



Lyon-Coffey Events

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Rate Study Continues

The staff at Lyon-Coffey is in the process of acquiring the necessary data to determine revenue requirements to operate the cooperative. This information will then be sent to C.H. Guernsey & Company to perform the cost of service study.

The rate study will assign the costs to member classes using traditional rate making principles. Based on the report, rates will be designed to:

1. Meet the cost of recovery obligations of the cooperative.
2. Recover revenue fairly for each member.
3. Meet strategic goals identified by the Board of Trustees.

This cost of service analysis should take seven to eight weeks to complete. After completion, the study will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees in detail. Any changes to rates, which are identified by the Board, will be made at that time.

Kansas law requires that the cooperative provide the membership with an opportunity to discuss any proposed changes at a meeting of the Board of Trustees. Notice of that meeting will appear in the pages of this section of *Kansas Country Living* magazine. Prior to the meeting we will attempt to provide the membership with detailed information concerning the rate study.

As always, if you have any questions please give our office a call at (620) 364-2116.

Letter From The Manager

Christmas is celebration; and celebration is instinct in the heart with a gift and feast, with red ribbon and fresh green bough, with laughter and the sound of music, love and peace.

Through many centuries Christmas has been celebrated. It began with this cry that came ringing down the ages, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11 KJV).

Christmas is celebration, but the traditions that gather around

the day have significance only if they translate the heart's intention – expressed by

faith and hope and love.

Without this intention, the gift is bare, and the celebration nothing more than tinsel.

Faith, hope, and love - which cannot be bought or bartered, but only given away - are deeply rooted in the Christmas celebration.

These are the gifts without price. They are not always easy to come by, but they are in unlimited supply.

May you and yours have a very merry Christmas from the staff and Trustees of Lyon-Coffey Electric Cooperative.



Scott Whittington

This Christmas

Seek out a forgotten friend.
Share a story.
Give a soft answer.
Encourage your kids.
Keep a promise.
Find the time.
Forgive an enemy.
Listen.

Apologize if you were wrong.
Think first of someone else.
Appreciate.
Be kind.
Be gentle.
Laugh a lot.

Express your gratitude.
Go to church.

Welcome a stranger.
Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth.

These are simple things; you have heard them all before; but their influence has never been measured.

Christmas is celebration

Practice Holiday Electrical Safety This Season

Lyon-Coffey reminds you to keep electrical safety in mind when decorating for the holiday season at home and in the workplace.

- Before decorating, read and follow the manufacturers' instructions concerning installation and maintenance of all decorative electrical products.

- Use lights and other electrical decorations certified by a recognized independent testing laboratory such as CSA, UL, or ETL.

- Outdoors, use lights and other electrical decorations certified for outdoor use.

- Carefully inspect each decoration before plugging into an outlet. Cracked, frayed, loose or bare wires, as well as loose connections may cause electrical shock or start a fire. Replace damaged items.

- Always unplug electrical decorations before replacing light bulbs or fuses.

- Do not mount or support light strings that might damage the cord's insulation.

- Never nail or staple light strings or extension cords.

- Do not connect more than three light string sets together.

- Light strings with screw-in bulbs should have no more than 50 bulbs connected together.

- Do not overload extension cords – they can overheat and start a fire. Keep all outdoor extension cords and light strings clear of snow and standing water.

- Never use electric lights on a metallic tree. The tree can become charged with electricity from faulty lights.

- Do not allow children or pets to play with electrical decorations. Even small light decorations can produce a fatal shock if they are misused.

- Turn off all electrical decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

- Plug outdoor electric lights and decorations into circuits protected by ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs). Portable GFCIs can be purchased wherever electrical supplies are sold.

Olberding Transfers to DS&O

Mike Olberding, Lyon-Coffey Electric Crew Chief, has taken a position with DS&O Rural Electric Cooperative Assn., Inc., in Solomon.

Olberding started working at Lyon-Coffey October 1, 1992, and was promoted to Crew Chief in October 1999. He has worked

tirelessly from October 1, 1992, but has been especially dedicated to repairing damage from two major ice storms.

His hard work at Lyon-Coffey is appreciated. We thank him for his years of service to the cooperative and wish him great success in his new position!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

*From the employees, manager, and Trustees of Lyon-Coffey Electric.
Our offices will be closed to celebrate Christmas on December 25th
and again on January 1st for New Years.*

What is the Cold Weather Rule?

The Cold Weather Rule affects disconnect procedures of residential electric service from November 15 - March 15 for Lyon-Coffey Electric members. It does not mean that your electric service cannot be disconnected during this time period!

Please call our office and work out a payment arrangement if necessary. If your electric service is disconnected, then your total bill – delinquent and current amounts plus disconnection and re-connection fees - must be paid before your electric service can be restored.

Lyon-Coffey Electric will not disconnect a member's residential service from November 15 - March 15 when the National Weather Service forecasts the temperature will drop below 35 degrees Fahrenheit within the following 24-hour period unless:

- it is at the member's request,
- the service is abandoned,
- a dangerous condition exists,
- the member violates any rule of the cooperative which adversely affects the safety of the member or other persons or the physical integrity of the co-op's delivery system, or
- the member causes or permits unauthorized interference with or diversion of or use of (meter bypass), electric service situated or delivered on or about the member's premises.

The day prior to disconnection, the cooperative will make at least one telephone call attempt or make one attempt at a personal contact with the member of record.

Please help us keep your power on. Be a responsible member by paying your bill in a timely manner. Automatic bank drafts and automatic credit or debit card payments are available. Call 1-800-748-7395 to take advantage of those options.