

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



SUPPORT | ADVOCATE | EDUCATE



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 



SUPPORT

Because you are reading this annual report, chances are you already know that Owen Electric Cooperative only exists because of the

consumer-members who own our cooperative.

When Owen Electric was founded in 1937, friends and neighbors banded together to create a new kind of electric utility, where the voice of every person made a difference.

Electric cooperatives brought electric power to the countryside when no one else would. Today, Owen Electric and more than 900 other electric co-ops across America continue to answer that call. Focusing on our members' needs, Owen Electric provides much more than competitively priced, reliable energy. We are committed to supporting our communities and improving the quality of life for the consumer-members who live here.

OUR BOARD

The support and dedication of our board is essential. In addition to their supervision and guidance of Owen Electric, board members

receive important education and training, so they are prepared to support your co-op as we deal with the complex challenges of providing electric service.

Every member of the Owen Electric board of directors is a member of this co-op, democratically elected by the membership to represent the interests of all members, not special interests or outside agendas. Owen Electric board members are your neighbors.

MEMBER SUPPORT

As a cooperative, Owen Electric is your advocate, speaking up for common-sense policies which promote reliable power delivered as cost-effectively as possible.

With the support of our fellow co-ops, we advocate for member interests, such as preventing extra charges from appearing on your bill, promoting a robust mix of energy sources and protecting the not-for-profit cooperative business model.

Amid rampant inflation, Owen Electric is a resource hub for members who need help.

Member Services Representatives Rebecca McQueary and Jamie Taylor review a member's account.

Above right, Journeyman Lineman Josh Keeton pulls in underground wire for a home in a new subdivision.

System Operator Troy Osborne communicates with a serviceman who is working out in the field. Photos: Whitney Duvall

On the cover: Manager of Safety Rodney Kincaid demonstrates the different types of safety equipment lineworkers wear when on the job. Photo: Whitney Duvall



We follow the Cooperative Principle of “Concern for Community.”

- Employees are collectively allocated more than 1,000 hours a year to use for various volunteer and charitable efforts within the communities we serve.
- Owen Electric has a well-established history of supporting schools, charitable organizations and nonprofits that help improve the quality of life in our communities.
- In times of crisis and need, Owen Electric crews have assisted more than 50 utilities restore power in more than a dozen states.
- Owen Electric awards 15 annual scholarships to graduating seniors and students enrolled in undergraduate and trade programs.
- Each year, high school juniors are sponsored to attend the Frankfort Youth Tour and Washington Youth Tour experiences.

COMMUNICATIONS

Owen Electric is committed to open, transparent and helpful communications. In *Kentucky Living*, through social media and on owenelectric.com, we share updates, tips and important information about our communities and your cooperative. We work to combat scam attempts of our members, from phone



tract new employers. With some of the most competitive electric rates in the country and our record of reliability and resilience, we have a great story to tell.

ON THE LINE

All of us at Owen Electric are committed to the safety of both our employees and our membership. Though any business benefits from a safety culture, the inherent hazards of electricity require Owen Electric to be especially dedicated to safety.

Our crews follow strict guidelines and receive regular training so that they can return home safely no matter the conditions or tasks at hand.

A SUPPORT NETWORK

Many people find support networks in a circle of friends, their extended family, a local church, self-help groups and even online communities. In addition to our members, our cooperative is supported by East Kentucky Power Cooperative, the statewide association Kentucky Electric Cooperatives, our Touchstone Energy Cooperatives affiliation, and the collaboration of more than 900 electric cooperatives across the country.

As Owen Electric provides this annual report of our operations, please know how much we value and rely on your support. We're here for you, too, as we all work together to support our local communities.

Network and Communications Engineer Travis Hunter volunteers at the Ronald McDonald House of the Bluegrass, cleaning up the landscape and storage shed. Photo: Whitney Duvall

scams
to mis-
leading sales
pitches.

As a consumer advocate, Owen Electric is a clearinghouse for reliable information about matters that affect your bill and electric service, such as the rising costs for fuels used to create electricity, energy efficiency ideas to help manage your costs, and protecting the sales tax exemption for utility services at primary residences.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

In partnership with our power supplier, East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Owen Electric supports local businesses and works to at-



Engineering Technology Manager Tim Cammack hands out water to athletes at the Special Olympics Kentucky state summer games, held each June at Eastern Kentucky University. Photos: Tim Webb

AGENDA

Owen Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting of Members

Arthur Service Center

13179 Walton-Verona Rd., Walton, KY 41094

Friday, June 9

Registration: 4–6 p.m.

