



RESILIENT  
**RELIABLE**  
RESPONSIVE

## ANNUAL 2019 REPORT



Meade County RECC

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 





# RELIABLE

**T**he Three R's in education are "reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic."

Promoters of sustainability preach the Three R's of "reduce, reuse and recycle."

And here at Meade County RECC, we have our own Three R's: "reliable, resilient and responsive."

Over the next three years, you will hear a lot more about how these words resonate with the people who serve you at Meade County RECC.

In 2020, we are focusing on the first of those Three R's: reliable.

In electricity terms, the concept of reliability is pretty straightforward. Your electricity is on almost all the time and it's been getting better every year. For most people, the total amount of time without power (an outage) is less than two hours a year—that means their electricity is on 99.977169% of the time.

At Meade County RECC, reliability is no accident. It takes attention, dedication and a variety of measures to maintain reliable electric service:

► By replacing outdated mechanical electric meters with automated meters, Meade County RECC not only measures how much electricity you use, but we can monitor any disruption and the voltage quality of that electricity. With automated meters, Meade County RECC can respond more quickly to outages.

► To spot and solve outages faster, Meade County RECC has invested in high-tech monitoring systems. These SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) systems use several computer monitors in a control room, each showing a different view of the Meade County RECC service area, including weather maps and detailed schematics of each power line,

substation and home or business served.

► A portion of your Meade County RECC bill goes toward regular inspection, maintenance and replacement of the power grid infrastructure, such as poles, wires and transformers. By staying ahead of aging infrastructure, we can prevent some power outages.

► Our right-of-way crews, including contract crews from Townsend, are reliability champions. Trees are one of the major causes of power outages in areas with overhead utility lines. When trees contact live wires they may become conductors of electricity and cause power outages or create dangerous situations for anyone coming in contact with them. That's why it is so important for our crews to maintain right-of-way near overhead lines.

Being reliable doesn't just mean working to keep the lights on. At Meade County RECC, being reliable also means working every day to earn your trust, so that you have confidence that the people who work at the co-op and the people who serve on our board are dependable and responsible stewards of this tremendous community asset.

We take pride in a workforce that is not only reliable in its unique skills and constant training to safely operate our electrical system, but also reliable in its commitment to their fellow neighbors who are served by Meade County RECC.

Meade County RECC was built by, belongs to and is led by people in the communities we serve, nearly 30,000 members throughout all or parts of six central Kentucky counties.

Meade County RECC is led by an elected board of seven community leaders that provides guidance and oversight to ensure that the needs of the co-op membership are

■ Cover photos: Jenko Ataman; Tim Webb

■ Opposite top: Meade County RECC Member Service Representative Shannon McMahan explains a bill to a member. Photo: Joe Imel

■ Opposite bottom: From left, Meade County RECC linemen Todd Board, Joe Brown, Joel Taul and Greg Dockery stand ready to serve members. Photo: Todd Blackburn





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represented in all decisions. Board members have a fiduciary duty that requires them to attend monthly board meetings and participate in regular education and training on industry trends and developments.

As a local cooperative, our loyalty to our hometown operation means that we make decisions with local concerns in mind, not those of out-of-town shareholders.

The reliability of Meade County RECC is also the result of strategic and trusted partnerships.

Meade County RECC is an owner of Big Rivers Electric Corporation, a not-for-profit member-owned generation and transmission cooperative headquartered in Henderson. Big Rivers Electric provides wholesale electric power and services to three distribution cooperative members across 22 counties in western Kentucky. This partnership helps Meade County RECC keep rates low, attract business, create jobs and advocate for our local communities.

As a member of Kentucky Electric Cooperatives, Meade

County RECC pools resources with the other 25 electric co-ops in Kentucky to efficiently and effectively serve you. Membership in this statewide association helps us effectively communicate with you in *Kentucky Living* magazine, speak up for co-op interests in Frankfort and Washington, and coordinate critical safety training and mutual aid response during major outages and disasters.

Being a reliable member of the community also means understanding the duty we have to each other. We are proud to sponsor the annual Power Player Awards in both football and basketball at our two largest county schools. Co-op employees and board members are active and reliable members of the community, volunteering and committed to improving the quality of life here.

Being reliable means people can count on you to do what you say you will do. It means being trustworthy and dependable. At Meade County RECC, we know that reliability is a goal that must be constantly earned. Thank you for your trust and support as we work to deliver safe, affordable and reliable electricity.

