



annual report
2013

safety rules



Making every year
the safest year ever.

CEO MESSAGE



MICKEY MILLER

Safety Rules

Safety doesn't just happen—you have to follow the rules.

When it comes to safety around electricity, failure to follow those rules can result in severe injury or even death.

Following those rules is an obsession at Nolin RECC. Keeping employees and members safe is so important that it's the theme of this year's annual report.

In these pages you'll find descriptions of the work Nolin does to keep its employees safe at all times. That's important for you to know as a member-owner of Nolin RECC. We also hope it will serve to help keep safety at the top of your mind all the time.

In addition, this annual report includes suggestions for protecting yourself around your home. We hope these tips will provide you with practical advice and reminders to help keep you and your family healthy and secure.

We want to make sure you know how to avoid the dangers of electricity, so that you can enjoy its amazing benefits. Because at Nolin RECC, safety rules!

ON THE COVER: Shaun Scherer, Nolin Rural Electric Cooperative line technician, shows that part of following the safety rules is to wear the proper equipment, including hardhat, protective eyewear, and protective gloves and sleeves. He's holding a "hot stick" used as a way to safely work on energized electric lines without getting near them. Photo: Joe Imel



Nolin Rural Electric Co-op holds regular safety sessions in schools and for other community groups. Here Nolin Rural Electric Co-op energy services coordinator Todd Drake uses a tabletop model to demonstrate how to avoid electrical hazards in every situation. He's presenting to Kim Thomas' 4th-grade class at G.C. Burkhead Elementary School. Photo: Joe Imel

The basics of electric safety

Did you know that all those overhead power lines you see everywhere are NOT insulated?

So how can a bird sit on one of those bare wires without getting electrocuted?

The answer is basic to how electricity works, and is a key to understanding the dangers of electricity, as well as how to use it safely.

Electricity always flows in a circuit, and it always takes the easiest path. While the bird sits on the wire, electricity flows from the power plant, beneath the bird's feet, to your house. But if that bird had a large wingspan and spread it out to touch a nearby power line, then the easiest circuit for the electricity would be through the bird to that nearby power line. And that would be the end of that bird.

If you think that because you don't have wings, you don't need to worry about that, think again.

If you're outside maneuvering a ladder to do some yard work and aren't thinking about the nearby power line, you could be like that bird. Contact with a power line could send high voltage from the wire, through the ladder, and through you to the ground.

A child flying a kite that could contact a power line could also form a circuit with the ground. And what would you do if you saw a downed power line? Well, by now you know enough to finish that story yourself—don't go near it. Call 911.

Keeping line technicians safe

In a line technician's world, electrical safety is number one priority! Every day they work around the dangers of electric current in conditions that seem designed for danger. They might be high above the ground in awkward physical positions. Weather conditions might be unpleasant or distracting.

Nolin RECC places the highest priority on protecting lineworkers.

FOLLOW THE RULES The first line of defense is to establish rigid rules. When a tiny pinhole in a safety glove can let in a deadly flow of electricity, strict procedures are required. Equipment must be tested. Following all the procedures exactly might require extra time to test equipment, it might call for extra personnel to assist, but those extra measures must be taken to be safe.

ENFORCE THE RULES Second, those rules must be enforced. It's human nature to forget, or to want to take a shortcut. But that's not acceptable when it comes to safety. The Nolin line crews know that not only are the rules meant to keep them safe, but disciplinary action will be taken if they are not followed.

SAFETY ALL THE TIME Third, those rules must be followed all the time. It's easy to let your guard down, but even a fraction of a second of losing focus can result in a lineworker accident. Making sure employees stay alert and focused every minute on the job is a key piece of Nolin's safety program.



PRACTICE, PRACTICE,

PRACTICE The fourth major piece to Nolin's lineworker safety program is training and practice. Daily meetings help workers stay informed and keep safety at the top of the mind. More formal training sessions are held several times a year, on topics like storm response, equipment replacement, climbing techniques, protective rubber glove procedures, chain-saw safety, and dozens of other topics.

Once a year co-ops all across the state get together for a friendly safety competition in the Kentucky Lineman's Rodeo. Lineworkers enter as individuals and teams to climb poles, repair lines, and participate in other events to sharpen their everyday work skills. The events are timed to see who wins, but following the proper safety procedures overrules all the speed scores. It's a day of camaraderie and training aimed at keeping safety skills sharp the other 364 days of the year.

Nolin RECC line technicians Shaun Scherer, left, and Jeremy Jones demonstrate safety skill procedures during the Hurt Man Rescue exercise at a recent safety day training held at the co-op. In this photo, Jeremy is lowered from the top of a pole following a mock electrical contact. Photo: Patsy Whitehead

Protecting the workplace

Safety isn't just for lineworkers. Nolin puts an emphasis on a safe and healthy workplace in everyday office routines.

Here is some of what Nolin tells employees to reduce their risk of injury. You can adopt these suggestions yourself for safety in your own home or office:

DESKS Be smart around chairs and desks. Make sure chairs provide good back support and are set at a comfortable level for the height of the desk. Never stand on a chair to reach for something.

