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Featured above: Nolin RECC (Ft. Knox) Generator-System Maintenance Tech Jimmy Roberts, 1 year of service.

Comments from the President and CEO Plug into safety

This month, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the importance of safety. May is Electrical Safety Month, and your safety as well as the safety of your co-op employees is a top priority at Nolin. We all depend on electricity to power our lives, but accidents can happen when electricity is improperly used.

Our responsibility to you

Nolin's concern for safety extends beyond our employees. We care deeply about the safety of our members, and this month, we encourage you to plug into safety. According to the Electrical Safety Foundation International, thousands of people in the U.S. are critically injured and electrocuted as a result of electrical fires, accidents, and electrocution in their own homes.

To promote safety education in our local communities, we visit schools, clubs, and civic organizations to demonstrate the dangers associated with electricity. We provide electrical safety content in this publication (*Kentucky Living/Nolin News*) as well as on our website and in our office lobbies. We encourage the public to contact us if they see a downed power line or any other type of dangerous electrical situation. Nolin keeps electrical safety at the top of your mind by broadcasting important safety messages on local radio stations. We strive to provide our communities with safe, reliable, and affordable electricity and to serve as your trusted energy advisor, now and well into the future.

Our responsibility to employees

It is no accident that safety is a top priority at Nolin RECC. We are committed to a culture of safety that is part of our daily operations. In fact, Nolin is part of the Rural Electric Safety Achievement Program (RESAP) that follows specific guidelines and protocols for electrical safety that are considered leading practices. Our line techs are required to wear personal protective equipment at all times when on the job. This includes special fire-resistant clothing that will self-extinguish, limiting potential injuries from burns and sparks. Insulated and rubber gloves are worn to protect from electrical shock. Our safety team regularly discusses important safety issues pertaining to work within the building as well as out in the field.

Safety is a very serious issue at Nolin, and it is our responsibility to raise awareness about the importance of electrical safety. Take a moment to plug into safety. Please visit www.nolinrecc.com or www.esfi.org for tips about how to keep you and your loved ones safe.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(2)(b), notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held on Thursday, May 18, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time, at the offices of the Public Service Commission of Kentucky, 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, for the purpose of taking evidence on the Application of Nolin Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation for a General Rate Increase, Case No. 2016-00367. This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov.

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Mickey Miller
President & CEO

Let the sun shine!

Nolin receives green light on solar power



Cooperative Solar One, as the new solar farm is called, will provide Nolin members an easy, affordable way to benefit from sun power without the hassle, maintenance, and expense of owning your own solar electricity generation.

Interested members will pay a one-time fee of \$460 to license a single solar panel for 25 years. Each panel is expected to produce up to 50 kilowatt-hours of solar energy monthly. Energy output will vary due to the sun's angle, the time of year, the number of cloudy days in the month, and other factors. Every month, the energy output of your licensed panel will be calculated and credited to your bill.

Panel licenses are now available at Nolin RECC. To learn more, visit www.nolinrecc.com or www.cooperativesolar.com.

Members who want to help the environment and future generations by powering their home or business with renewable energy can now purchase solar power through Nolin RECC. More than 32,000 solar panels are being installed on land adjacent to the headquarters of Nolin's power supplier,

East Kentucky Power Cooperative (EKPC), which is based in Winchester.

State regulators recently gave the green light for Cooperative Solar, the largest sun-to-electricity community solar farm in Kentucky. The facility is expected to produce enough electricity to satisfy the power needs of about 1,000 homes.

Don't overload your circuits

With so many electrical devices in every room of the home, there's a good chance you're overloading your circuits. That means you're plugging too many devices into a single outlet—via a multi-plug power strip—or you're plugging in devices that require more power than your home's wiring can handle.

If your circuits are overloaded, it's time to call a licensed electrician to upgrade the home's electrical system so it can keep up with the demands new technology places on it.

Here's how to tell if your home's circuits are overloaded, according to the Electrical Safety Foundation International:

- Lights are flickering, blinking, or dimming.
- Electrical receptacles on the walls are warm to the touch or have become discolored.
- You smell a burning odor coming from receptacles or wall switches.
- Circuits trip on a regular basis.

