone is ready for the end of the pandemic, it is the responsibility of Owen Electric to both comply with state and local regulations. To protect the health and safety of employees and members, we:

- Distanced office workforce to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19 to both members and employees.
- Configured crews to limit exposure to other construction and on-call crews.
- Held regular briefings on work procedures.
- Had crew members drive separate vehicles to and from job sites.
- Limited exposure to members by wearing masks and observing the 6-foot guideline.
- Supported community COVID-19 efforts.
- Provided consistent messaging on social media, the co-op website and in *Kentucky Living*.

■ On the cover, Crew Leader Chris Dempsey gets a pair of ratchet cutters to send up to linemen working overhead from a bucket truck.

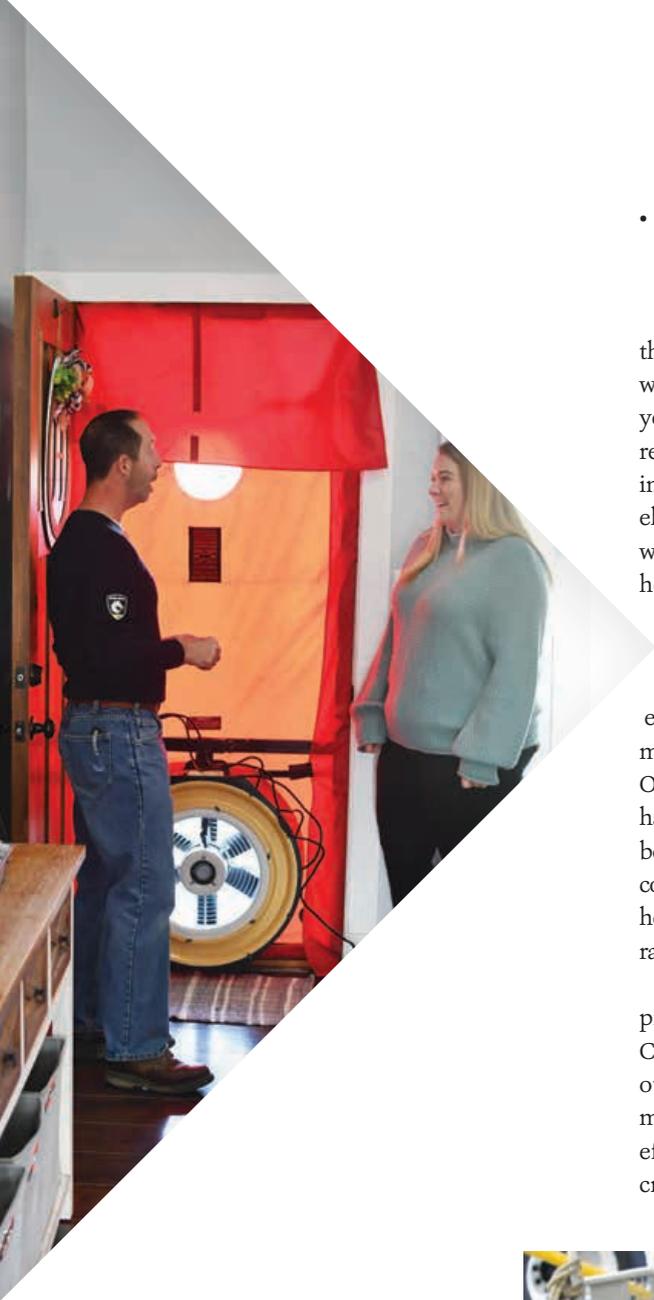
■ Opposite top, from left, Vice President of Operations Brian Jones and Distribution Field Supervisor Alan Brann look over a job print before it is assigned to a line crew.

■ Opposite bottom, from left, linemen Trevor Evans and Jeremy Foutty install a jumper on a three-phase conductor. Photos: Whitney Duvall



Owen
Electric was
built by, belongs
to and is led by
people in the
communities
we serve.





- Adjusted the annual meeting to accommodate safety restrictions.

We know from our safety culture that complacency is a threat, so while our team worked to preserve your access to Owen Electric, we also remained intentional about following safety protocols. Providing electricity is an essential service, and we simply cannot afford to risk the health of the employees you rely on every day to maintain it.

Being responsive to this crisis also means addressing its economic implications. While maintaining the financial stability of Owen Electric, our board and staff have continued to work with members who face financial uncertainty, connecting them with resources and helping them stay current on their bill rather than racking up large balances.

Following the cooperative principle of “Concern for Community,” Owen Electric and our employees support our members and their charitable efforts. Matching 2020’s capital credit refund amount—the largest

ever issued—the board of directors again authorized a \$2 million refund in December 2021.

