



Three directors to be elected in 2010

Prior to Kenergy's 2010 Annual Membership Meeting in June, individuals will be elected to represent Districts 1, 3 and 5.



A ballot listing the qualified candidates in a contested district election will be mailed in May to each Kenergy member residing within the district.

• District 1, which currently is represented by Glenn Cox, includes all of Lyon and Caldwell counties and that portion of Hopkins County west of Highway 109 and the area south of Highway 70 in Crittenden County.

• District 3, which currently is represented by Chris Mitchell, includes all of Webster County and that portion of Hopkins County east of Highway 109.

• District 5, which currently is represented by Bill Denton, includes the area of Henderson County east of the Pennyriple Parkway and east of that portion of Highway 41 that runs to the north of the Pennyriple Parkway.

A district director must be a member of the cooperative and must reside in the district he or she represents.

It is the duty of the Nominating Committee within the Member Resource Committee in each of the aforementioned board districts to nominate a person or persons for election to the Board of Directors.

The name(s) of the nominee(s) must be posted at Kenergy's headquarters by no later than Monday, Feb. 8, 2010.

The co-op's bylaws also specify that any member of Kenergy may nominate by written petition an individual for election to the board.

The petition for a district nominee must be signed by at least 15 members residing within the given district.

The petition must be submitted to the cooperative by Thursday, Feb. 18, 2010. Thereafter, if the petition is valid, the name of the nominee will be posted.



Twitter, Tweets

To improve communications, Kenergy has activated Twitter on its Web site's home page. If you would like Tweets – messages sent to your cell phone – when the co-op experiences an outage or posts other valuable information, go to www.kenergycorp.com and sign up as a co-op Twitter follower.

Only outages that number 500 customers or more will appear on Twitter, so you won't be inundated with Tweets.

During severe outages, Kenergy will update Twitter every two hours.

For more information, call 1-800-844-4832 and ask for Renee Beasley Jones, communications manager.

State agencies can help members stay warm

LEWISPORT -- Sixty-six years ago, Ruby Grant's husband built their home on River Road near Lewisport. Grant has lived there her entire adult life.

But homes built in the mid-'40s were not energy efficient. All those years, her home lacked proper insulation in the attic, and the original windows proved drafty compared to modern versions.

In 2007, Grant learned about Audubon Area Community Services' weatherization program from her local newspaper, the Hancock Clarion. At no charge, the weatherization program provided insulation for Grant's attic and covered her aging windows with plastic.

Since the energy-efficient improvements were installed, Grant's home is far more comfortable, and she spends less of her monthly income on energy bills. "It made a lot of difference in the warmth in the house."

Many Kenergy members may qualify for

assistance with weatherizing their homes through Audubon Area Community Services and its sister agencies throughout western Kentucky. For residents who qualify, agencies will conduct home energy audits for no fee.

The audit includes checks of insulation in the attic and beneath the floor of your home. The furnace, water heater and refrigerator will be inspected and will be replaced or repaired if needed. Teams may install new caulking and weather-stripping.

Also, residents who qualify for services receive free energy-efficient light bulbs and alarms for carbon monoxide and smoke. Gross income guidelines are:

Household of one -- \$21,660 or below

Household of two -- \$29,140 or below

Household of four -- \$44,100 or below

"(Federal officials) raised it to 200 percent of the poverty level," Tony Lindow, Audubon Area Community Services weatherization manager, said of the income guidelines. "It made more people eligible to apply."

The maximum benefit per family is \$6,500, Lindow said.



Ruby Grant

What you will need to apply:

- Copies of the Social Security cards for all occupants,
- Copies of utility bills for the last 12 months,
- Deed to the house or title to the mobile home,
- And proof of income for the past 12 months for all household members 18 years or older.

Renters are eligible to apply. Landlords must sign an agreement that gives agencies permission to replace appliances or perform other energy-efficient tasks.

Audubon Area Community Services offers this program to residents in Daviess, Hancock, Ohio, McLean, Henderson, Union and Webster counties.

At this time, Lindow said, his office has about 250 applications waiting to be served. A large increase in funds from the federal government greatly increased the number of eligible residents, pushing higher the number of applicants.