■ Coach Larry Mofield and Myron Paige of Meade County High School. Meade County RECC sponsors annual Power Player Awards in both football and basketball at the two largest county schools. The events are paired with a Cheerleader Challenge that really excites the crowd. Photo: Todd Blackburn

■ Macy Alexander, Meade County High School, left, and Mikayla Stevens, Breckinridge County High School, after the Cheerleader Challenge. Photo: Todd Blackburn







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## ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF MEADE COUNTY RECC

**Where:** Meade County Fairgrounds, 876 Hillcrest Dr., Brandenburg

**When:** Monday June 15, 2020

**Registration:** 11 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Eastern  
10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Central

**Business Meeting:** 1:30 p.m. Eastern

The annual membership meeting of this co-op organizes to take action on the following matters:

1. Call to order
2. Appointment of parliamentarian
3. Determination of quorum
4. Reading of the official meeting notice and proof of mailing
5. Reading of the minutes of the previous annual meeting of members
6. Report of the Credentials and Elections Committee
7. Election of board members
8. Unfinished business
9. New Business
10. Report of the officers, board members and committees
11. Adjournment

## AGENDA

TIM WEBB



# 2019

# MEADE COUNTY

## ACTIVE ACCOUNTS

As of December 31, 2019

Breckinridge .....	14,334
Grayson .....	1,638
Hancock .....	14
Hardin .....	68
Meade .....	12,639
Ohio .....	1,212
TOTAL .....	29,905

## ACCOUNTS BILLED

2019 .....	29,905
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## AVERAGE KWH USAGE

(residential per month)

2019 .....	1,030
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## MILES OF LINE

2019 .....	3,243
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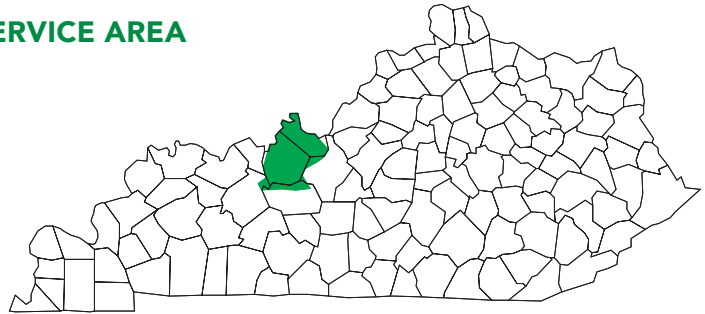
## CONSUMERS PER MILE

2019 .....	9.22
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## FOR INFORMATION AND INQUIRIES

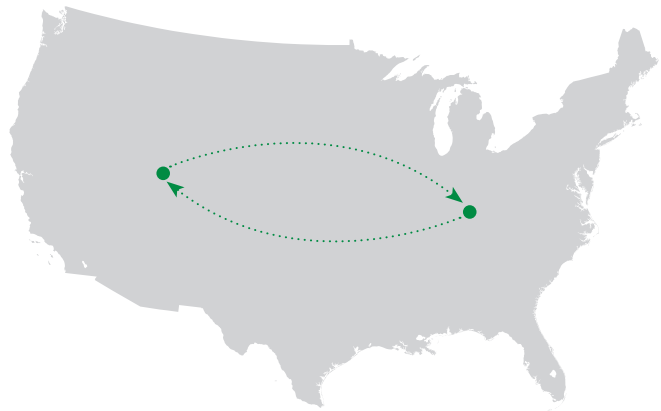
1351 Highway 79  
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## SERVICE AREA

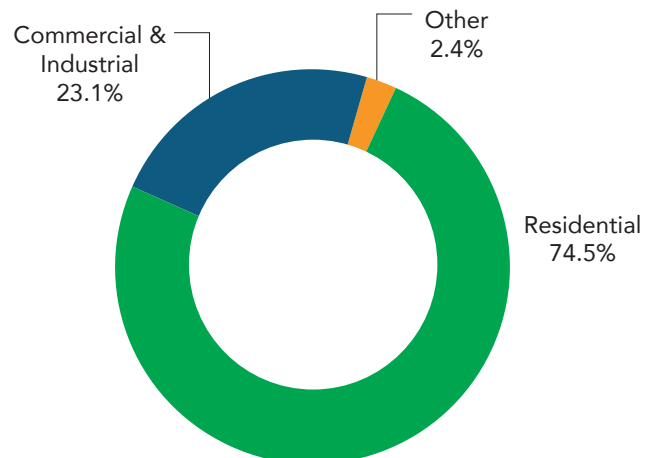


## MAINTAINING LINE TO KEEP MEMBERS CONNECTED

Meade County RECC maintains **3,243** miles of line across six counties in the cooperative territory. **That is roughly enough line to stretch from Brandenburg, Kentucky, to Salt Lake City, Utah, and back.**



## REVENUE SOURCES





# Y RECC YEAR IN REVIEW

## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

As of December 31, 2019

Operating Revenue .....\$55,339,836

### OPERATING EXPENSE

Purchased Power .....\$39,211,841  
Operating System .....\$9,537,924  
Depreciation .....\$4,378,968  
Taxes .....\$72,295  
Interest on Loans .....\$2,127,309  
Other.....\$60,660  
Total Cost of Electric Service .....\$55,388,996

Operating Margins ..... -\$49,160

Non-Operating Margins .....\$482,320

Other Capital Credits .....\$58,046

Patronage Capital and Margins.....\$491,205

## BALANCE SHEET

As of December 31, 2019

### ASSETS

Total Utility Plant.....\$130,465,693  
Less Depreciation .....\$45,409,083  
Net Utility Plant.....\$85,056,610  
Investments in Associate Organization.....\$2,271,218  
Cash .....\$22,189,387  
Accounts and Notes Receivable .....\$5,626,533  
Inventory .....\$766,064  
Prepaid Expenses .....\$237,557  
Deferred Debits and Other Assets.....\$1,285,388  
Total Assets.....\$117,432,757