In partnership with East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Owen Electric is responsive to the needs of local businesses and works to attract new employers. With some of the most competitive electric rates in the country and our record of reliability and resilience, we have a great story to tell.

We are grateful to the people who came together and formed Owen Electric in 1937 and everyone who has contributed to the stewardship of our co-op ever since. They all were responsive to the challenges and opportunities they faced. We are also grateful to the nearly 65,000 members we serve across north-central Kentucky. You are the reason we exist, and we pledge to be responsive, reliable and resilient as we work to serve you and these communities we all call home.

Thank you for letting Owen Electric serve you, and feel free to reach out to us anytime you have a question.

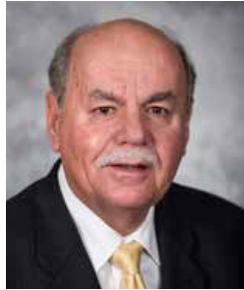
■ Above, Residential Services Manager Jude Canchola talks with Owen member Jennifer Haines about the blower door test he performs as part of the free energy audit Owen Electric offers.

■ Right, Dylan Howell, lineman, gathers tools and supplies he’ll need as he prepares to travel to a sister co-op to assist with power restoration in December 2021. Photos: Whitney Duvall





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District 2



Robert True
District 3



Alan Ahrman
District 4

OWEN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

When: Friday, June 10, 6 p.m.

Where: Arthur Service Center, 13179 Walton-Verona Rd., Walton, KY 41094

Registration: 4–6 p.m.

Business Meeting: 6 p.m.

The annual meeting of the members of Owen Electric Cooperative will be held at the Arthur Service Center, Walton, Kentucky, at 6 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, Friday, June 10, 2022. The business session will be held for the purpose of taking the following actions:

1. Report of the officers and directors
2. To consider any and all other business that may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment of adjournments thereof

Registration of members will start at 4 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, Friday, June 10, 2022. All members must register in order to participate in the business meeting and prize drawings and to receive appreciation gifts. Students registering for the enhanced scholarship drawing must be accompanied by registered parent or guardian (proper ID required for registration).

The drawing for one \$2,000 scholarship will take place following the business meeting; student and parent or guardian must be present to win. Members must also be present to win this year's grand prize, a 2022 John Deere 42" zero-turn mower. Other prizes and \$1,000 scholarships will be drawn the week following the annual business meeting. Recipients need not be present to win.

Owen Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Hope Kinman, Secretary-Treasurer

AGENDA

2021

OWEN ELECTRIC YEAR IN REVIEW

ACTIVE ACCOUNTS

As of December 31, 2021

Boone County	24,218
Kenton County	13,816
Grant County.....	7,314
Owen County	5,237
Pendleton County	3,607
Campbell County	3,999
Gallatin County	3,429
Scott County	1,906
Carroll County	1,163
TOTAL	64,689

ACCOUNTS BILLED

2021.....	64,689
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AVERAGE KWH USAGE

(residential per month)

2021.....	1,093
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MILES OF LINE

2021.....	4,627
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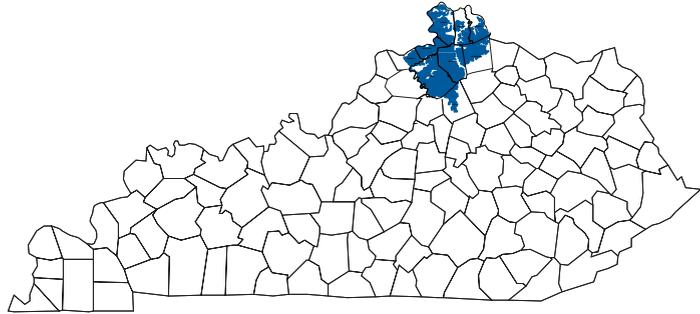
CONSUMERS PER MILE

2021.....	13.98
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FOR INFORMATION AND INQUIRIES

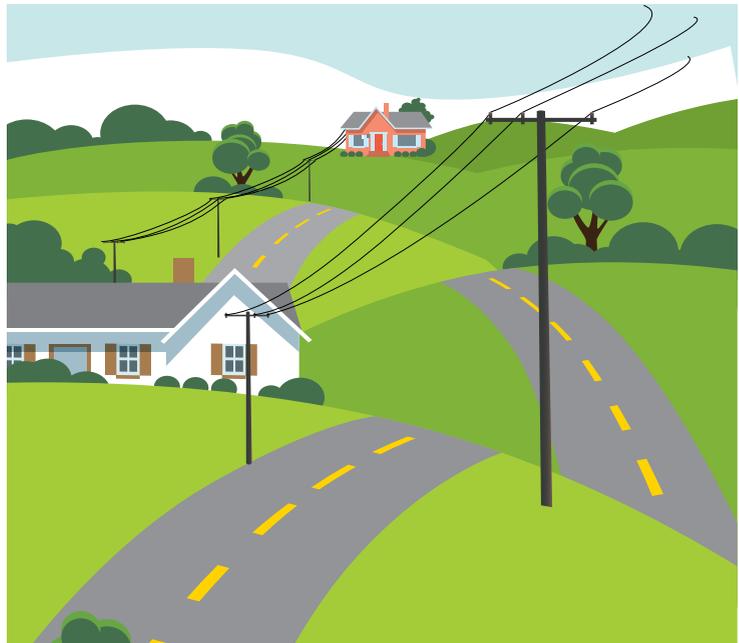
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SERVICE AREA