COMPUTERS Many of us use a computer for work and play. Keep the monitor at eye level to avoid neck strain. Place the

keyboard directly in front of the user. The back of the keyboard should be slightly elevated to allow the wrists to be in a neutral position, and place the screen at right angles to the window to avoid glare.

TRIPS AND FALLS Avoid slips, trips, and falls—the leading cause of workplace injuries. Keep all areas neat and well-lit. Keep cords and cables away from where they could trip someone. Clean spills right away. Keep obstructions out of passage-

ways. Watch for loose carpet. If something falls, pick it up. Use caution when walking in high heels.

STAIRS On stairs, take one step at a time. Don't carry so much you can't see. Hold the handrail.

TAKE TIME TO BE SAFE Slow down and pay attention all the time. Don't let busy or emotional situations distract you from being safe.

Safe at home

Just as Nolin works to keep employees safe,

the well-being of you, the consumer-member, is also of primary importance.

Wherever possible, Nolin makes efforts to keep you focused on using electricity safely. Through the mail, in electronic communications, and with community presentations, Nolin spreads the message that safety rules apply everywhere, every day, and to everyone.

Here are some important safety tips: **ELECTRIC OUTLETS AND POWER CORDS** should be checked regularly. Make sure outlets are in good repair and cords are not frayed. Don't nail or staple cords or run them under carpets. Extension cords should be used on a temporary basis only—they are not a permanent wiring solution.

PREPARE A STORM POWER OUTAGE SAFETY KIT that can get your family through at least 72 hours without electricity—flashlight, battery radio, blankets,



Ladders placed too close to power lines become dangerous conduits of electricity. Photo: Touchstone Energy Cooperatives

first-aid supplies, prescriptions, drinking water and food, and pet supplies.

INSTALL SMOKE ALARMS AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS. Test them monthly. Have a fire escape plan and practice fire drills.

CHILDREN SHOULD NEVER CLIMB POWER POLES or trees near power lines.

POWER TOOLS SHOULD NEVER BE LEFT UNATTENDED—indoors or outside.

WORKING ON FIXTURES OR WIRING.

Unplug appliances before trying to repair them; or better yet, leave the repairs to a trained professional.

SPACE HEATERS and similar equip-

ment to add home warmth are a

leading cause of fires in the home.

Keep them away from children, pets, high-traffic areas, and carpets or other flammable surfaces. Use only new models in good repair. Don't leave them on unattended.

PORTABLE GENERATORS should only be operated outdoors in areas with plenty of ventilation. Never run a generator in a home or garage—they emit deadly carbon monoxide. Disconnect all lights and appliances before starting the generator—after it starts running, turn on appliances and lights one at a time to avoid overloading.

DIRECTOR CANDIDATE PROFILES



DISTRICT 1 (The Northwest Service Area)

A. L. "BUDDY" ROSENBERGER is a Hardin County farmer who raises corn, soybeans, small grains, beef cattle, and operates a Holstein dairy. His farm is located in the Rineyville area near Four Corners. After graduating from Valley High School, he attended the University of Kentucky and earned a bachelor of science degree in agriculture. Mr. Rosenberger served three years active army duty, including a 13-month tour in Vietnam as a helicopter pilot.

Buddy and his wife, Carol, are members of Rineyville Baptist Church. They have two children, Fritz and Gretchen, and eight grandchildren. Attending UK football and basketball games is a favorite activity for Buddy and Carol.

Mr. Rosenberger has served as a Nolin director since July 1978, and during the past 20 years he has held the office of secretary-treasurer. He has completed the Board Leadership Program and is a Credentialed Cooperative Director through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Director Education Program. In addition, he represents Nolin on the East Kentucky Power Cooperative board serving as secretary.

Personal remarks from Buddy Rosenberger: *"I believe in the cooperative way of doing business. Member ownership and democratic control works for the benefit of all members regardless of age or status. Cooperatives laid the foundation for rural America and continue to improve lifestyles for everyone. I would like to have the opportunity to serve as your director for another three years."*

DISTRICT 4 (The Eastern Service Area)



DAVID P. BROWN is employed at Irving Materials Inc. (IMI) in Elizabethtown. He also helps his brother raise Holstein heifers and grow corn and soybeans on a farm near Hodgenville. He and his wife, Michelle, have four daughters, Kaelyn, Danielle, Ivy, and Presley. The Browns also have two grandchildren. The family attends Our Lady of Mercy Church in Hodgenville. David spends his evenings and weekends following his daughters' sports activities.

Mr. Brown began serving on the Nolin board in June 1994 and was elected chair of the board in 2003. He is a Credentialed Cooperative Director through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Director Education Program. He is a former member of the LaRue County Extension Council and the Hardin/LaRue County Southern States board. He formerly served as treasurer of LaRue County Dairy Association and is a member of Farm Bureau. David is also past president of the Hardin and LaRue County Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

Personal remarks from David Brown: *"I am committed to **all** members and will do my best to ensure you continue to receive low-cost, reliable electric. I believe in the Touchstone Energy Cooperative values and will ensure your co-op maintains their strong presence in our communities with needed services and support systems. I am dedicated to providing you (including students and new members) with education and vital co-op related information. I look forward to the opportunity to serve the Nolin members for another term."*

Annual Meeting Program

Exhibits, Displays, and
Health Fair
Open at 5:00 p.m.

