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Kenergy empowers students through Washington Youth Tour

Kenergy sponsored three rising seniors on the Kentucky Electric Cooperatives Washington Youth Tour, a program that enriches students' understanding of American history and civic engagement while investing in our community's young leaders.

Madison Rowland and Abigail Riley from Daviess County High School and Tate Nobles from Union County High School were part of the 56-member student delegation from Kentucky, joining more than 1,800 other students from electric cooperatives across the country. "This trip gave me the opportunity to make lifelong friends," says Nobles.

As part of the all-expenses-paid trip, students visited national memorials, museums and historic sites like Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, George Washington's Mount Vernon and Arlington National Cemetery, where Kentucky's delegation laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. "Seeing all the memorials, historic monuments and our nation's capital with my own eyes was absolutely astonishing," says Riley.

Students named Sen. Mitch McConnell as the first honorary Kentucky youth tour delegate for his service to the state and support of



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electric cooperatives. Mason Lovell, Kentucky's Youth Leadership Council delegate, presented the senator with a Kentucky youth tour pin to commemorate the special honor.

Students also toured the U.S. Capitol and met with several congressional staff members while on the Hill. "From visiting the monuments and memorials to exploring the Capitol and meeting with Sen. Mitch McConnell, the Washington Youth Tour has become my favorite trip," says Rowland. "I enjoyed not only the fun-filled moments, but also the educational side of learning about our nation. [It was] one of the best experiences, filled with friendships and memories that will last a lifetime!"

Coordinated by Kentucky Electric

Cooperatives, the Washington Youth Tour gives students the unique opportunity to witness our government in action. "By exploring our nation's capital firsthand, students gain not only knowledge of history, but also a sense of their own potential to lead and innovate in the world around them," says Mallory Wafzig, manager of cooperative outreach and youth tour director.

Kentucky's co-ops have sent rising high school seniors on the Washington Youth Tour since 1972. "We are investing in our community's future leaders by equipping them with experiences that will inspire their growth and ignite their passion for making a positive impact in our community, state and nation," says Tim Lindahl, CEO of Kenergy.



STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For years ending December 31, 2023 and 2022

	2022	2023
Electric Revenue	\$342,928,823	\$621,395,635
Miscellaneous	1,787,974	1,869,137
Total Operating Revenue.....	\$344,716,797	\$623,264,772
Cost of Purchased Power	\$300,514,192	\$578,498,247
Distribution Plant Expense	18,692,885	18,084,098
Customer Accounting & Collecting Expense	2,582,458	2,700,833
Customer Service & Information Expense	157,412	156,344
General Office, Administrative & General Expense	4,419,253	4,334,701
Total Operating Expense	\$326,366,200	\$603,774,223
Depreciation Expense	\$14,812,004	\$14,456,228
Interest on Long-Term Debt	3,985,331	3,505,100
Other Deductions.....	920,433	689,416
Total Cost of Electric Service.....	\$346,083,968	\$622,424,967
Operating Margins (Loss)	(\$1,367,171)	\$839,805
Net Margins (Loss) from Fiber Broadband Operations.....	(34,665)	7,820
Non-Operating Margins.....	1,082,041	749,126
Total Margins (Loss).....	(\$319,795)	\$1,596,751

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Total Utility Plant.....	\$385,236,096	\$372,063,559
Less Accumulated Provision for Depreciation	(175,399,013)	(169,414,176)
Net Utility Plant	\$209,837,083	\$202,649,383
Non-Utility Plant (Fiber).....	\$42,197,941	\$2,141,489
Investments	6,189,841	6,160,185
Cash & Cash Equivalents.....	1,413,796	9,477,202
Accounts Receivable.....	21,843,209	32,625,169
Other Assets	40,073,929	25,939,085
Total Assets	\$321,555,799	\$278,992,513

MEMBERS' EQUITIES

Memberships	\$233,190	\$231,750
Patronage Capital	73,209,436	73,775,335
Other	11,824,520	11,748,228
Total Members' Equities	\$85,267,146	\$85,755,313

LIABILITIES

Long-Term Debt - Electric	\$136,501,717	\$134,378,862
Long-Term Debt - Fiber.....	\$12,569,216	\$0
Notes Payable - Fiber	\$27,400,000	\$0
Current Liabilities	56,570,913	55,991,359
Other	3,246,807	2,866,979
Total Liabilities.....	\$236,288,653	\$193,237,200
Total Members' Equities & Liabilities	\$321,555,799	\$278,992,513

