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FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Regulating Future Power Needs

or 75 years your electric cooperative has held firm to its commitment to provide affordable electricity. It is the reason why we exist and it guides our every decision—past, present and future. Currently, your coop is facing a serious challenge to our ability to provide affordable power. The challenge has nothing to do with decisions made by your local board or the

day to day operations of your co-op. This challenge comes from the bureaucratic beltway in Washington D.C., where regulations imposed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)on coal-fired power plants could, if enacted, double the price of wholesale power.

The issue is one that affects every electric utility in the US—investor owned, municipals, and electric co-ops. EPA regulations aim to reduce carbon emissions from coal-fired power plants to protect our air and water, and to reduce the effects of global climate change. These are worthy causes, but the price is high.

Currently 62.9 percent of your electric bill goes directly to our wholesale power suppliers to cover the cost of generation. These suppliers, Associated Electric Cooperative and Western Farmer's Electric Cooperative, generate electricity using a mix of coal, natural gas, hydro and

renewables. If EPA holds to its current plan, these and other power plants will be forced to make incredibly expensive changes to their coal fired units in order to meet emission regulations, or shut down their coal-fired units completely. While plants can switch more of their load to natural gasgenerated power that emits less carbon, the danger lies in

the volatile price swings associated with this fuel.

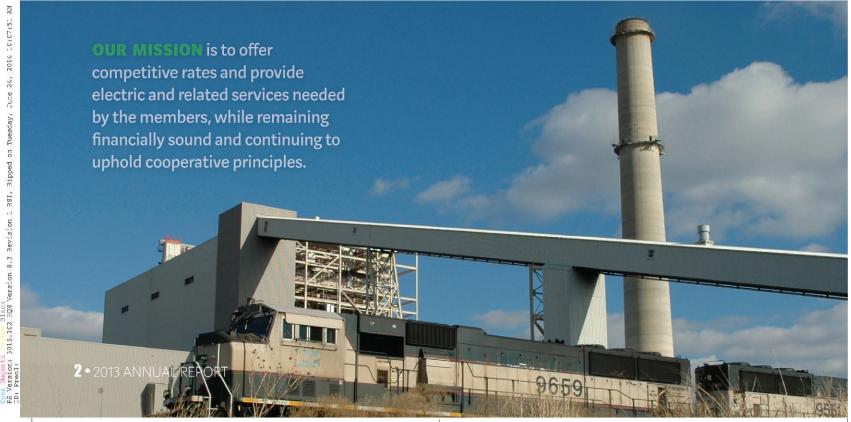
Electric co-ops argue that a mix of generating fuels keeps prices stable for the consumer. For instance, the U.S. experienced an extremely cold winter this year. During this period, natural gas prices climbed from \$4/mmbtu to over \$30/mmbtu. As power plants shift their base load from coal to natural gas, we are left with fewer generation choices—and higher prices.

How will East Central Electric meet our commitment to affordable costs while abiding by the regulations set by the EPA? There are no easy short term solutions. The continued research and development of wind and solar energy offer hope, but at this time they are no match for the affordability of coal or natural gas. Your co-op is

monitoring the capability of renewable fuels to meet our long-term energy needs with hopeful caution. It's a future we look forward to, even as we brace ourselves for increased power costs in the present.

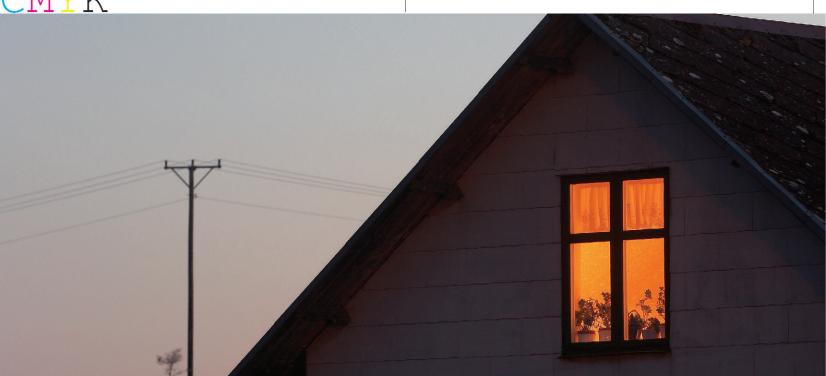


Tim Smith GENERAL MANAGER









PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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How You See It

ast Central Electric Cooperative—proud, financially strong, and governed by a dedicated board of directors—has undergone many changes over the past 76 years. The board weighs every decision by "seeing through the members' eyes." This conservative approach has served us well,

and East Central Electric continues to grow and improve our system while keeping our finances in good shape.

