



Warren RECC

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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The value of your electric cooperative

According to our recent poll of our members, nearly 3/4 of respondents perceived themselves as only a customer. At Warren RECC, we want to remind everyone that they are not just customers, but members and that's an important distinction.

In the early 1930s, people just like you faced a dire need for electricity in the rural areas of south-central Kentucky and all across the country. At that time, for-profit electric companies would not extend electric service to the rural areas because they could not make the profit desired by their owners/shareholders. In response, the federal government enacted the Rural Electrification Act. People just like you banded together in the rural areas and formed electric cooperatives all across the country.

We were one of those communities where local people worked together to create a cooperative and bring electricity to our homes and businesses. We're still local, and we still appreciate each and every one of our members. In fact, you'll never hear us call you a customer. In our eyes, you're a member.

The value we provide you as a member is broad, but here are just a few examples.

First, while it is more expensive to build power lines in the rural area, as a not-for-profit we require less return on the system investment. Warren RECC typically earns about 4 to 4.5 percent after all bills are paid. That money stays in the cooperative's electric system to reduce the need for additional loan money. For-profit electric companies are allowed an approximate 10 percent return on their investment, and a good portion of that will be issued to company stock holders, many of whom live out of state.

Secondly, your electric cooperative is run locally by the board of directors that you elect and local employees. For you, that means a physical office and local personnel are always close by. In contrast, many for-profit electric companies have shut down their local offices and consolidated, leading to reduced personal service and longer outage response times.

Thirdly, as an electric cooperative that is owned by you the member, we care deeply about what you have to pay for your electric service, and we work hard to make sure we keep your costs as low as possible. At Warren RECC, two major costs make up a typical

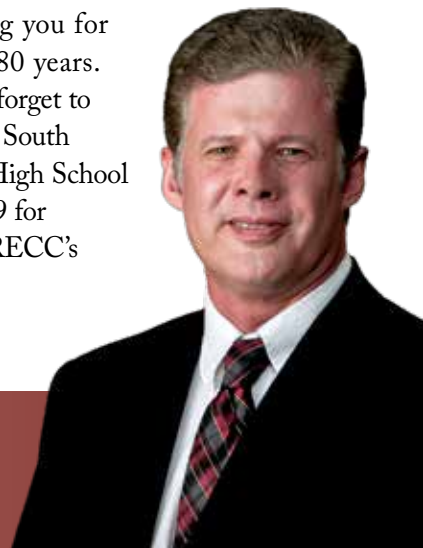
electric bill—the wholesale power portion and the local distribution portion.

We purchase the power required by you from TVA (Tennessee Valley Authority). That makes up what we call the wholesale power portion of your bill and it represents the largest part of your bill—typically 77 cents for every dollar you pay. The local distribution portion of your bill represents the distribution of that power to your home, and that is 23 cents for every dollar you pay.

Thanks to cost reductions and growth, we have been able to prevent an increase on the local portion of your bill since 2011. At Warren RECC, we are working hard to do our part to keep your cost low, and you should expect nothing less of us. We appreciate each and every one of our members, and look forward to serving you for another 80 years.

*Don't forget to join us at South Warren High School on July 19 for Warren RECC's Annual Meeting!

W. Scott Ramsey
CEO



What you should know about power lines on your property

Safe, reliable power keeps us comfortable in our homes, keeps our businesses prospering and keeps our schools open. Few things threaten that flow as much as trees and other plants that grow too high or come too close to power lines.

Each year in the United States, power outages cause an estimated \$80 billion in damage to our economy. A significant percentage of these outages

are caused when trees and power lines get too close together. These outages may result in risk to the public from downed power lines and potential property damage.

Warren RECC's right-of-way program is designed to minimize power interruptions and hazards by clearing limbs, trees, vines and other vegetation away from power lines. By doing this before vegetation has a chance to

damage property, cause power outages or compromise safety, we can help assure you safe and reliable electric service.

Rights of Way

In simple terms, the right of way is the strip of land immediately below and adjacent to a power line. The width of a right of way varies depending on what type of power lines are



on your property. Higher voltage lines typically have wider rights of way. Most rights of way on the Warren RECC system are 75- to 200-feet wide, accommodating lines that can carry voltage up to 161,000 volts.

Property owners have a responsibility to keep the right of way free of things that could impede access to the lines or structures for maintenance or repairs, that might get close enough to the lines to short them out or that might present a safety hazard. Such things include trees, brush, buildings, structures and fire hazards. Warren RECC servicemen or contractors have the right to enter the property in order to construct, maintain, upgrade or reconstruct an electric line.

