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## BOARD ELECTIONS

At the July 14th board meeting, officers were elected as follows:



**Brent Wigginton**  
Chairman



**Billy Reid**  
Vice Chairman



**Susie Givens**  
Secretary/  
Treasurer



**Debbie Hayden**  
Assistant  
Secretary

## Kenergy Exploring Broadband Services

**K**energy, an electric distribution cooperative serving 14 western Kentucky counties is exploring the opportunity to provide broadband services.

"Kenergy is looking into offering broadband services," Kenergy President and CEO Jeff Hohn said. "There are several legislative and regulatory hurdles that we would have to clear before that opportunity would be available for us."

Kenergy's desire to provide broadband access emanates from the same factors that propelled the Rural Electrification Act into existence. For-profit electric utilities had little desire to extend electric service to sparsely populated areas. As a result, Congress passed the Rural Electrification Act in 1936 to provide loans so cooperatives could form and distribute electricity to unserved areas. The nation's broadband providers have followed a similar path. As a result, significant portions of Kenergy's service territory have been left in the dark as to broadband as they were to electricity 80 years ago.

"High-speed broadband can provide substantial value for our communities," said Hohn. "These benefits include greater availability to information, online learning opportunities, economic growth, and increased efficiency for our local businesses."

The cooperative is evaluating financing options and has filed a waiver with the Kentucky Public Service Commission. Kenergy will release more updates and details as they become available.

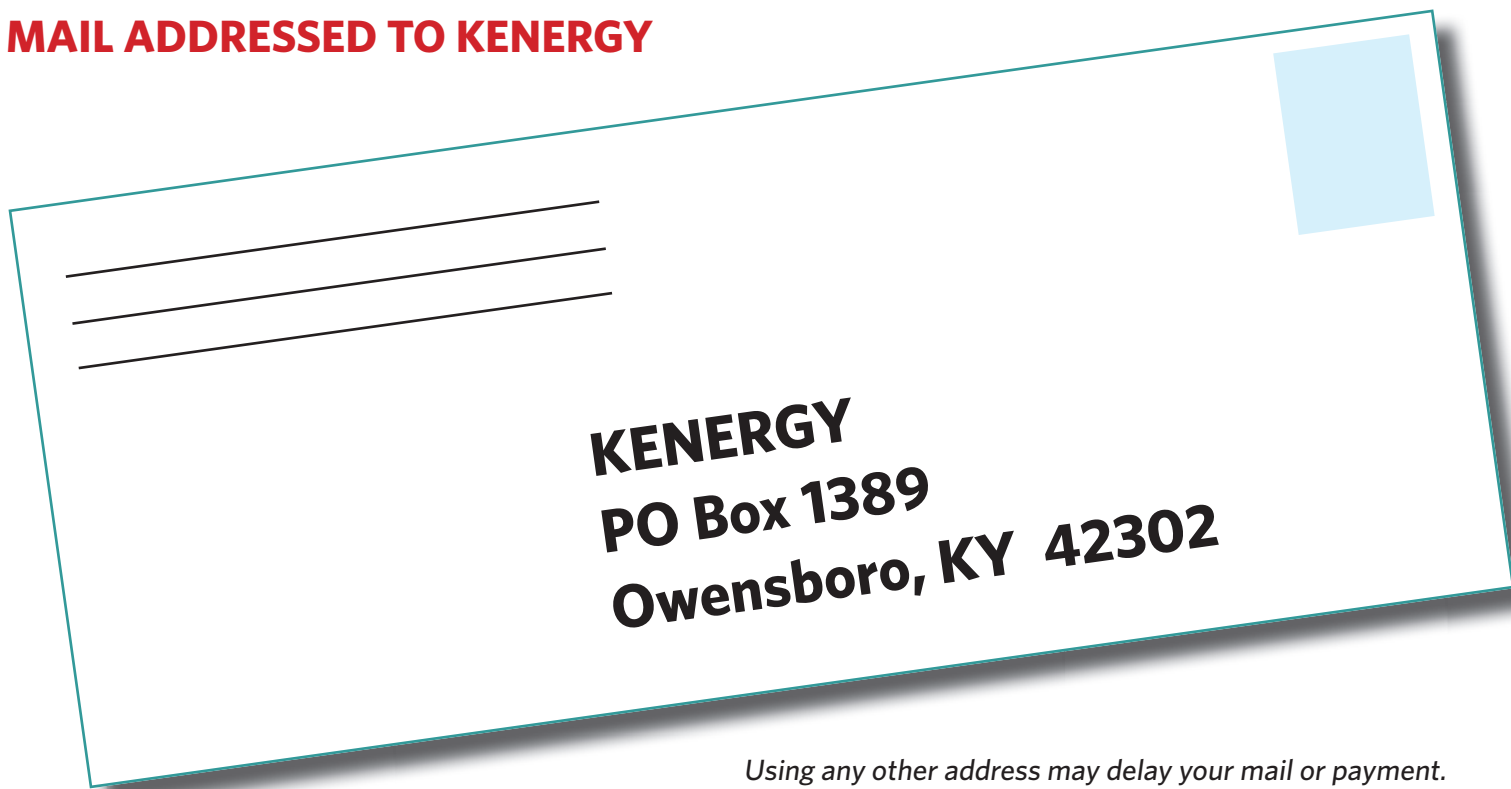
If you would like to send a letter of support for Kenergy to provide broadband services, please contact the Kentucky Public Service Commission and reference **Case No. 2020-00215** in the subject line of your email to: [psc.info@ky.gov](mailto:psc.info@ky.gov) or mail your letter to:

Kentucky Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Boulevard  
Frankfort, KY 40602



**All Kenergy offices  
will be closed  
Monday,  
September 7th for  
Labor Day**

## MAIL ADDRESSED TO KENERGY



*Using any other address may delay your mail or payment.*

## MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION DRIVE

Kenergy is asking for your help! We will be conducting a member contact information drive October 1st through 31st. We are implementing new systems within our cooperative and by updating your contact information, it will help us be proactive in contacting our members during outages and planned outages, as well as providing you with imperative information.

All you have to do is call 800-844-4832 during the month of October and talk to one of our Member Service Representatives to ensure that all of your information we have on file is correct.



Grab some chips or veggies and celebrate National Guacamole Day on September 16th with this easy recipe!

**INGREDIENTS**

**3 ripe** avocados  
**1** lime  
**1-2 cloves** of garlic, minced  
**Large pinch** of salt

**Optional Ingredient Add-Ins**

Chopped Tomato  
 Cilantro  
 Chopped Onion  
 Chipotle Peppers  
 Crumbled, Cooked Bacon



**DIRECTIONS**

1. To cut the avocados, run a knife around the avocado (from top to bottom) and twist in half. Pull out and discard the pit. Using a spoon or your thumb, remove the flesh and place into a medium-sized bowl.
2. Cut the lime in half and squeeze both halves into the bowl with the avocado, being careful not to get any seeds in the bowl.

3. Add the garlic, salt and any optional ingredients. Using a fork, gently mash each avocado half a few times then stir all ingredients together.

*Guacamole is best made and eaten right away. If you must store it, make sure that you cover it with plastic wrap directly against the guacamole. Press the plastic wrap into it with your fingers to prevent any air getting to it and causing it to go brown.*

# ELECTRICAL SAFETY STARTS WITH EDUCATION

**Prepare your kids with these tips to stay safe inside and outside the home.**

## OUTDOOR ELECTRICAL SAFETY RULES:

- Do not climb trees near power lines or climb utility poles, transmission towers or fences around electrical substations.
- Keep electrical cords away from water.
- Never touch an electrical pole or wire that has fallen to the ground.
- Watch out for thunderstorms. If you can hear thunder, you can be struck by lightning.

## INDOOR ELECTRICAL SAFETY RULES:

- Do not overload an extension cord with too many plugs.
- Teach older kids how to safely plug in and unplug cords.
- Remind children that water and electricity do not mix.
- For younger children, install safety caps on outlets.



TOUCHSTONE ENERGY COOPERATIVES





# SIGN UP FOR PREPAID BILLING

Traditionally, members receive a monthly bill for the electricity they've used. Prepaid Billing works just the opposite. This program is **completely voluntary** and allows Kenergy members to choose how much and how often they want to pay before they use the electricity.

Think of Prepaid Billing the same as you do when putting gas in your car. You pay for it before you use it. You can purchase small amounts every few days or 'fill up' the tank and not worry about it for an extended period of time. When your supply is low, you simply purchase more.

With this program, because participants will pay for electricity in advance, you do not have to pay a

deposit, there are no monthly bills, and there are no late fees.

For more information regarding the Prepaid Billing program, visit [www.kenergycorp.com/prepaid-billing](http://www.kenergycorp.com/prepaid-billing)

## PAY AS YOU GO

- NO DEPOSIT
- NO LATE FEES
- NO MONTHLY BILLS

## Featured Businesses Offering Discounts

To redeem discounts, present your Co-op Connections card, Co-op Connections smart phone app or print coupon from [www.connections.coop](http://www.connections.coop)

### 54 Pizza Express

15% Off Total Order

3101 Alvey Park Drive, Owensboro

### Beef 'O' Brady's

FREE Drink with Meal Purchase

200 N Main Street, Beaver Dam

### Bill & Dave's Smokin' Pit

FREE Drink with Buffet

1527 11th Street, Tell City

### Dave's Sticky Pig

FREE Drink with Meal Purchase

206 Madison Square Drive, Madisonville

### Donatos Pizza

FREE Cheese Bread - Asiago or Garlic Asiago with Purchase of a Large Pizza at Regular Price CODE 258

2601 West Parrish Avenue, Owensboro

### Firedome Pizza & Wings

15% Off Total Order. Cannot combine with other discounts or specials. Excludes Alcohol

512 Barrett Blvd., Henderson

### Firehouse Subs

FREE Medium Drink with Medium or Large Sub Purchase

5150 Frederica Street, Owensboro

### Galaxy Pizza

One FREE Order Cinnabites with food purchase on Mondays

985 Vastwood Park Road, Hawesville

### Tacoholics

One FREE Cheese Dip with Purchase

122 1st Street, Henderson

### Tom's Smokin' Bar B Q

10% Off Total Purchase

223 Second Street, Henderson

If you are a business wanting to participate in the Co-op Connections program, please contact Jeanette Weedman at (270) 689-6157 or [jweedman@kenergycorp.com](mailto:jweedman@kenergycorp.com)



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