Although your co-op has changed over the years, our values remain the same. Likewise, our rates have changed very little. In 1938 co-op members paid 8.5 cents per kilowatt-hour (kwh); today our rates are 9.5 cents/kwh. Our members are blessed with almost the lowest utility rate in Oklahoma. Electric bills may be higher than in 1938, but just think of all the electric devices we enjoy today to make our lives easier.

The return of capital credits to co-op members, our percent of equity, and strong financial status prompted our auditor, Warren Grigsby, to describe East Central Electric as the most authentic of all the co-ops he audits.

While our rates have remained low, the cost of materials your co-op uses to deliver power to you has increased drastically. We have commissioned C. H. Guernsey Engineering of Oklahoma City to thoroughly

analyze East Central Electric rates to provide us with needed information for rate structure and cost of service to different classes of consumers. Their findings should be presented to the board soon, and we will keep you informed.

As the board continues to manage our cost and growth, we remain committed to helping our communities. This year, Operation Roundup celebrated a milestone: Since its inception in 2007, co-op members have put more than \$1 million into our communities through college scholarships for our members' students, improving local fire protection services, and helping charitable organizations serve others.

We have committed additional dollars for right of way maintenance, system improvements and technology upgrades. Also, we will soon offer a Facebook page for you to get outage updates, ask questions, and interact with your co-op.

As we look to the future, your board will continue to serve you by seeing new ideas, new programs, and new ways of doing business "through your eyes."

It's the best way we know to power your future—on that you have our word.



Lowell Hobbs
PRESIDENT OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES





2013 Financial Highlights

The books and financial statements of East Central Oklahoma Electric Cooperative, Inc. are audited each year as of December 31. An audit for the year ended December 31, 2013 has been completed by the firm of Briscoe, Burke & Grigsby LLP, Certified Public Accountants, Tulsa, OK. The Comparative Financial Statements shown here are for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2013. East Central Electric's balance sheet reflects a 5.8 percent increase in assets. Capital credits and membership fees increased by \$2,811,141 which gave our members an equity level of 41.7 percent.

| | 2013 | 2012 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| YOUR COOPERATIVE OWNS: | | |
| | | |
| Electric Plant | 156,913,921 | 151,476,886 |
| Less Depreciation | 44,299,180 | 41,782,068 |
| Book Value | 112,614,741 | 109,694,818 |
| Cash and Investments | 3,146,898 | 3,375,135 |
| Patronage Capital Assoc. Organization | 19,626,098 | 18,147,229 |
| CFC Investment Certificates | 1,472,925 | 1,493,095 |
| Accounts Receivable | 3,830,144 | 2,910,947 |
| Other Assets | 8,972,892 | 5,834,200 |
| Total Assets | 149,663,698 | 141,455,425 |
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| YOUR COOPERATIVE OWES: | | |
| Long Term Debt (RUS) | 19,711,990 | 21,192,504 |
| Long Term Debt (CFC) | 4,212,784 | 4,899,277 |
| Long Term Debt (FFB) | 29,312,955 | 22,305,778 |
| Long Term Debt (CoBank) | 9,091,733 | 7,840,356 |
| Consumer Deposits | 2,470,989 | 2,491,165 |
| Other Liabilities | 22,478,567 | 23,152,805 |
| Total Liabilities | 87,279,017 | 81,881,885 |
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| YOUR NET WORTH: | | |
| Membership Fees | 165,255 | 163,865 |
| Capital Credits and Other Equities | 62,219,426 | 59,409,675 |
| Total Liabilities and Equities | 149,663,698 | 141,455,425 |

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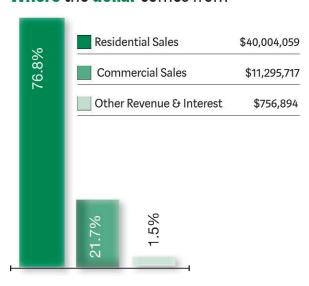


