

Power lines are serious business

The March windstorm caused significant damage to trees and power lines in our service area and emphasized the need for greater awareness of the dangers of power lines. Though we remind members frequently to stay away from downed lines, we found several instances in which someone appeared to disregard that warning. This is a very serious and potentially deadly mistake to make.

Power lines running to our neighborhoods and homes can carry thousands of volts of electricity. Contact with these or any power line can cause serious injury or death. The same goes for the “green box” (pad-mounted transformer) that connects underground lines. Both above and underground distribution lines are necessary for bringing electricity to our homes, but they can pose serious risk to anyone who chooses not to follow safety guidelines.

Note these important safety rules around power lines from the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI):

- If you see a downed power line, move away from it and anything touching it. The ground around power lines—even 30-40 feet away—may be energized.
- You cannot tell whether or not a power line is energized just by looking at it. You should assume that all power lines are live (even those on the ground).
- The proper way to move away from a downed power line is to shuffle away with small steps, keeping your feet together and on the ground at all times. This will minimize the potential for a strong electric shock.

- If you see someone who is in direct or indirect contact with the downed line, do not touch the person. You could become the next victim. Call 911 for help.
- Do not attempt to move a downed power line or anything else in contact with it by using an object such as a broom or stick.
- Be careful not to touch or step in water near where a downed power line is located.
- Do not drive over downed power lines.
- If a power line falls on your car while you are inside, stay in the car. Call for help and direct others to stay away from your car.
- If you must leave a car that is in contact with a power line because it is on fire, jump out of the vehicle with both feet together and avoid contact with both the car and the ground at the same time. Shuffle away from the car.

In addition to safety around downed power lines, it is essential to keep items such as ladders, kites, drones and farm equipment away from power lines. Observe your surroundings before using and work at a safe distance. Always call 8-1-1 at least two to three days before you dig to avoid striking a line with a shovel or other equipment. Also, if you see that a tree branch is touching a line, report it to us so that we can have our trained professionals remove it.



This power line was found on the ground in the Nolin service territory following the windstorm that caused significant damage across Kentucky in March. After verifying that the line was deenergized, Nolin RECC Senior Service Technician Jamie Price took this photo to show how it burned the ground around it while it was still energized. This photo shows the importance of assuming all power lines are energized.

We cannot overstate how important it is to always treat all power lines like they are energized. Always stay far away from a downed line and call us from a safe distance if you see one. Be observant of your surroundings and help children and others do the same. Being aware and making good choices around electricity can help keep you and your loved ones safe.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



SARAH FELLOWS

Wide Open Utility Service Crew Leader-Vegetation Management Michael Leslie, 2 years of service.



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Nolin RECC Apprentice Line Technician Tucker Shelton, 2 years of service.



Office Closure:

Our Offices will be closed on Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day.

A fond farewell

This summer we are saying goodbye to two people who have served our co-op community for decades—A.L. “Buddy” Rosenberger and John Scott.

District 1 Director Buddy Rosenberger began his service as a Nolin director in 1978. Over the last 45 years, he has served in various roles including secretary/treasurer of the Nolin board and as a director representing Nolin on the East Kentucky Power Cooperative board. Buddy announced earlier this year that he would not seek another term. Buddy and his wife, Carol Ann, will continue to

reside on their farm in District 1.

Cooperative attorney John Scott has served in this role since 1981. John has advised the cooperative on countless matters during this time and has been an important part of the Nolin family. John has also helped to facilitate the director nomination process, which engages members in choosing those who run for co-op leadership.

We are grateful to both of these gentlemen for their many years of hard work on behalf of our members and we wish them the very best.



Left, Buddy Rosenberger was introduced in the October 1978 edition of Nolin News as the newest Nolin RECC board director. Photo: Nolin RECC archives. Right, Buddy hands out buckets at the 2022 Annual Meeting drive-thru registration. Photo: Sarah Fellows



Left, John Scott is pictured early in his tenure as Nolin RECC attorney. Photo: Nolin RECC archives. Right, John explains the Nolin director nomination process during the spring Member Advisory Council meeting in February. Photo: Sarah Fellows

NOTICE

Pursuant to the Kentucky Public Service Commission's ("Commission") regulation 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8, Nolin Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation (RECC) gives notice that tariffs requesting approval to modify the availability of service and update several terms and conditions associated with the Prepay electric services tariff will be submitted to the Commission on May 1, 2023. If Nolin RECC's requests are approved, the tariff will be effective June 1, 2023, at which time the new condition of service will apply. The following proposed changes are being made:

Availability of Service

Present: All Rate Schedule 1 accounts, excluding accounts on Levelized Budget Billing, three phase accounts, and accounts with 400 or greater amp service, within the territory served by the Cooperative.

Proposed: Rate Schedule 1 accounts within the territory served by the Cooperative are eligible, with the following exceptions: accounts on Levelized Budget Billing, Net Metering and accounts without consistently communicating remote disconnect/reconnect meters.

Terms & Conditions #2

Present: Members must have internet access to participate in the voluntary Prepay program.

Proposed: By signing the Prepay agreement, the member affirms there are no residents in the home currently that have medical conditions that will be impacted by loss of electric service. Should this status change or if Nolin discovers a member in the household has a medical condition that would be impacted by the loss of electric service, the account will be removed from the Prepay program and will revert to a post-pay account. If the member is removed from the Prepay program, a deposit may be required based on their established credit history.

Terms & Conditions #3

Proposed New: Members must have internet access to participate in the voluntary Prepay program. It is the member's responsibility to sign up for Nolin's mobile app and choose the types of notifications they wish to receive.

