

# OWEN Electric Connection

Owen Electric Cooperative

A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

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## Warm up with these ideas and rebates

When temperatures drop, your monthly electric bill usually starts to climb. There's no need to panic, though. Owen Electric Cooperative can help take the *brrr* out of February with a more energy-efficient home. We have many programs to assist members with saving electricity — and money. Grab a cup of coffee and mull over these ideas and attractive incentives.

**Deal with the ducts.** Improve the efficiency of your heating system dramatically by sealing leaky air ducts. By applying a substance called mastic with a paint brush to every duct seam, you'll plug the leaks. You can buy mastic from companies that sell wholesale to heating contractors. Or call Owen

Electric to ask about sealing your ducts and getting a rebate through our HVAC Duct Seal program.

**ButtonUp.** Sealing the air leaks in your home can save up to 20 percent on heating costs. Call us to schedule a free energy audit to identify air-loss problems and learn how to fix them. Up to \$1,370 in rebates are available for those who insulate and weatherize according to our recommendations.

**Make the switch.** Are you heating with an inefficient, costly electric furnace, baseboard heat, or ceiling cable heat? Homeowners who replace an outdated heating system with a qualifying high-efficiency heat pump can receive a rebate of up to \$1,000.

**Shop for the STAR.** If you're replacing your home's heat pump, buy one that is ENERGY STAR-certified and get a \$300 rebate from Owen Electric. Heating and cooling system change-outs (replacement of broken heat pumps, heat pump upgrades, new installs) and new central air installations are covered. You can also get rebates for buying ENERGY STAR refrigerators, freezers, or other appliances.

**Get paid to save.** Sign up for our SimpleSaver program, which provides

bill credits on your electric bill. We install remote switches on appliances that help us manage power consumption briefly during peaks, when temperatures are highest and lowest. In turn, we annually pay you \$20 for each central air conditioner and \$10 for each 40-gallon or greater electric water heater enrolled. To get a bill credit as soon as next month, call (800) 305-5493 or go to [www.simplesaver.coop](http://www.simplesaver.coop).

Call (800) 372-7612 or visit [www.owenelectric.com](http://www.owenelectric.com) to learn more about these programs and our rebates.



Sealing air leaks saves electricity and money. Owen Electric can help you save.

Mark Stallons  
President/CEO

# NOTICE OF FILING

On January 31, 2017, Owen Electric Cooperative, Inc. (“Owen Electric”) filed a Community Solar Tariff. Under the Community Solar Tariff, Owen Electric’s Members will be able to voluntarily license solar panels within East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc.’s (“EKPC”) eight and a half (8.5) MW community solar facility on the premises of EKPC’s headquarters in Clark County, Kentucky (“Project”). Under the Community Solar Tariff each participating Member will effectively pay the initial capital cost of the Project through a one-time, \$460 license fee for each licensed panel. A participating Member may offset up to one hundred percent (100%) of his or her average annual consumption of electricity from the previous three (3) years. Participating retail customers will receive a monthly credit on their electric bill which will return the value of their licensed solar generation capacity as well as the value of the generated energy associated with said capacity. Depending upon the Member’s preference, they may also receive the value of the solar renewable energy credits (SRECs) associated with their licensed panel(s). A monthly operations and maintenance expense debit will be deducted from the sum of the credits listed above. The average effect upon a participating Member’s average bill will vary depending on the Member’s usage patterns and the pricing applicable to the Project capacity, energy and SRECs during a billing period.

This is a new service offered by Owen Electric, is strictly voluntary and open to all retail customer classes. There currently is no other Owen Electric tariff in effect for community solar. The proposed effective date for the Community Solar Tariff will be March 2, 2017.

A person may examine this filing at the offices of Owen Electric located at 8205 Hwy 127 North, Owenton, Kentucky or through the utility’s website at [www.owenelectric.com](http://www.owenelectric.com). This filing may also be examined at the offices of the Public Service Commission located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission’s Web site at <http://psc.ky.gov>. Any comments regarding this filing may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through its website or by mail to: Public Service Commission, P. O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Owen Electric, but the Public Service Commission may order rates that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice.

A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, P. O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication of this notice, the Commission may take final action on the tariff filing.



*Artist's rendering*

# It's Youth Tour Time!



Shown at the Jefferson Memorial during the 2016 Washington Youth Tour are, left to right: Lauren Reinersman, Seth Longworth, Avery Booth, and Micah Myers. Photo: Tim Webb

Every year, Owen Electric offers high school juniors the opportunity to visit Washington, D.C., and learn about our country's history. The Washington Youth Tour is an annual weeklong event in June during which about 1,000 high school juniors from across the country travel to Washington, D.C., to learn more about government, cooperatives, and electrification. During the Washington Youth Tour, delegates will get the opportunity to meet youth from across the country, interact with cooperative and government officials, and visit historic landmarks. The purpose of the tour is to provide outstanding young people with the opportunity to:

- better understand the value of electricity and how government works
- become more familiar with the historical and political background of the United States
- prepare for their future

The application process is open to any high school junior whose primary residence is in Owen Electric's service territory.

Applications are due March 10, 2017, of the student's junior year of high school. Semifinalists will be invited to be a part of the Frankfort Youth Tour held in April. Washington Youth Tour delegates will be announced shortly after the Frankfort trip.

For those also participating in the Governor's Scholar Program, GSP WILL schedule/reschedule to accommodate those students who are also selected to participate in the Washington Youth Tour.

Applications can be picked up at any Owen Electric office, or online at [www.owenelectric.com/content/youth-tour-0](http://www.owenelectric.com/content/youth-tour-0).

## Summary of Owen Electric's bylaws relating to annual election process for directors

Each member shall receive notice and be eligible to vote and participate in the annual meeting. Our process for the election of directors, as defined fully in the Bylaws, is as follows: A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors prior to April 17, 2017. The Nominating Committee shall meet and nominate qualified individuals for directorship on the Owen Electric Board by May 2, 2017, and post these names at the offices of the Cooperative. If a member wishes to be placed on the ballot for the position for which the term is expiring, the member must secure a petition signed by forty (40) members who reside in the same district and then present the signed petition at the OEC President's office at the headquarters location in Owenton by the close of business (4:30 p.m.) on April 7, 2017. To review more information pertaining to the Annual Meeting, the election processes, and the Board of Directors, refer to the complete Owen Electric Bylaws found in the December 2016 edition of *Kentucky Living* or call (800) 372-7612 to request a current copy of Owen Electric's Bylaws.

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# CO-OP CAPTURES



## Christmas parade 1 and 2

Much fun was had and candy tossed while participating in the Owenton Christmas Parade. At left, the official OEC Candy Crew included, L-R: Lucas Courts; James Grider; Khloe Welsh; Eli Courts; Asher Courts; Brody Towles; Lily Towles; Lockett Beckham; Tillie Beckham; Madison Duvall; and Trace Duvall. At right, linemen Cody Beckham and Travis Duvall did a great job cleaning up the bucket trucks and decorating them!



## Christmas Project

John Tuggle, Jamie Olds, and Shannon Boling load up the Christmas presents for the Owen County Christmas Project for drop-off. In total, seven children were sponsored by Owen Electric and its employees.