



Rate Increase in the Future

ORU Grants Help Fire Departments



Delicious Thanksgiving Recipe



Operation Round Up[®] Helps Area Fire Departments

Lending a helping hand to area fire departments, IEC members, through Operation Round Up[®] and the IEC Foundation, are helping themselves and their neighbors.

Recently, the IEC Foundation granted applications from two area fire departments to buy much-needed equipment.

The Keystone Volunteer Fire Department, located between Mannford and Sand Springs, was able to replace an old radio that did not function properly with a new mobile radio. The department received a \$400 Operation Round Up[®] grant.

“Proper communication is essential to keeping our personnel safe during emergency operations,” says Chris Blackburn, president of the department. The radio and

antennae were installed in one of the department’s rescue squad vehicles.

The Cleveland Fire Department used its \$500 Operation Round Up[®] grant to buy equipment for its trucks, as department officials work to make the trucks Insurance Services Office (ISO) compliant. The equipment included a gated wye, a nozzle, pike pole, lights and two pick axes.

A reduction in a department’s ISO rating can result in a reduction in insurance rates.
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Keystone Volunteer Fire Department President Chris Blackburn (left) demonstrates the department’s new radio to Marlene Braught, IEC Foundation director.

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Rate Increase on the Horizon

by Jack Clinkscale, General Manager

By the time you read this, the 2005 annual meeting of Indian Electric Cooperative will be over. I hope you were able to attend and enjoy the meeting as much as we like putting it on. It takes a great effort on the part of many of our employees to make the annual meeting a success and I appreciate their hard work and dedication. The annual meeting is much like putting on a wedding; if everything goes well, everyone has a good time and takes the festivities for granted. But let a mistake occur and everyone notices! Clara Eulert and David Wilson were in charge of this year's annual meeting and have put in many hours to make sure the 2005 meeting was a success.

Those of you who were able to attend heard the news about future rate increases. For those of you who haven't heard, IEC will be receiving an 8% wholesale power rate increase from KAMO Power

in April of 2006. Wholesale power is IEC's biggest expense and this rate increase will significantly impact our operating expenses for next year. As regular readers of this column know, we are constantly striving to keep cooperative rates as low as possible. By keeping our expenses as low as possible, we are able to keep our rates as low as possible. Unfortunately, it does not allow us to absorb an increase of this magnitude without passing on a portion of the increase to you. IEC is currently going through a cost of service study to see how much of this increase we will have to pass through to our members.

Indian Electric Cooperative is part of a growing electric system that provides power to members in Missouri, Iowa and Oklahoma. IEC, a distribution cooperative, buys its power from KAMO Power, a generation and transmission cooperative headquartered in Vinita that is owned by IEC and sixteen

other distribution systems in northeast Oklahoma and southwest Missouri. KAMO buys its power from Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. (AECI), a "super" generation and transmission cooperative headquartered in Springfield, Missouri. AECI is considered a "super" G & T since it is owned by KAMO and five other G & T cooperatives in Missouri and Iowa.

AECI is dealing with several factors that are forcing the increases to KAMO and ultimately, IEC. AECI member energy sales are growing. While they have many generating assets, they do not have enough capacity to meet projected future load growth of all their member systems. This member system growth has led AECI to purchase a combined-cycle natural gas plant in northwest Arkansas and to begin construction on a

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RECIPE



Pumpkin Crescent Rolls

1 (8-oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened
1 (15-oz.) can pumpkin
1 (14-oz.) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
2 Tbsps. flour

2 Tbsps. cinnamon
2 tsps. pumpkin pie spice
1 cup pecans, finely chopped
4 (8-oz.) pkgs. refrigerated crescent rolls
1/2 cup granulated sugar

Preheat oven to 375-degrees.

In a mixer bowl, blend cream cheese, pumpkin, Eagle Brand milk, flour and spices until combined and smooth. Unroll crescent rolls, separate and lay flat. Evenly spread 1 & 1/2 Tbsps. of pumpkin mixture over the uncooked dough. Sprinkle 1 tsp. chopped nuts over the pumpkin layer then roll into the crescent shape. Sprinkle top of rolls with a little granulated sugar.

Bake 11 to 13 minutes or until slightly golden brown.

YIELD: 32 rolls.



Indian Electric offices in Cleveland and Fairfax will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24 and 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Dispatchers and service personnel will be on duty throughout the holiday weekend in case you experience an interruption in your electric service.

Please call 1-800-482-2750 or 918-358-2514 to report an outage.

Have a safe and happy holiday.

Safety Reminders for Cooler Weather

The change of seasons is an ideal time to use your cool weather electrical safety checklist to avoid potentially lethal electrical hazards, according to the Electrical Safety Foundation International, which offers the following safety tips:

Outdoor tools and appliances

- Safely store warm weather tools like lawn mowers and trimmers. Check cold weather tools, such as leaf and snow blowers, along with their power cords, for unusual wear and tear. Repair or replace

worn tools or parts right away.

- Unplug and safely store battery chargers that won't be in use again until spring.

- Use only weatherproof electrical devices for outside activities. Protect outdoor electrical devices from moisture. Make sure electrical equipment that has been wet is inspected and reconditioned by a certified repair dealer.

- Keep dry leaves swept away from outdoor lighting, outlets and power cords.

Electric blankets

- Make sure electric blankets are in good repair and certified by an independent testing lab such as UL, CSA or ETL. Power cords should not be frayed, cracked or cut.

- Don't tuck your electric blanket under children or mattresses, and don't put anything on top of it, such as comforters, while in use.

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new coal-fired generating plant in northwest Missouri. The increasing environmental requirements of the legislative and administrative actions of the federal government greatly impact AECI's proposed plant as well as their existing generating facilities. Stringent pollution control systems will potentially cost AECI millions of dollars in the coming years.

Faced with the need to invest in additional generating resources and environmental controls, AECI adopted a rate plan that will provide stability and the lowest costs over

time while ensuring it remains a financially strong and competitive wholesale power supplier. The plan is a balance of starting early to fund capital costs while reviewing any potential rate increases annually to make adjustments if necessary.

IEC, like AECI, will adopt a rate plan that also provides stability over time. We will continue to strive to keep our expenses as low as possible, while ensuring that you have safe and reliable electric service. While our prices are very likely to increase, IEC will strive to keep the impact to our members as minimal as possible.