Sharpen your pencils

With all due respect to the TV commercials that describe the Back to School shopping season as “the most wonderful time of the year,” parents know it can be a frustrating experience to wander the aisles and check off all the items on school supply lists.

From No. 2 pencils and washable markers to three-ring binders in four colors and calculators, it can seem like a scavenger hunt.

Yet, as we hustle our children out the door for the first day of the 2018-19 school year, we recognize how important it is that we’ve equipped them with what they need to be successful.

You might be asking what this has to do with Kenergy.

When you look at your electric bill, it’s important for you to know that not only does it reflect the amount of energy you used in the previous billing cycle, it also accounts for the resources Kenergy needs to successfully provide you safe, reliable and affordable electricity.

The big items on our supply list are obvious to see: poles, wire, transformers, meters and other equipment needed to connect the power grid to you.

Our lineworkers need adequate tools and personal protective equipment to both keep them safe and to be effective in maintaining and restoring power. Kenergy works

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In 2017, Kenergy experienced net margins of $1.9 million, representing a decrease of approximately $2.0 million from 2016 net margins. This year-over-year decrease was the result of two main drivers.

First, Kenergy’s net revenue (Revenue less Cost of Purchased Power) decreased $1.7 million from 2016 to 2017 because Kenergy’s rural members consumed 63 million fewer kilowatt hours (“kWh”) year-over-year. In fact, 2017 kWh sales to rural members hit a low not seen since 2004. Much of this decrease was due to the mild weather our area experienced in 2017. However, some of the decrease is likely due to energy efficiency and an effort to conserve by members.

Second, depreciation expense increased $0.7 million from 2016 to 2017. This is a result of Kenergy’s continued investment in new services and the replacement of aged facilities each year. Kenergy invested $12.8 million in capital projects in 2017 and $15.9 million in 2016.

The decrease in net revenue and increase in depreciation expense were partially offset by reductions in other expense items and an increase in interest income. In an environment where member usage is declining and fixed costs are rising, Kenergy continues to focus on reducing controllable costs in an effort to keep the overall cost to each member as low as possible. Kenergy was able to reduce controllable cost per member for the second year in a row in 2017.

While net margins were lower in 2017, a solid equity position and excellent operating cash flow allowed Kenergy to continue its practice of returning patronage capital to its current and former members. Kenergy returned $4.5 million in net patronage capital during 2017, bringing the 6-year total to $17.9 million.

Here’s to a safe and successful school year.

Jeff Hohn
President/CEO

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September billing schedule
*Billing cycle noted on bill

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Old Fashioned Vanilla Ice Cream

An old fashioned vanilla ice cream recipe that everyone loves! This creamy custard base homemade vanilla ice cream recipe tastes like an ice cream parlor favorite.

**Ingredients**

- 4 egg yolks
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup whole milk
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract or vanilla bean paste

**Directions**

1. Add egg yolks and sugar to a medium saucepan and whisk until a light yellow color and well combined. In another small saucepan, heat milk over medium-low heat until it just begins to simmer. Do not stir. Gradually add milk to egg and sugar mixture, stirring constantly. Return to heat until it reaches 165º F, but do not allow it to come to a boil. As soon as it reaches the correct temperature, remove it from the heat. Pour custard base into an air-tight container and store in the refrigerator until it chills to 65º F. The longer the custard base chills, the creamier your ice cream will be.

2. Once the custard base is ready, stir in the heavy cream and vanilla extract and pour it into your ice cream maker and process according to your ice cream maker’s instructions.

**Notes**

Yield for recipe as written: 1 quart
This recipe can easily be doubled for a 2-quart ice cream maker or multiplied for a gallon container.
**Scholarship winners**

A random computerized drawing out of 392 applicants was held July 2 for three (3) $1,000 scholarships and twenty-four (24) $500 scholarships. Scholarships can be used for tuition, fees, campus housing, textbooks, computers, school supplies and other costs directly related to the recipient’s education.

**$ 1,000 winners**
Isaiah Scott of Owensboro, Macie Blair of Philpot and Nathan Langford of Owensboro.

**$ 500 winners**

**ELECTRICAL SAFETY 101**

**BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS**

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:**
- Don’t play near or around power lines or poles at school.
- Stay clear of pad-mount transformers (those big green boxes) or other electrical equipment.
- Don’t place objects, such as pens or pencils, in electrical outlets.

**HIGH SCHOOL:**
- If you drive to and from school, obey all traffic laws and practice safety when driving in areas where utility crews are working.
- If you’re in an accident involving a downed power line, assume the line is energized. Remain in the car and call 911.

**COLLEGE:**
- Don’t overload electrical outlets.
- Keep all electrical appliances and cords away from bedding, curtains and other flammable materials.
- Only use extension cords temporarily.