And here's how to prevent that from happening:

- Do not plug large appliances into extension cords or power strips. They need an outlet all to themselves.
- Get rid of extension cords. They're meant for temporary use—not permanent. Don't rig your year-round devices, like lamps or TVs, up to extension cords.
- Notice how many extension cords you use. If it's a lot, that could signal that you don't have enough outlets. An electrician can add more.
- Don't mistake a power strip for extra juice. All a power strip does is allow you to plug more devices into a single outlet. Doing that can overload that outlet.



ADOBESTOCK/GHOST

JOIN us at the annual membership meeting!



Join your friends and family for an evening of great entertainment on Friday, June 23, at John Hardin High School. Registration begins at 5:30 PM, with the business meeting at 7 in the main gym.

There will be cash prizes, food, ice cream, inflatables, and a free health fair. Later in the evening, enjoy the featured entertainment of the Wulfe Brothers.

Don't forget your member registration card



Members who bring their registration cards to the annual meeting will not have to wait in a long line to register. A sample of your member registration card is printed below.

When you receive your ballots in the mail, tear off the bottom portion of your official annual meeting registration card, and bring both address cards with you to the annual meeting. **Do not separate the two address cards.** The cards will be scanned electronically and members will be automatically registered for the meeting and all prize drawings.

Don't forget to cast your vote for two directors. All ballots must be received at the Nolin office no later than **10 AM, June 23.**

THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION CARD

TEAR OFF THE SECTION BELOW AND BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR YOUR FREE BUCKET, BULBS, AND TO REGISTER FOR DOOR PRIZES.

DO NOT SEPARATE THE TWO CARDS AT THE BOTTOM BRING BOTH CARDS TO THE ANNUAL MEETING.

NOLIN RECC ANNUAL MEETING
FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2017
JOHN HARDIN HIGH SCHOOL
W. A. Jenkins Road, Elizabethtown

REGISTRATION: 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

See reverse side for director elections

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2017 Rate Increase Update

As of press time for this publication, Nolin is waiting to hear back from the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) on our responses following a third round of questioning related to our general rate case. The request for an 11.9 percent residential rate increase was filed in December 2016. In addition Nolin is seeking an increase on our monthly member cost of service charge from \$9.04 to \$20.00 on residential accounts.

Nolin hasn't raised our base rate since 2007 and prior to that, we had not raised our base rate in 25 years. In fact, rates were lowered in the early 1990s. The PSC could approve all or part of the requested increase. It's likely we won't have a decision on the filing until July or August of this year.

KNOW WHAT TO DO



If your bus, car, or other vehicle makes contact with a downed line, the vehicle and surrounding area could be energized.

1. Do **NOT** leave the car, and warn others to stay away.

2. Call 911 to have the utility notified.



3. Wait until a utility professional has told you it is safe.



The **only** reason to exit the vehicle is if it's on fire.

If the car is on fire, jump clear of the vehicle: **with feet together, and without touching the car and the ground at the same time.**



Continue to hop away with your feet together as far as you can.



Learn more at

**Safe
Electricity.org**

Manage your account

SmartHub provides you with a secure way to manage your electric bill online. You can also make payments, report a service interruption, and compare monthly and yearly electricity usage. Visit www.nolinrecc.com and click on SmartHub.



New Member Credits

All members signing up for new service with Nolin receive a short survey. Members who return the completed survey to Nolin are automatically eligible to win a \$30 credit on their electric bill. Each month, one name is drawn and a lucky Nolin member receives a bill credit on their next statement. **Congratulations to our latest winner, Allen Hobbs, of Elizabethtown.**

We've Got Your \$25 Number! \$25

WIN \$25 Worth of FREE Electricity

Nolin News features a contest called "We've Got Your Number." Hidden inside this issue are two randomly selected member account numbers. If you spot your account number, contact the Member Services Department at (270) 765-6153, and **win a \$25 CREDIT on your electric bill.** You must identify your number and call by the 15th day of the month's issue containing your number. Account numbers could be anywhere in your *Nolin News!*

HOW TO REACH NOLIN RECC

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RADCLIFF OFFICE

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(Office closed from 12:30-1:30 daily)

TOLL-FREE BUSINESS CALLS — 1-888-637-4247

PAY DIRECT BY PHONE TOLL FREE — 1-855-356-6359

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