Business Meeting: 6 p.m.

The annual meeting of the members of Owen Electric Cooperative will be held at the Arthur Service Center, Walton, Kentucky, at 6 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, Friday, June 9, 2023. The business session will be held for the purpose of taking the following actions:

1. Report of the officers and directors
2. The election of two (2) directors to serve four (4) years each
3. To consider any and all other business that may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments thereof

Report of Nominating Committee

In connection with the election of two directors scheduled for this meeting, the following members have been nominated for directors by the Nominating Committee and certified by the Credentials and Elections committee. These committees were appointed by the Board of Directors of the cooperative—pursuant to the bylaws.

For four-year terms:

District 2

Eddie McCord

District 6

Rick Messingschlager

Registration of members will start at 4 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, Friday, June 9, 2023. All members must register in order to participate in the business meeting and prize drawings and to receive appreciation gifts. Students registering for the enhanced scholarship drawing must be accompanied by registered parent or guardian (Proper ID required for registration).

The drawing for one \$2,000 scholarship will take place following the business meeting; student and parent or guardian must be present to win. Members must also be present to win this year's grand prize. This year three lucky members will each win a \$500 energy gift certificate. Other prizes and \$1,000 scholarships will be drawn the week following the annual business meeting. Recipients need not be present to win.

Owen Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Hope Kinman, Secretary-Treasurer



Michael Cobb
President/CEO



John Grant
District 5, Southern
Boone County
Chairman



Rick Messingschlager
District 6, Kenton County
Vice Chairman



Hope Kinman
District 7, Northern
Boone County
Secretary-Treasurer



Charlie Richardson
District 1, Owen County



Eddie McCord
District 2, Gallatin and
Carroll counties



Robert True
District 3, Grant and
Scott counties



Alan Ahrman
District 4, Pendleton
and Campbell counties

2022 Owen Electric Cooperative YEAR IN REVIEW

ACTIVE ACCOUNTS

As of December 31, 2022

Boone County	24,548
Kenton County	13,977
Grant County	7,392
Owen County	5,271
Campbell County	4,053
Pendleton County	3,690
Gallatin County	3,459
Scott County	1,927
Carroll County	1,178
Total	65,495

ACCOUNTS BILLED

2022 65,495

AVERAGE KWH USAGE

(residential per month)

2022 1,103

MILES OF LINE

2022 4,663

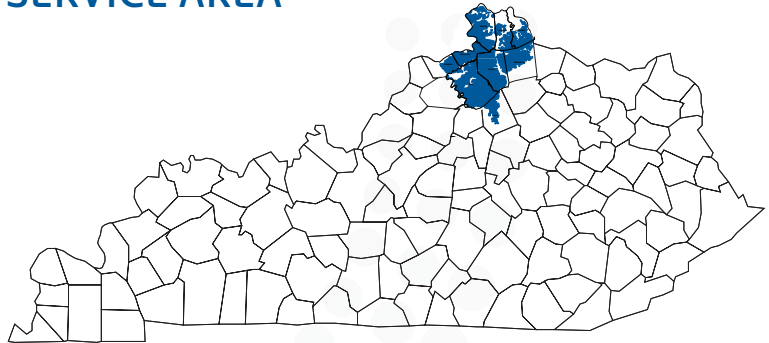
CONSUMERS PER MILE

2022 14.05

FOR INFORMATION AND INQUIRIES

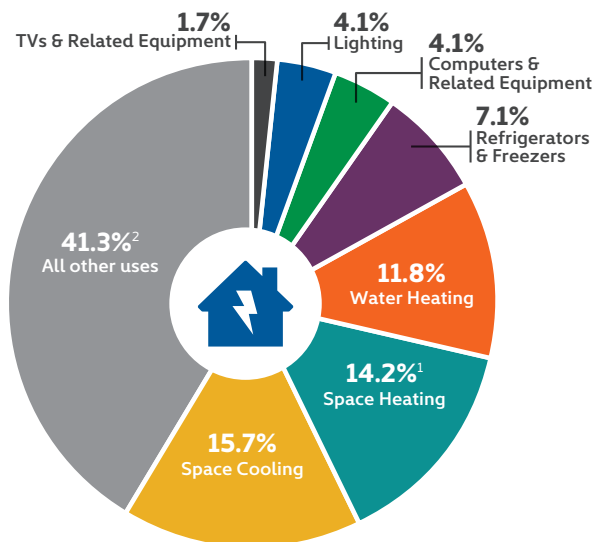
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SERVICE AREA



How Americans Use Electricity

The latest data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration shows the combined use of clothes washers and dryers, dishwashers, small appliances and other electrical equipment (noted as "all other uses" below) accounts for the largest percentage of electricity consumption in American homes.