2023 in review

A closer look at your co-op's financial health

Last year's temperatures were warmer than normal and Kenergy's sales were down. What gives? Well, that warmer than normal weather happened in January, February, November and December. There were some cold days during these months, but overall, they were much warmer than the 30-year average. As a result, Kenergy members used fewer kilowatt hours to heat their homes. This was especially true for members with electric heat. Overall, the average monthly usage for a Kenergy member's home decreased from 1,252 kWh per month in 2022 to 1,128 kWh per month in 2023. That might not seem like a lot, but combine that lower usage with lower fuel cost in 2023 and the average residential bill decreased from \$182 per month in 2022 to \$162 per month in 2023.

The lower kWh sales, combined with the effects of inflation, higher depreciation expense and higher interest rates all served to reduce Kenergy's margins from a positive \$1.6 million net margin in 2022 to a net loss of \$300,000 in 2023.

Finally, a discussion of Kenergy's 2023 financials would not be complete without mentioning the largest capital project in the history of the co-op—the approximately \$150 million fiber broadband project. Kenergy started the fiber project in late 2022 and made significant progress during 2023. At the end of 2023, Kenergy had \$42 million in fiber assets on its books and about \$40 million in fiber project debt. When this enormous capital project is complete, all Kenergy members will have access to high-speed fiber optic broadband service.

Our statement of operations is listed to the left or you can visit www.KenergyCorp.com for more information.

By Travis Siewert
Vice President
Accounting and Finance



2024 scholarship winners announced

A random computerized drawing of 340 applicants took place July 1 for three \$1,000 scholarships and twenty-four \$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.

Congratulations to our winners!

\$1,000 Winners

- Kayla Jones
- Evan Michalek
- Ashtyn McGaw

\$500 Winners

- Caroline Connor
- Olivia Ford
- Harrison Bowman
- Chloe Coomes
- John Brasher
- Lauren Hayes
- Noah Rhinerson
- Molly Ladnier



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- Alexis Gay
- Jaedan Frankenberger
- Ryan Gatton
- Emma Haynes
- Claire Boeglin
- Travis Conway
- Samuel Miller
- Conner Johnson

- Brighton Gogel
- Larkin Jarboe
- Madeline Jones
- Aaron Ring
- Adyson Mattingly
- Jackson Evans
- Blake Mullins
- Nolan Huff

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The Connect, powered by Kenergy, fiber project is underway and we're now connecting members.

Your neighbors have made the switch. Have you?

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Toll Free: For information or to report an outage
(800) 844-4832

Henderson: 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
6402 Old Corydon Road

Owensboro: 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
3111 Fairview Drive

Hanson: 9 a.m. – Noon, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
2620 Brown Badgett Loop

Hawesville: 9 a.m. – Noon, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
315 Hawes Blvd

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2024

Member Appreciation Day Save-the-date

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16
11 A.M. – 2 P.M.**

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for more information

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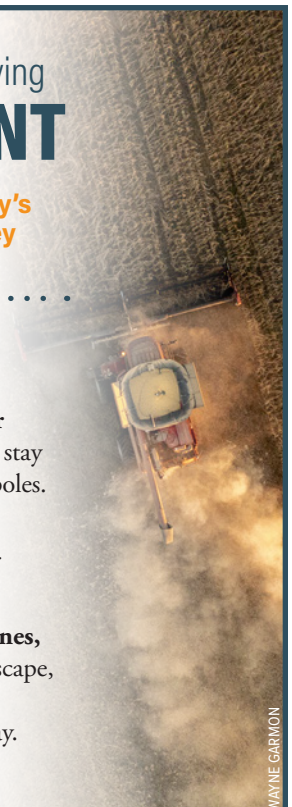
With the arrival of harvest time, Kentucky's farmers are shifting into high gear as they move into their fields to bring in crops.

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All that increased activity puts farmers and farm workers at greater risk.

Always look up and around before moving or raising equipment. A good rule of thumb is to stay at least 20 feet from all power lines and power poles.

Watch out for power poles, too. If you strike one, it may break, dropping a live line on your equipment.

If you're in equipment that touches power lines, stay inside and call for help. If you have to escape, jump clear of the equipment. Keep both feet together and shuffle or hop at least 40 feet away.



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All Kenergy offices will be closed Monday, September 2, for the Labor Day holiday.



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