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January 2018

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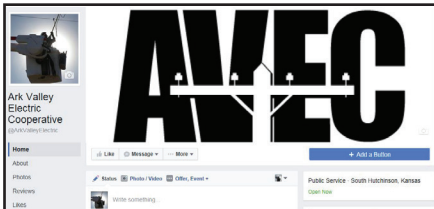
Ark Valley Electric would like to wish everyone a year full of happiness and prosperity.

Drawing Winner

CATHERINE RENNER is the winner of our \$25.00 readership drawing.

CATHERINE, to claim your prize, please contact Ark Valley by January 31, 2018 & give us the account number from your electric bill.

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Nominations Committee

The By-Laws of your Cooperative provide that the Board of Trustees shall appoint a Committee on Nominations.

In keeping with this provision, the Board has appointed the following members to the 2018 Committee:

Doug Barr
15105 W 56th
Nickerson, KS 67561

Bret Dunn
19904 W Red Rock Rd
Abbyville, KS 67510

Randy Goering
22806 S Mohawk Rd
Pretty Prairie, KS 67570

Randy Smith
PO Box 241
Arlington, KS 67514

Jim Combs
7508 E 17
Hutchinson, KS 67501

Ron Ensz
375 Cherokee Rd
Inman, KS 67546

David Hayes
2850 NW 10 St
Kingman, KS 67068

Steve Schweizer and Judy Kinsler will be up for re-election as of the date of the next Annual Meeting of Members on April 17, 2018. The Committee on Nominations will meet on Saturday, January 13, 2018, for the purpose of making nominations for Trustees to fill these vacancies. The Committee will post a list of such nominations in the office of your Cooperative. Additional information concerning each candidate will be published in the Annual Report, which each member will receive prior to the Annual Meeting.

Other nominations may be made by a signed petition of 15 or more members, not less than 15 days prior to the Annual Meeting. Such nominations shall also be posted in the Cooperative Office. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the time of the Annual Meeting.

The Board of Trustees consists of seven members. The present board members are: Steve Schweizer, Plevna: President; Keith McNickle, Stafford: Vice-President; Dan Schnurr, Sterling: Secretary; Joseph Seiwert, Pretty Prairie: Treasurer; Budd Fountain, Langdon; Larry Froese, Inman; and Judy Kinsler, Kingman.

An Annual Meeting of Members shall be held each year in Hutchinson, Kansas, usually between March 15th and April 15th, unless the Board of Trustees shall designate by resolution some other city, place, date, and/or time.

The Board resolved to host the next Annual Meeting of Members on April 17, 2018, at the North Sunflower Building on the State Fair Grounds in Hutchinson, Kansas.



The 2018 Annual Meeting April 17th

- Vote for Board Members
- Learn about your Cooperative
- Enjoy a night out with your neighbors
- Win prizes donated by Vendors



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What is this on my bill?

At Ark Valley, we are committed to providing safe, reliable, high quality electric energy to our members at the lowest cost. Part of that commitment involves providing you with information to help you use electricity more efficiently and save on energy related costs. A good place to start is to understand what demand is and why it exists.

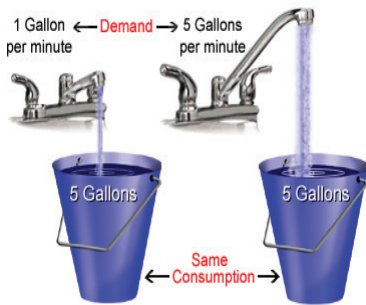
Both energy and demand charges are part of every electricity consumer's bill, whether it is noted separately on their bill or not. Although, the single phase and water source heat pump rates are based on energy, the rates are designed to cover both consumption of electricity and demand. In order to have a better understanding of the electric service provided, demand information is now being displayed on the bills of customers with the single phase and water source heat pump rates.

Energy is the amount of electricity that is consumed over time and is measured in kilowatt-hours (kWh). Demand is the maximum amount of energy a customer uses at any one instance during a billing period and is measured in kilowatts (kW). It reflects the cost that the utility incurs to maintain the infrastructure to deliver what the customer wants, when the customer wants it. Think of demand as the size of the pipe that delivers electricity to customers. A bigger pipe costs more, but can deliver more flow of energy at any instant.

Imagine you want to fill a swimming pool with water. You could fill it in minutes with a fire hose, or you could fill it in hours with a garden hose. In both cases, you get the same amount of water, which is a good comparison to energy. But how fast you get the water is quite different, and that difference incurs costs to the system, much like demand.

The distinction between how much electricity you need right now and how much you need in total over time is the basic difference between energy and demand. By staggering the operation of appliances and heating and cooling system, customers can control their demand.

During the summer months, when air conditioners are working and the demand for electricity is the greatest, the future cost of electricity is being determined. That is why Ark Valley encourages members to voluntarily spread out the use of electricity and reduce our peak demand. By holding down the peak, Ark Valley saves on its wholesale electric power bill and that means savings for the members.



Example of Demand Information on Bill

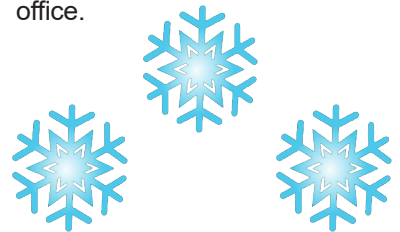
Energy Charge	462 @	0.1163	53.73
Demand	6.74 @	0.0000	0.00
Basic Service			30.00
Energy Cost Adj	462 @	0.012085	5.58
State of Local Tax			1.34

Board Meeting Highlights

The Board of Trustees for the Ark Valley Electric Cooperative Association held its regular meeting for the month of November on November 27, 2017.

Staff informed the Board that the Cooperative was in the process of sending out 4,873 capital credit retirement checks before Christmas. Out of that total, 3,528 are current Ark Valley members. The capital credits being retired represent all of the outstanding capital credit balances from 1997 (\$603,475.69), twenty-five percent (25%) of outstanding capital credit balances from 1998 (\$217,123.50), and thirty percent (30%) of the Cooperative's outstanding capital credit balances for 2016 (\$410,146.67). The total amount of the capital credit retirement checks equals \$1,230,745.86.

The Board started to make plans for the Annual Meeting of Members, which will be held on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at the Kansas State Fairgrounds. Two (2) of the current Board members, Steve Schweizer and Judy Kinsler, are up for re-election. If you, or somebody, you know would be interested in running for the Board, please call or stop by the Ark Valley office.



Want to Become a Lineman?

Ark Valley Electric Cooperative is offering its members a \$1,000.00 SCHOLARSHIP to any graduating senior, high school graduate, or recipient of an equivalent degree (GED, etc.) that plans to enroll in a Kansas line school.

(Must be a member or have parents that are members of Ark Valley Electric to qualify.)

If interested, call (620)-662-6661 or pick up an application from your School Counselor.

Applications must be returned to Ark Valley Electric by March 15, 2018.



The Ark Valley Electric Cooperative Association, Inc. is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.