

Thank a lineworker

One of the most visible employees of the co-op, lineworkers labor tirelessly to ensure our community receives uninterrupted power.

“Lineworker” is listed as one of the top 10 most dangerous jobs in the U.S. This is understandable as they perform detailed

tasks near high-voltage power lines. Regardless of the time of day, having to brave stormy weather and other challenging conditions, lineworkers must climb high in the air, often carrying heavy equipment to get the job done.

Our dedicated lineworkers are proud

to represent Blue Grass Energy, and they deserve all the appreciation and accolades that come their way on Lineworker Appreciation Day.

On Monday, April 12, and any time you see a lineworker, take a moment to thank them for their service.



TIM WEBB

LINEWORKER APPRECIATION DAY
APRIL 12, 2021

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Rachel Settles, Editor



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's a good deal

Typically, when you hear someone received something at “cost,” you usually think they got a good deal. As a member, you purchase energy at our cost because we are a cooperative.

That means when you signed up to receive service from us, you became not just a member, but an owner, too. Unlike for-profit businesses, our primary focus is making life better and providing a needed service; not generating a profit for shareholders.

Over time, if we take in more money than needed to pay our expenses, the margins are assigned back to our members' accounts in what is called capital credits. The margins are then used to maintain and improve our system.

Utilizing these margins allows us to control expenses and keep the rates you pay as low as possible. When financial goals are met, these margins are returned to our members.

The amount of the refund you receive is determined by the amount of electricity you purchased.

This year, we are returning \$2.2 million in capital credits for margins earned in 1988 and part of 1989. If you were a Blue Grass Energy member during those years, you are eligible for a refund and should expect to see a check in the mail in the coming months.

In the last five years, we have returned nearly \$10 million to our communities through capital credits. These refunds are just one of the many ways we are making life better, the cooperative way. However, buying power at cost is a good deal, too.

By President/CEO
Michael I. Williams



Apply for a \$1,500 BGEnergy scholarship



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Supporting our youngest members through education is an important part of who we are. That is why we offer scholarships to graduating seniors throughout our service area.

This year, Blue Grass Energy will, again, be awarding ten \$1,500 scholarships. Scholarship winners will be chosen by a random drawing following annual meeting on June 3, 2021, and announced the following day.

Eligible applicants are graduating high school seniors with plans to attend an accredited college, university or trade school, and are living with a parent or guardian who is a Blue Grass Energy member. Members of the immediate families of employees, directors and people receiving benefits from Blue Grass Energy are ineligible to apply.

For more details and to apply, go to bgenery.com/scholarships.

Plan for the future when planting a tree

When carefully selected and placed, trees can provide your family with many years of enjoyment. They can help cool your home and neighborhood, break cold winds to lower your heating costs and provide food for wildlife.

Properly placed trees can help control costs, improve reliability, reduce tree mortality and result in healthier forest communities.

Tall trees surrounding your home, such as maple, oak, pine and spruce, provide summer shade to lower cooling costs and keep out cold winter winds. Medium trees, 40 feet or less in mature height, might include Washington hawthorne and golden raintree, while smaller trees suitable for planting adjacent to utility lines might include redbud, dogwood and crabapple.

To learn more about which trees might work best in your yard, visit www.arborday.org/trees/RightTreeandPlace.



Capital credits: A benefit of membership



RACHEL SETTLES

Because you receive power from us, you are not only a member but an owner of a not-for-profit business. As an owner, you will also share in the success of the cooperative through capital credits. You may receive capital credits based on the energy purchased from the cooperative.

Paul Abner of Berea was a member in 1987-88 and qualified to receive a capital credit check last year. He says, “I was glad to get the capital credit check. It’s not often you hear of an electric company paying you.”

Capital credit checks will be mailed again this year. If you were a member of Blue Grass Energy during 1988-1989, you should

receive a capital credit check in the coming months.

Capital credits—another benefit of being a member of a Blue Grass Energy.

“I was glad to get the capital credit check. It’s not often you hear of an electric company paying you.”
—Paul Abner, Berea

Attn: High school juniors

If you are a high school junior and a member of Blue Grass Energy, don’t miss the opportunity to attend our virtual Youth Leadership Summit—a dynamic four-day interactive experience. For two hours each day, you will participate in a video conference from 10 a.m. until noon that focuses on electric co-ops, leadership and civic engagement. You may be the lucky winner of a \$500 scholarship awarded during the event.

Everyone who participates in this program will be eligible to apply for an annual \$10,000 national college scholarship only available to Youth Tour alumni.

Visit bgenenergy.com to learn more.

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EKPC seeks rate adjustment

East Kentucky Power Cooperative (EKPC), which generates and transmits wholesale electricity to Blue Grass Energy, along with 15 other electric co-ops, is seeking to raise its base rates. EKPC states the increase is needed in order to maintain reliable service and the co-op’s financial strength.

If approved by the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC), the proposal by EKPC will raise our purchased power costs; necessitating a corresponding pass-through rate case for Blue Grass Energy. This adjustment will result in an average increase of 3.71% for our residential members; adding approximately \$4.75 per month.

EKPC will file the rate adjustment request on April 1. Blue Grass Energy has also filed an application with the PSC detailing how the adjustment would be passed through monthly bills to the membership. If approved, the increase is expected to go into effect in October; and it will mark EKPC’s first increase in base rates since 2011.