

# Powerline Press

## NEWSLETTER



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## Summer Electric Reliability Outlook

In June, Lake Region sent emails and posted information on our Facebook page asking our members to conserve electricity voluntarily. Thank you to the members who helped make the small changes to save electricity and your energy-saving efforts. LREC and its power provider avoided any rolling outages in our service area.

Our power provider Associated Electric Cooperative Inc (AECI) triggered the conservation notice. The hot weather and power plant outages at three AECI generating units made the power demand higher than the capacity to meet all the member's electric load. In terms of the overall generation capacity for AECI, one of their larger power plants was down with fire damage, and others were down for spring routine maintenance. AECI did not have all its power plants producing electricity.

With environmental and economic pressures on the electric industry and fossil-fuel generation, many generation utilities have retired coal plants, which provide dispatchable (on-demand) power. In the place of existing dispatchable power sources like coal plants, the industry is building wind and solar generation, which are intermittent and unavailable on demand when needed. Technology must be available to reliably replace baseload generation sources as those power plants retire and are taken offline.

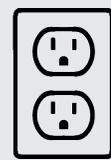
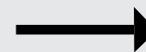
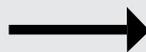
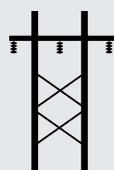
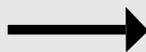


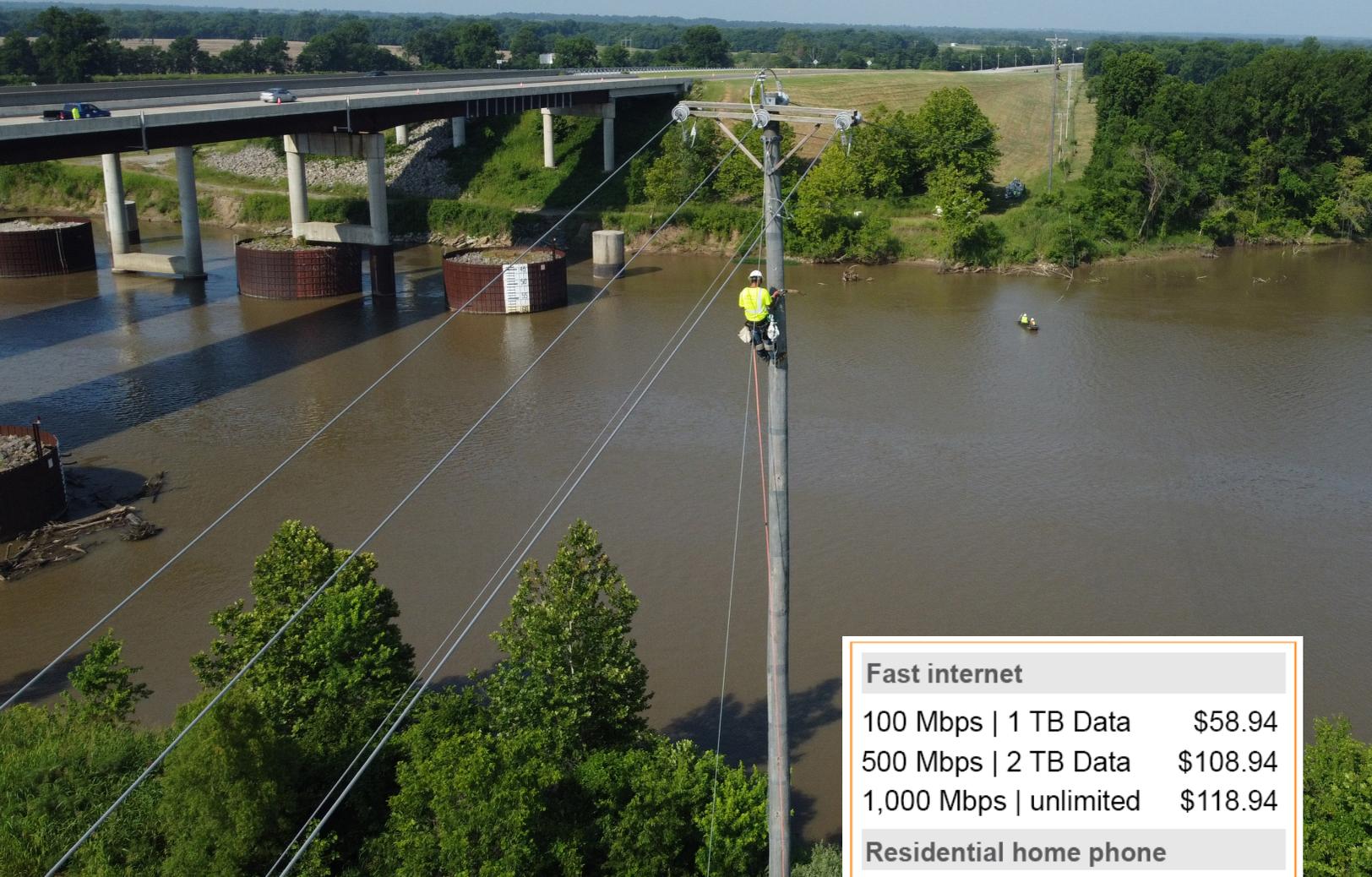
AECI Thomas Hill coal power plant

The outlook looks better for the rest of our Oklahoma summer. AECI's system is prepared for the summer demand. Thomas Hill Unit 1 and Dell Power Plant are back from spring maintenance and repairs, and Thomas Hill Unit 3, which was in the unplanned outage (fire damage), should be repaired and producing electricity this month.