We clear certain areas in our service territory, known as rights of way, to:

- Keep power lines clear of tree limbs
- Restore power outages more quickly
- Reduce unexpected costs for repairs



Maintaining rights of way improves service reliability for you—our members!

C COOPERATIVE

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For year ending December 31, 2021

Operating Revenue\$181,116,999.51

OPERATING EXPENSE

Purchased Power\$140,260,938.45
 Operating System.....21,300,230.38
 Depreciation.....11,664,379.65
 Interest on Loans2,984,914.88
 Other Deductions.....63,085.72

Total Cost of Electric Service \$176,273,549.08

Operating Margins\$4,843,450.43

Non-Operating Margins77,805.87

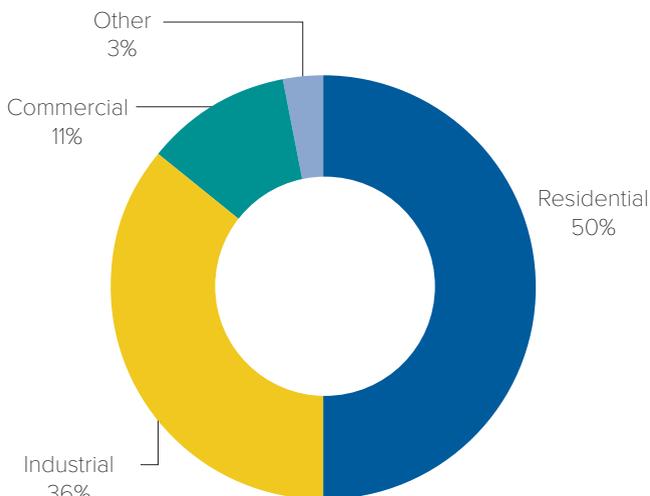
Non-Operating Margins-Other.....2,048,225.60

G & T Capital Credits1,315,490.24

Other Patronage Capital and Margins200,000.40

Total Patronage Capital and Margins\$8,484,972.54

REVENUE SOURCES



BALANCE SHEET

As of December 31, 2021

ASSETS

Total Utility Plant.....\$325,589,044.48
 Less Depreciation172,469,377.21
 Net Utility Plant153,119,667.27
 Investments in Associate Organization ...\$96,895,921.33
 Cash.....2,551,469.58
 Accounts Receivable11,783,225.61
 Inventory.....1,741,130.41
 Prepaid Expenses332,661.86
 Other Current and Accrued Assets8,812,805.56
 Other Deferred Debits5,424,395.19

Total Assets \$280,661,276.81

LIABILITIES

Consumer Deposits\$2,166,023.80
 Membership and Other Equities152,386,932.42
 Long-Term Debt89,473,155.45
 Notes and Accounts Payable13,911,958.00
 Other Current Liabilities22,723,207.14

Total Liabilities..... \$280,661,276.81

COMMUNITY-FOCUSED

Electric cooperatives are different than other types of energy providers.

- We are led by consumer-members just like you.
- We were built by the community we serve.
- We still belong to the community.



2022

OWEN ELECTRIC'S ANNUAL MEETING & APPRECIATION DAYS

WADE HARRIS

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, JUNE 9-10

REGISTRATION • BUCKET & BULB PICKUP

Thursday-Friday, June 9-10

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Owen Electric offices

REGISTRATION & ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Friday, June 10

Registration: 4-6 p.m.

Meeting: 6 p.m.

Arthur Service Center

13179 Walton-Verona Road, Walton

Bucket and bulb pickups also available



FREE

**Energy-saving
lightbulbs for
members who
attend!**

Each registered member will receive a bucket, LED bulbs and battery powered handheld fan.

PRIZES

Drawn at the annual business meeting:

- 2022 John Deere Zero-Turn 42" mower
- \$2,000 scholarship

Must be present to win.

Drawn the following week:

- Other prize drawings
- \$1,000 scholarships

Need not be present to win.

Eligibility & Info: www.owenelectric.com



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