Source: Energy Information Administration 2021

¹Includes consumption for heat and operating furnace fans and boiler pumps.
²Includes miscellaneous appliances, clothes washers and dryers, stoves, dishwashers, heating elements, and motors.

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FINANCIALS

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

As of December 31, 2022

Operating Revenue..... \$227,863,483

OPERATING EXPENSE

Purchased Power..... \$186,428,622

Operating System..... \$21,466,057

Depreciation..... \$11,766,994

Interest on Loans..... \$3,152,037

Other Deductions \$58,797

Total Cost of Electric Service..... \$222,872,507

Operating Margins..... \$4,990,976

Non-Operating Margins..... \$469,651

G & T Capital Credits..... \$3,912,026

Other Capital Credits..... \$289,309

Patronage Capital and Margins \$9,661,962

BALANCE SHEET

As of December 31, 2022

ASSETS

Total Utility Plant..... \$344,308,044

Less Depreciation \$179,073,931

Net Utility Plant..... \$165,234,113

Investments in Associate

Organization \$99,480,053

Cash \$12,519,373

Accounts and Notes Receivable \$21,184,987

Inventory..... \$2,297,059

Prepaid Expenses..... \$438,712

Deferred Debits and Other Assets..... \$7,389,429

Total Assets \$308,543,726

LIABILITIES

Consumer Deposits..... \$2,270,813

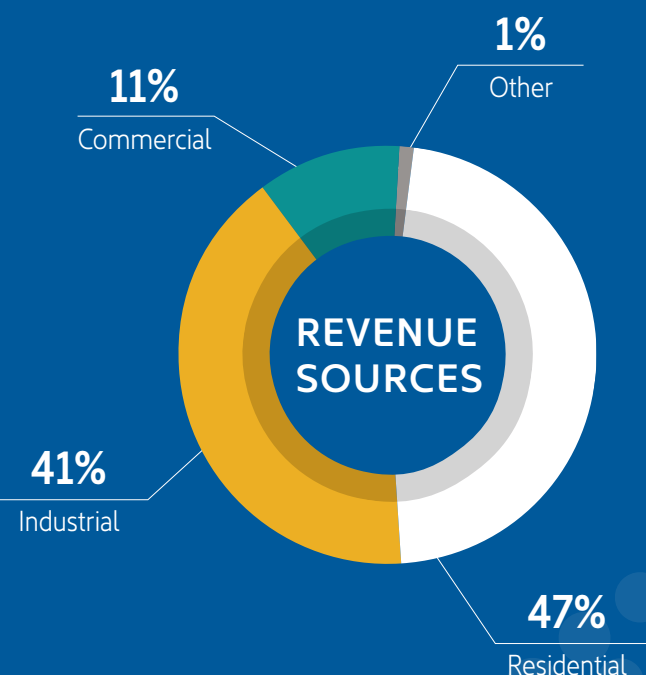
Membership and Other Equities \$164,533,197

Long-Term Debt..... \$94,203,053

Notes and Accounts Payable..... \$26,900,586

Other Current Liabilities..... \$20,636,077

Total Liabilities \$308,543,726



2023

Owen Electric's Annual Meeting & Member Appreciation Days

THURSDAY-FRIDAY, JUNE 8-9

Registration • Bucket and Bulb Pickup

Thursday-Friday, June 8-9

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Owen Electric offices

Registration & Annual Business Meeting

Friday, June 9

Registration: 4-6 p.m.

Meeting: 6 p.m.

Arthur Service Center

13179 Walton-Verona Rd., Walton, KY

Bucket and bulb pickups also available



Prizes

Drawn at the annual business meeting:

- Three \$500 energy gift certificates (to be credited to winners' Owen Electric accounts).
- \$2,000 scholarship

Must be present to win.

Drawn the following week:

- Fourteen \$1,000 scholarships
- YETI Roadie cooler
- 43" VIZIO flat screen TV
- Even more prizes!

Need not be present to win.

Eligibility & Info: www.owenelectric.com

FREE
Energy-saving
lightbulbs for
members who
attend!

Each registered member will receive a bucket, LED bulbs and reusable food container.



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