Registration &
Early Entertainment
Begin at 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Business Session 7:00 p.m.

PRIZE DRAWINGS For Members Registering

- APPLE IPAD
- \$500 CASH
- CASH PRIZES
- EARLY BIRD DRAWING FOR
ELECTRIC BILL CREDITS
- BICYCLES FOR CHILDREN 12 & UNDER

FREE

11-QUART BUCKET &
LIGHT BULBS to each
member registering.

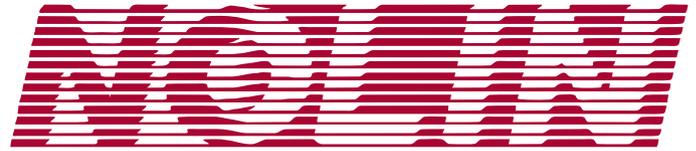


COME TO THE COOKOUT!

Starting at 5:00 p.m. our friends the
Pork, Beef, and Dairy Producers
will sell their delicious pork burgers,
hamburgers, pork chops, rib-eye steaks,
and ice cream.

Have dinner with us!
Don't miss it
-it's your annual meeting!

Official Notice



RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Friday, June 27, 2014

John Hardin High School

W. A. Jenkins Road, Elizabethtown

**Business Meeting
ENTERTAINMENT
Children's Inflatables
Free Health Fair and Exhibits**

**Caricaturist
DENNY
WHALEN**





Featuring:

OLIVIA HENKEN

Special Guest
RICK
ARNOLD



FREE COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

CASA of the Heartland
Elizabethtown Lions Club
Eriksen Chiropractic
Hardin County Co-op Extension Service
Hardin Memorial Health
HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital
Lincoln Trail District Health Dept. (WIC)
Hardin County Diabetes Coalition
Kentucky Organ Donation Trust for Life
Sick Call Mobile Clinic
AARP Smart Driver Program
Sleep Telemedicine Services
Tender Touch Senior Services
Helmwood Healthcare
Atria Senior Living
Amedisys Home Health
Vietnam Veterans of America,
Chapter 1051
Sam's Club
Radcliff Fire Department
Maternal Child Health Program
Anthem BlueCross BlueShield
Hardin County Schools
Heartland Whole Life Foods
Lifeline Home Healthcare

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the Year Ending December 31, 2013

Operating Revenue.....	\$79,598,052.00
Operating Expense	
Purchased Power.....	\$56,176,766.00
Operating System	13,868,966.00
Depreciation.....	3,890,056.00
Interest on Loans.....	3,304,860.00
Other Deductions	31,334.00
Total Cost of Electric Service.....	\$77,271,982.00
Operating Margins.....	\$2,326,070.00
Non-Operating Margins.....	3,117,722.00
Other Capital Credits.....	4,810,862.00
Patronage Capital and Margins	\$10,254,654.00

BALANCE SHEET

For the Year Ending December 31, 2013

ASSETS

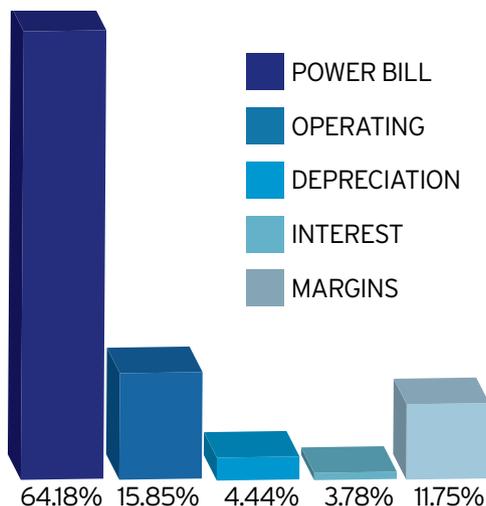
Total Utility Plant.....	\$104,573,735.00
Less Depreciation.....	39,947,311.00
Net Utility Plant.....	\$64,626,424.00

Investment in Assoc. Organization.....	\$30,718,044.00
Cash	7,421,870.00
Notes and Accounts Receivable.....	88,775,880.00
Inventory	1,116,804.00
Total Assets.....	\$192,659,022.00

LIABILITIES

Membership and Other Equities	65,488,202.00
Long-Term Debt.....	101,248,169.00
Notes and Accounts Payable.....	8,297,815.00
Other Current Liabilities	9,213,420.00
Noncurrent Liabilities	8,411,416.00
Total Liabilities	\$192,659,022.00

MAJOR COSTS



BOARD OF DIRECTORS



David P. Brown
Chair



Gene Straney
Vice Chair



A.L. "Buddy" Rosenberger
Sec-Treasurer



Lawrence Ireland



R.E. "Rick" Thomas



Linda Grimes



John J. Scott
Attorney



Mickey Miller
President and CEO

REVENUE SOURCES