### LIABILITIES

Consumer Deposits .....\$1,454,411  
Membership and Other Equities .....\$35,841,591  
Long-Term Debt.....\$72,525,187  
Notes and Accounts Payable .....\$5,728,820  
Other Current and Accrued Liabilities .....\$1,884,749  
Total Liabilities.....\$117,432,757

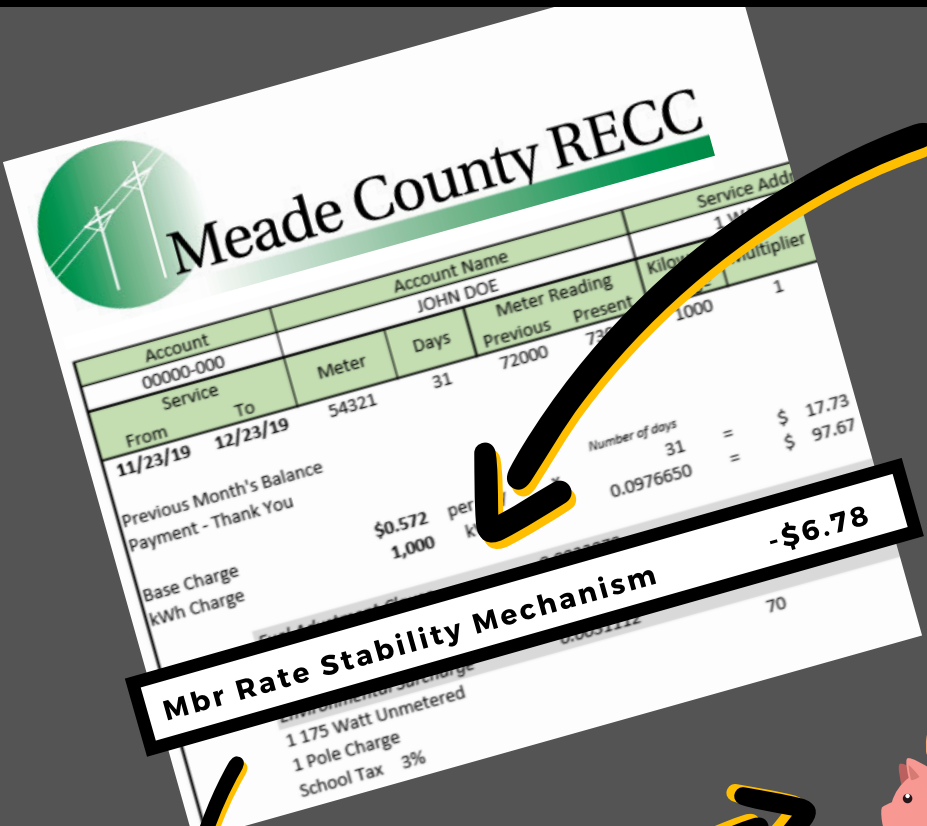
Statistics show the percentage of time that the average American has electricity at the flip of a switch is a steady **99.977%**. That's less than two hours without electricity a year.





# DID YOU KNOW?

YOU RECEIVE A CREDIT ON YOUR ELECTRIC BILL EACH MONTH



A sample electric bill from Meade County RECC. The bill includes a header with the RECC logo and name. Below is a table with account details: Account 00000-000, Service 54321, Meter 31, Days 72000, Previous Meter Reading 73000, Present Meter Reading 1000, and Multiplier 1. The bill also shows a 'Previous Month's Balance' of \$17.73, a 'Payment - Thank You' of \$97.67, and a 'Base Charge' of \$0.572 per kWh. A large black arrow points from the bill to a yellow box containing a list of benefits. Another black arrow points from the bill to a pink piggy bank icon.

Account	Service	Meter	Days	Previous Meter Reading	Present Meter Reading	Kilowatt Multiplier
00000-000	54321	31	72000	73000	1000	1

From 11/23/19 To 12/23/19

Previous Month's Balance \$17.73

Payment - Thank You \$97.67

Base Charge \$0.572 per kWh

kWh Charge 1,000 kWh

Number of days 31

0.0976650 = \$ 17.73

0.0976650 = \$ 97.67

**Mbr Rate Stability Mechanism** **-\$6.78**

1 175 Watt Unmetered

1 Pole Charge 3%

School Tax 3%



## MEMBER BILL CREDIT

MEMBER RATE STABILITY MECHANISM

- NEARLY \$2.5 MILLION IN 2019 GIVEN TO ALL MEMBERS
- \$6-\$8 PER MONTH AVERAGE FOR EACH MEMBER
- HELPS TO OFFSET RISING ENVIRONMENT AND FUEL COSTS.

On average, the typical homeowner receives roughly \$6-\$8 per month in bill credit...or roughly \$80 per year!



Meade County RECC has provided ALL MEMBERS a bill credit every month for nearly a decade!

The Member Bill Credit is projected to increase over the next year.



THAT'S THE VALUE OF ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE MEMBERSHIP