Terms & Conditions #5

Present #4: Members may apply funds to their Prepay account(s) by mail, by phone with a Visa or MasterCard, by utilizing Nolin's website for Visa or MasterCard payments, or in person during regular business hours.

Proposed #5: Members may apply funds to their Prepay account(s) by mail, by phone with a Visa or MasterCard, by utilizing Nolin's website for Visa or MasterCard payments, or in person during regular business hours. The minimum credit card payment allowed on any account is \$5.

Terms & Conditions #9

Present #8: Once enrolled in the Prepay service, no additional payment arrangements will be made.

Proposed #9: Once enrolled in the Prepay service, no additional payment arrangements will be made on their account.

Terms & Conditions #10

Present #9: If a member's postpay account has been disconnected for non-payment and the member chooses the Prepay option for the account to be reconnected, the member will be subject to a repayment plan whereas future payments will be split 70/30 until the unpaid debt is retired. Under this provision, the member will be applying 30% of any funds paid on the Prepay account to the unpaid debt. The remaining 70% of the funds will be applied to daily usage on the account.

Proposed #10: If a member's post-pay account has been disconnected for non-payment and the member chooses the Prepay option for the account to be reconnected, any deposit will be applied and any remaining balance will be subject to a repayment plan. Any future payments will be split 70/30 until the unpaid debt is retired. Under this provision, the member will be applying 30% of any funds paid on the Prepay account to the unpaid debt. The remaining 70% of the funds will be applied to daily usage on the account.

Terms & Conditions #10

Present #10 (to be deleted): If an agency submits or has already submitted (but not yet paid) a voucher or other financial assistance to an account, the full amount of the assistance will be applied to the unpaid debt on the Prepay account.

Terms & Conditions #11

Present #11: Prepay accounts will be billed at least once a day to show the remaining funds on the account. If a meter reading is not available, the account will not be billed until a reading is available. In addition, a month-end billing will be done to "true up" any unbilled charges. Charges such as program fee, customer charge, kWh, fuel adjustment, environmental surcharge, applicable taxes and franchise fees, security lights and poles will be prorated daily. Charges such as Operation Round-Up, etc. will be charged during the month-end billing.

Proposed #11: Prepay accounts will be billed at least once a day to show the remaining funds on the account. If a meter reading is not available, the account will be billed for zero usage. In addition, a month-end billing will be done to "true up" any unbilled charges. Charges such as program fee, customer charge, kWh, fuel adjustment, environmental surcharge, applicable taxes and franchise fees, security lights and poles

will be prorated daily. Charges such as Operation Round-Up, etc. will be charged during the month-end billing.

Terms & Conditions #15

Proposed #15 (New): A member who currently has Prepay service for at least 12 months with no disconnects or returned payments is considered to have established good credit and may go on postpay billing with no deposit.

Terms & Conditions #21

Present #20: A Prepay account will be disconnected if the balance of the account becomes negative. The account will be disconnected regardless of weather/temperatures as the member is responsible for ensuring that the Prepay account is adequately funded. If the member can not ensure proper funding, Nolin recommends the member not utilize the Prepay service.

Proposed #21: A Prepay account will be disconnected if the balance of the account falls below a credit balance. The account will be disconnected regardless of weather/temperatures as the member is responsible for ensuring that the Prepay account is adequately funded. If the member can not ensure proper funding, Nolin recommends the member not utilize the Prepay service.

Terms & Conditions #24

Proposed #24 (New): Any account disconnected for any reason and is off for 7 days is subject to having the account closed and final billed. Member will be required to re-apply for service again.

A person may examine these tariff filings upon request at the Nolin RECC office located at 411 Ring Road, Elizabethtown, KY 42701. A person may also examine these tariff filings at the Commission's office located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission's website at <http://psc.ky.gov>. Comments regarding these tariff filings may be submitted to the Commission through its Website at <http://psc.ky.gov>, or by mail to Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. The terms contained in these tariff filings are the terms proposed by Nolin RECC, but the Commission may order terms that differ from the proposed terms contained in these tariff filings. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention in these tariff filings to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request and including the status and interest of the person requesting intervention. If the commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of this notice, the Commission may take final action on the tariff filings.



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Community Collaboration

Our subsidiary Wide Open Utility Service has installed three Level 2 electric vehicle chargers in collaboration with the City of Elizabethtown. Two are located at Freeman Lake Park and one is at the Elizabethtown Sports Park. Find our electric vehicle blog and other resources at www.nolinrecc.com/electric-vehicles.



Left, an EV charger has been installed near the main entrance of Freeman Lake Park near the park office. Center, another charger is located on the north end of Freeman Lake in the parking lot across from the Veteran's Park. Right, those visiting the Elizabethtown Sports Park will find a charger near the West Park Road entrance. Photos: Sarah Fellows



Annual Meeting 2023

E'town office - 411 Ring Rd

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| <p>June 15 <i>Drive-thru registration</i> 8 am-5 pm</p> | <p>June 16 <i>Drive-thru registration</i> 8-2 pm <i>Walk up registration</i> 2-3 pm <i>Business meeting</i> 3 pm</p> |
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Free bucket & bulbs Giveaways Cash drawing


Official notice

Right-of-way work schedule

To keep our members informed, we are providing information about where our right-of-way crews plan to work each month. This information is subject to change.

May 2023 planned work areas: Verteeces Substation, Hardinsburg Road, Church of God Road, North Grandview Church Road, South Grandview Church Road, Saint John Road

Free wood chips are available. Call (270) 765-6153, ext. 2714 for details.



Happy Mother's Day

From Nolin RECC