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Understanding energy use

Factors that impact your monthly bill

January and February bring some of the coldest weather of the year, and as our home heating systems work harder and longer to keep us warm, we typically see higher energy bills.

There are a few key factors that affect electricity prices, as well as a few ways you can make a meaningful impact on home energy savings.

When you receive your monthly bill from Kenergy or check your account on SmartHub, you're provided with a summary of how much electricity you used during the billing cycle. You can even see how electricity use may have spiked on days when you used more electricity, such as a particularly chilly day or when relatives were staying with you.

But you might be surprised to learn that beyond your monthly energy consumption, there are external factors that can impact the cost of electricity.

Fuel prices

Kenergy purchases electricity from our power generation partner, Big Rivers, at a wholesale cost, then we deliver that power to our local communities. The cost of generating and transmitting electricity from our generation partner accounts for a significant portion of the cost to provide electric service to local

homes and businesses—and the cost of fuels that are used to generate that electricity, such as natural gas and coal, fluctuate based on supply and demand. While these fluctuations can impact the cost of electricity, we work closely with Big Rivers to plan ahead and help stabilize electricity prices for our members.

Extreme weather

While we can't control the weather, we can review weather patterns and forecasts to prepare for times of extreme cold or heat, when we know the demand for electricity will increase. But when temperatures become extremely cold and the demand for electricity spikes, the price of electricity can also increase.

Infrastructure and equipment

To cover the costs associated with providing electricity to your home, Kenergy residential members pay a monthly customer charge of \$22. This flat monthly fee helps pay for the cost of equipment, materials, labor and daily operations to serve members throughout our service territory.

Energy policy and regulations

Federal energy policies and regulations can have a profound impact on electricity costs. As energy generation shifts to the use of more renewable



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sources and stricter regulations for traditional, always-available fuel sources, such as natural gas and coal plants, costly upgrades and technologies must be constructed and deployed. These additional costs are ultimately passed to consumers.

U.S. power consumption is expected to double by 2050. Across the country, electric cooperatives are working with members of Congress to advocate for smart energy policies that reliably power our local communities.

You have control

While many of these external factors that impact electricity costs are out of our control, we all have the power to manage our energy use at home. The most effective way to lower use is

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Henderson Operations Manager Mike Church accepts the certificate of partnership from the Henderson County Board of Education on Kenergy's behalf. Kenergy, along with area utilities, was recognized for restoration efforts during Winter Storm Blair. Photo: Carla Froehlich

Message from the President

A heartfelt thank you

Local lawmakers support Kenergy

The Rural Electric Cooperative Caucus is a bipartisan group of Kentucky lawmakers who share a common goal—learning about how electric co-ops work so they can advocate for local co-op priorities.

Caucus members receive regular updates and briefings throughout the year and during the legislative session. They are also invited

to attend Electric University, an annual event hosted by Kentucky Electric Cooperatives, which offers a deep dive into how electricity is generated and transmitted to homes and businesses across Kentucky.

Kenergy is so fortunate that several lawmakers who represent the areas we serve have chosen to participate in the caucus. Thank you to senators Gary Boswell, Danny Carroll, Jason G. Howell, Stephen Meredith, Robby Mills and Craig B. Richardson, and representatives Randy Bridges, Chris Freeland, Jim Gooch, DJ Johnson, Suzanne Miles, JT Payne, Walker Thomas and Wade Williams.

Would you take a moment to send these lawmakers a message to let them know you appreciate their membership in the caucus and their support of our priorities? So often, our elected officials get an earful about what's going wrong. We think they need to hear from us when something is going right.

The easiest way to send the message is by scanning the QR code below. You can also visit RuralPowerKy.com to show your appreciation to your legislator for being a caucus member and supporting Kenergy.

This effort is not about a political party or any election. It's simply our way of saying thank you.



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By Tim Lindahl
President & CEO



Meet your director



Garrett Owen
District 10



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thermostat management. Since heating and cooling account for a major portion of home energy use, adjusting the thermostat to the lowest comfortable setting can help you save energy and money. Remember to service your heating and cooling system annually and replace dirty filters as needed.

Be sure to seal air leaks around windows, doors and other areas where gaps are possible. This will help your heating and cooling system work less and improve the overall comfort of your home. You can also check your daily usage on our SmartHub mobile app.

Kenergy is your local energy partner, and we're here to help. As always, we will continue working diligently to provide you with reliable power at an affordable cost.

An advertisement for Conexon Connect fiber internet. The background shows a woman with short grey hair, glasses, and a headset, smiling while looking at a laptop. The text is in blue and orange. A QR code is visible in the bottom right of the ad area.

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Conexon Connect's fiber-fast internet is a game-changer for Kenergy members. Sign up today!

Your neighbors have made the switch. Have you?

Sign up today at ConexonConnect.com, call us at 844-542-6663, or scan our QR code.





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Pole inspections to start in spring

Alamon, a pole inspection contractor for Kenergy, will begin inspecting poles in the spring. Each wooden pole Kenergy owns, or is attached to, will be inspected to ensure there are no hazards. Inspectors check for decay, insects, cracks, holes, age and any damage members may have caused.

You may see trucks in your area bearing a Kenergy Contractor magnet. Inspectors will also have an

Alamon picture ID with them. Inspectors will be working during daylight hours only. Don't be alarmed if you see the contractors parked for a few hours and/or riding from pole-to-pole on an all-terrain vehicle.

Inspection areas include Caldwell Springs, Masonville, Sebree, Thruston and Philpot.

If you suspect something irregular or suspicious, please give us a call at (800) 844-4832.

Save-the-Date

2025

Kenergy Annual Meeting
TUESDAY, JUNE 10

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6402 Old Corydon Road

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Daylight Saving Time Begins

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