2013 Revenue Dollars

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| | 2013 | 2012 |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Electric Sales | 52,056,670 | 50,343,166 |
| Less Cost of Purchased Power | 32,072,790 | 30,808,937 |
| Net Sales | 19,983,880 | 19,534,229 |
| Operating Expenses | 11,847,504 | 11,664,612 |
| Interest on Debt | 2,399,871 | 2,374,391 |
| Depreciation | 4,530,030 | 4,426,194 |
| Other Deductions | 171,047 | 98,683 |
| Total Expenses (Excluding Cost of Power) | 18,948,452 | 18,563,880 |
| Net Income From Electric Sales | 1,035,428 | 970,349 |
| Other Income | 2,249,347 | 2,128,354 |
| Total Margins and Capital Credits | 3,284,775 | 3,098,703 |
| OPERATING STATISTICS | 2013 | 2012 |
| Meters | 32,940 | 32,667 |
| Miles of Line | 6,154 | 6,135 |
| Average number of meters/mile of line | 5.35 | 5.33 |
| Total Kilowatt-Hours Sold | 534,901,896 | 512,652,909 |
| Average Cost to Member Per KWH | 0.0973 | 0.0982 |

Where the dollar comes from



Where your dollar goes







LEADING THE WAY

Your Cooperative Board of Trustees

The East Central Electric board of trustees is governed by a seven-member board of trustees. It is their job to set policy and provide oversight that ensures your cooperative maintains a strong financial position and remains focused on the needs of it members.

Board members are nominated by memberowners that live within their co-op district (See map, below). Members nominate candidates for the board at their official district meeting. If more than one candidate is nominated from a district. these candidates must stand for election by the full membership at the annual business meeting in July.

Cooperative trustees serve a three-year term.



President **LOWELL HOBBS** DISTRICT 2



Vice President **LARRY HARVEY** DISTRICT1



Sec. Treasurer **DWIGHT LUTHER** DISTRICT 7



Asst. Sec. Treasurer **MAX SHOEMAKE** DISTRICT3



JIMMY ELLER DISTRICT 4



ED KLOECKLER DISTRICT 5



JERRY REMPE DISTRICT 6

EAST CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE **Service Territory & District Map**

Your electric cooperative serves 32,940 meters over a network of 6,154 miles of distribution line and 24 substations. Encompassing roughly 3,000 square miles, East Central Electric service territory includes portions of Creek, McIntosh, Muskogee, Okfuskee, Okmulgee, Tulsa and Wagoner counties. It is the third largest electric cooperative in the state.

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REASONS TO CELEBRATE

2013 Service Highlights

In 2013, East Central Electric Cooperative enjoyed the following achievements in their commitment to serving member-owners:

- Operation Roundup. East Central Electric memberowners celebrated a milestone in charitable giving in 2013. Since its inception in 2007, Operation Roundup has awarded \$1.1 million in grants to local charities, civic groups, schools, youth clubs, community organizations and needy families. Grants in 2013 alone totaled \$117,560.81, with funds being used to improve community services, rural fire protection, eldercare programs and provide some \$26,000 in college scholarships.
- Youth Tour. Over the past 50 years,
 East Central Electric has sponsored 214 teens on the
 Rural Electric Youth Tour. The all-expenses paid trip
 to Washington DC gives high school juniors from
 across the U.S. an inspiring tour of their country's
 most historic buildings, monuments and museums.
 Youth Tour delegates enjoy a legislative breakfast with
 federal legislators and government officials, a riverboat
 cruise on the Potomac River, and visits to popular
 tourist attractions and cultural sites. For participants,
 Youth Tour is an amazing experience that builds
 lifetime friendships and encourages greater citizenship
 and participation in all levels of government.

- Special Olympics. For 25 years, East Central Electric employees have volunteered at the Oklahoma Special Olympic Summer Games, logging over 3,600 volunteer hours for this inspiring event.
- Energy Efficiency Rebates. East Central Electric's
 Take Control and Save rebate program provides cash rebates on the purchase and installation of energy efficient appliances such as Marathon water heaters, room air conditioners and geothermal heat pumps. In 2013, East Central Electric paid \$7,100 in rebates to members to promote energy efficiency and encourage wise energy use.
- saving thousands of dollars in prescription medicine costs through the Co-op Connections savings program. Since the program began in 2008, East Central Electric members have saved \$401,584.79 on prescription medicine. Showing your Co-op Connections card to medical providers can reduce costs on eye care, eyeglasses, hearing tests, chiropractic visits and dental care, as well as prescription medicine. It also provides savings on goods and services including car care, tools, clothing, tools, flowers, rental cars, lodging and more at thousands of participating retail businesses. For information on Co-op Connection healthcare discounts and other savings, visit www.connections.coop.



Stone Bluff Rural Fire Department received funds from Operation Roundup to purchase life-saving fire protection equipment for firefighters. The fire department is one of many organizations who benefited from the Operation Roundup program.

Operation Roundup is funded by donations from members of East Central Electric who "round up" their electric bills to the next whole dollar. The remaining pennies go to Operation Roundup to improve community and rural services in east central Oklahoma.











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