According to our policies, Warren RECC will remove trees and brush located in Warren RECC rights of way on a 4- to 6-year cycle. You will be notified well in advance that Warren RECC crews are coming to your property. You will receive a phone call giving you a timeframe for our visit. Please make sure you keep your Warren RECC account updated with a valid phone number so that we can contact you. If we are unable to reach you by phone, we will send you a post card, which will also remind you to update that phone number. To update your account information, please contact Member Services at (270) 842-6541 or visit our homepage at www.wrecc.com.

What do we trim?

Once your Warren RECC crew (or our contract crew) is on site, they will clear the rights of way of trees and brush to allow for the construction, operation, maintenance and rebuilding of transmission and distribution lines. If other buildings, structures or



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fire hazards exist in the right of way, you may be contacted regarding their removal. For example, this also means deer stands will be removed from our poles. So hunters, we appreciate the sport but we cannot allow non-WRECC hardware on our poles.

Similarly, it's important to note that Warren RECC will only trim within the easement. That means, for example, if a tree straddles the easement boundary, Warren RECC will only trim the parts of the tree within the easement. Unfortunately, due to time and budget constraints, we cannot trim beyond what is necessary to protect the safety of our electrical system.

In a situation when a storm has caused an outage, please note that Warren RECC will clear vegetation and trees, so that they can safely access downed or damaged lines or poles to restore power. Warren RECC is not responsible for

clearing storm damage beyond what is necessary to restore safe, reliable power to our members. If a member's tree, portions of their house, barn or other materials are impeding power-line restoration, WRECC will have to move the debris aside, but will not permanently clean them up. As a member, you or your insurance company are responsible for permanent removal of storm damage materials on an electric-line easement. Since your neighbors, businesses and first responders are counting on quick power restoration and WRECC is held responsible for any unreasonable delays, we must keep the easement pathways accessible for the common good.

If you have any questions regarding your easement, your rights under the easement, or would like more details about our program, please call our Right of Way Department at (270) 842-6541.



Notice of 2018 Annual Membership Meeting

Thursday, July 19, 2018
South Warren High School
8140 Nashville Road, Bowling Green, KY

4-6 p.m. Meeting Registration
4-6 p.m. Voting
6 p.m. Business Meeting
7:15 p.m. Entertainment



Door Prizes!

Grand Prize:
John Deere 54" Zero Turn Mower



FEATURED ENTERTAINMENT

The Martin Family Circus



**Broadway
The Clown**

Election of Directors

In compliance with Warren RECC Bylaws, Article III, Meetings of Members, notice is hereby given that the following are candidates for election to the Board of Directors. This election will be held between 4-6 p.m. on the date and at the location stated above.

District 2: Warren County	Orville W. "Pete" Dotson, III (Incumbent—Unopposed)
District 4: Edmonson & Barren Counties	N.E. Reed (Incumbent—Official Nominee) Bobby Dale Thornhill (Independent Candidate)
District 7: Grayson County	Robert T. "Bob" Crawford (Incumbent—Official Nominee) Tim Purcell (Independent Candidate)

How To Contact us for
Service Emergency or
Power Failure - 24 hours

1-888-604-4321

(Warren County - 270-843-9710)
Electric Services

7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday through Friday

Barren County 270-286-8062
Butler County 270-526-3384
Northern Edmonson 270-286-8007
Southern Edmonson 270-286-8062
Grayson County 270-259-3161
Logan County 1-800-844-1664
Ohio County 1-800-844-1707
Simpson County 270-586-3443
Warren County 270-842-6541

Senior Staff

W. Scott Ramsey
Chief Executive Officer

Dewayne McDonald
Vice President of Engineering & Operations

Rox'Anne Gray
Vice President of Administrative Services

Patty Kantosky
Vice President of Member & Customer Services

Kim Phelps
Sr. Director of Communications & Public Relations

Nancy Huffman
Assistant Secretary to the Board of Directors

Penney Baseheart
Executive Administrative Assistant

Board of Directors

District 1 (Warren County) – Terry A. Garmon
District 2 (Warren County) – Orville W. "Pete" Dotson
District 3 (Warren County) – Michael W. McGuirk
District 4 (Barren & Edmonson Counties) – N.E. Reed
District 5 (Simpson & Logan Counties) – Joe B. Neely
District 6 (Butler & Ohio Counties) – Dennis P. Ingram
District 7 (Grayson County) – Robert T. "Bob" Crawford

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