You may contact Lindow at (270) 686-1670. Residents living in other counties should contact their county officials and inquire about weatherization programs.

Adding load to existing locations

Are you aware that if you add load to your existing location Kenergy may need to rework its facilities to serve your load properly?

At this time of year, many farmers start using grain bins and associated equipment. If new grain bins and/or motors have been installed, the equipment may overload the utility transformer serving the load, causing unnecessary outages and expense.

Always check with Kenergy before making changes.

The co-op will check to make sure its facilities can adequately serve your load.



Are you aware of a condition that could damage your three-phase equipment if not properly protected?

This condition is known as "single-phasing" and involves the loss of power to one phase of a three-phase system. This loss of power could be a result of a problem on the utility's system or on your system.

There are a number of ways to protect machines from single-phasing. You should

speak with a qualified electrician to avoid this problem.



Vegetation Management

Why We Trim Your Trees

- Enhance Reliability - Keep the power on!
- Public Safety
- Safety of Kenergy and Contractor crews.

Trees, ladders, swing sets or other objects touching power lines may be energized. Playing in or around these may cause serious injury or death.

1-800-844-4832 ANY OFFICE, ANY TIME

No matter where you live – local or long distance – Kenergy wants you to call 1-800-844-4832 for regular business or to report an outage. The toll-free line will enhance communications and provide faster service.

The cooperative has refrigerator magnets with the 1-800-number for your convenience. The magnets also have a space for members to write their Kenergy account numbers. Come into any office and pick up your magnet today.

Trees are one of the leading causes of electrical power outages

Right-of-way clearing, including tree removal, tree pruning and herbicide application, is an important aspect of Kenergy's goal of delivering power to you that is safe, reliable and affordable. The cooperative's right-of-way maintenance program can help reduce outages caused by trees and branches falling on lines during storms and can help restoration efforts by making access to electric facilities easier. Kenergy's specifications require a minimum clearance of 10 feet between the power line and trees. Greater clearances may be required to achieve proper pruning.

maintenance program is designed to eliminate safety hazards for the public and maintain safe working distances between lines and tree limbs for employees working on the lines.

The following are some of the most frequently asked questions about Kenergy's right-of-way maintenance program.

Q: Trees were cut on my property after the storm. When will they be cleaned up?

A: Following a storm, Kenergy's objective is to restore power to all customers as quickly as possible. To do so often requires trimming or cutting trees in order to reinstall a pole or reattach wire. It is each customer's responsibility to clean up the debris created during the power restoration process. Many communities offer cleanup programs that will assist with the disposal of limbs, branches and other yard waste created by the storm.

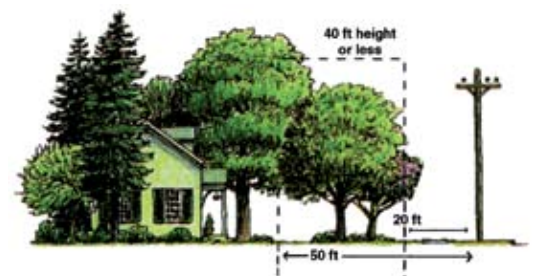
Q: I have limbs growing on the wire coming into my house. When will Kenergy trim the trees?

A: Each customer is responsible for making sure their service wire into their home is free from limbs and trees. Please call Kenergy to have your situation evaluated. We can help you schedule a convenient time

for our service personnel to come out and disconnect the power line so that you can trim or cut the necessary limbs or trees. When you are finished, Kenergy will reconnect the power to your home.

Q: I lost some trees during the storm. Where should I replant?

A: To enjoy the convenience of reliable, uninterrupted electric service, consider carefully the type of tree to be planted and its location in relation to any overhead line. Remember, small, immature trees planted today can become problem trees for the utility within a few short years. No trees should be planted closer than 20 feet from a power line.



The Kentucky Public Service Commission requires that all electric utilities under its jurisdiction, including Kenergy, maintain their right-of-way areas. Kenergy's right-of-way

UPDATE YOUR PHONE NUMBER

For faster service, call 1-800-844-4832 and update your phone number today.