AECI's diverse generation and robust ability to buy and sell power on the open market will also provide reliability advantages this summer and throughout the year. However, as the reliability of the neighboring power provider systems around us deteriorates, it can impact AECI ability to buy power on the open market, which has always provided backup support for our generation fleet.

The primary responsibility of Lake Region and our power partners KAMO and AECI is to provide reliable power to our member-owners and do so as affordably as possible.





Fast internet	
100 Mbps   1 TB Data	\$58.94
500 Mbps   2 TB Data	\$108.94
1,000 Mbps   unlimited	\$118.94
Residential home phone	
Unlimited long distance	\$29.95

# Impressive Fiber Work

Rural communities deserve equal access to broadband internet, and Lake Region is determined to build internet where no one else will. Above, Lake Region contractors, Ervin Cable are crossing the Verdigris River Navigation Channel on top of 100 ft poles in 100 degree weather to complete a fiber connection to service areas west of Wagoner. Lake Region is building a fiber-to-the-home network that will allow all LREC members to connect to **FAST & RELIABLE** internet.

# 9,000 Subscribers



Photo left to right: Colette Hamann, new fiber subscriber and Larry Mattes, Communication Specialist.

On June 28, 2022, Lake Region reached another milestone, our 9,000th active customer - Congratulations Colette Hamann. Growth is exciting, but being able to improve people's lives, is what drives Lake Region fiber internet forward. Thank you to everyone who has supported and continues to support our project to take our area forward with high-speed fiber-optic internet. We appreciate our members' patience as we continue to build new fiber lines and bring new zones online.

As more members come online daily, we are committed to building and maintaining a top-notch fiber network and offering more members the ability to connect to high-speed fast, reliable internet at an affordable cost.

Thank you, Colette, for letting us tag along during your fiber installation. 1917100

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## Co-op TALK

### TREE PLANTING

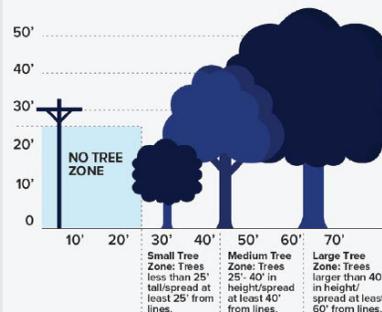
Hey! What are you up to this weekend?

I have a few trees I'm putting in the backyard. I want a little shade eventually. LOL.

Don't you have a bunch of power lines in your backyard?

Yeah. I'm making sure to give them a little room. Can you remember the guidelines?

I found a handy guide online.



Just make sure trees are at least 30 feet away from poles. And the bigger the tree, the further away it needs to be.

That's perfect, thanks!

No prob! And if you need anything else there's lots of info at [www.lrecok.coop/right-of-way](http://www.lrecok.coop/right-of-way)

For more safety info  
visit [www.safeelectricity.org](http://www.safeelectricity.org)



## How LREC SmartHub Can Help You Avoid Scammers

Scammers are using ever-improving technologies to target our members by phone, email, and text. These criminals claim to be from LREC and often use a technique called spoofing to make the Caller ID on your phone display LREC’s number. They may even use email addresses that look legitimate at first glance.

Members can get caught off guard by the aggressive tone of the scammers, who threaten to turn off power or internet if not paid immediately. Your best defense against scams – a good dose of skepticism and your LREC SmartHub account.

### Check your balance 24/7/365

Scammers will try to convince you that your account is past due. They then threaten to turn off your service unless you pay immediately. To prevent falling for these threats, confirm your LREC account balance any time, day or night.

### Make a secure payment

Sometimes, your account may have a balance. Don’t give the caller any personal or financial information. After confirming your balance, you can immediately make a payment toward your LREC account, and rest assured your money isn’t in the wrong hands.

**Account Overview** Pay all outstanding balances »

<b>John Smith</b>	Next Auto Pay Date: <b>07/19/2022</b> <small>View Bill »</small>	Amount: <b>\$176.00</b>	<b>Total Due:</b> <b>\$176.00</b>	<b>Make Payment »</b>
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Account	Auto Pay Date	Amount	
Electric 123456 - Auto Pay	07/19/2022 <small>View Bill »</small>	\$176.00	<small>Pay Account »</small>

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The amount increases by \$10 with each issue your prize goes unclaimed to a maximum of \$50.

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