



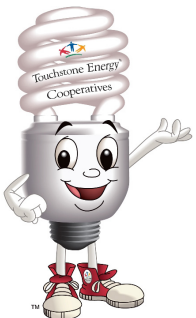
Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Dishwasher Efficiency Tip: Air dry clean dishes to save energy. If your dishwasher does not have an automatic air-dry switch, turn off the dishwasher after the final rinse and prop the door open slightly so the dishes will dry faster.

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#saveenergy!



What is Prepaid Metering?

Prepaid metering is as simple as it sounds: members pay for electricity before it is used, then use the electricity until the credit/money expires. A great analogy for prepaid metering is putting gas in your car. Say you only have \$30 for the week to pay for gasoline. You drive down to the station, pump in and purchase \$30 in gas. As you drive during the week, what happens? You monitor your usage. This analogy works the same for prepaid electric metering. Prepaid metering is perfect for members who want to watch their energy usage daily, weekly, or monthly and not be surprised with a high bill after a 30-day billing cycle. We want our members to be aware it is possible that a meter may not report an electric reading or delay it for 24 - 48 hours.



How can this delay affect the member?

The billing software will estimate your daily usage if we do not receive a reading. Once we receive the previous day's electric reading, the billing software will recalculate and catch-up or credit your prepaid account. LREC would like to encourage our members to have enough money to cover a few days of electric usage on your prepaid account. In the situation, of there being a catch-up day after we receive an accurate meter reading, this will help keep the prepaid account from going into the negative.

How can I put more money on my prepaid account?

Members can visit one of our three office locations, log in to our SmartHub App or visit our website and add money to your prepaid account. Checks, cash, or debit/credit cards are all accepted at our office locations.

Is there a deposit for prepaid service?

Prepaid members are eligible to have the deposit waived or refunded and applied toward your current energy costs.



Photo by: Walter Pigeon

Put your deposit money working for you NOW instead of being held on your account to secure future service.

How do I know when my balance is low?

Prepaid members choose how they are notified when their balance is running low. Notifications can be received via e-mail, automated calling service, or text message. Each prepaid customer chooses the balance at which they begin 2124302 to receive notifications.

Nominating Candidates for LREC Trustee

Lake Region Electric Cooperative members will vote for two trustees at this year's Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will be held on **April 29, 2017** at the Hulbert Public School Auditorium. Any member who is interested in running for a board of trustees position, including incumbents, must submit a nominating petition before **March 24, 2017**. Each petition must include 15 or more member signatures. The petition forms are supplied by Lake Region Electric Cooperative.

Important Dates

March 10, 2017: Deadline for selecting Youth Tour essay finalists.

March 17, 2017: Legislative breakfast at Hulbert Senior Citizen Building, hosted by LREC.

March 24, 2017: Deadline for nominating petitions for board of trustees due at Hulbert office.

March 29, 2017: Final judging presentation of Youth Tour finalists at Hulbert office.

April 29, 2017: Lake Region Electric Cooperative's Annual Meeting at the Hulbert Public

Voting will be held in the New Hulbert School Cafeteria



Photo by: Larry Matthes

2017 Annual Meeting Information

Under LREC's Bylaws, each year the Cooperative holds an annual meeting the last Saturday in April. At the annual meeting, LREC members can meet with the board of trustees and co-op staff and receive an update regarding the Cooperative's activities during

the past year. The meeting also brings the annual election of board members, which represents you, the members of the co-op. Members can cast their ballots at the meeting; they also hear the election results at the 1:00 p.m. business meeting.

Local Students Attend Touchstone Energy Leadership Summit in OKC

LREC was proud to sponsor Levi Colvin and MaryKate Cole, both Ft. Gibson seniors, to attend this year's Touchstone Energy Leadership Summit in Oklahoma City. Thirty teens from more than a dozen electric cooperatives across Oklahoma gathered on February 11, 2017 for a full day of hands on training, discussions, and team building activities. The training featured innovative and exciting discussion led by Rhet Laubach, personal leadership insight speaker. In addition, each teen also received a \$250 scholarship for participating in this year's summit.



Levi Colvin and MaryKate Cole, both Ft. Gibson seniors

Photo by: Glen Clark

LREC is proud to provide local students the opportunity to expand their leadership abilities by taking part in these types of programs. If you are interested in student programs offered by the co-op please give us a call a 918-772-2526.

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Enter your service address online at **register.lrecok.net** or call **918-772-6942** and find out if you are in an active zone or in pre-registration, expansion zone. Regardless of your zone status, SIGN UP and let us know you are interested in fiber optic services.



Spread the Word

Zone and neighborhood campaigning can make a huge difference in launching a zone into active status. If you are willing to spread the word, we can help you out with materials.



Follow Us

Get social with us on Facebook! It is a great way to share your enthusiasm, spread the word, and stay in the know about where we are going and what we are doing with our fiber-to-the-home project.



Wait for the Call

Okay, we know this part stinks, but we promise it is worth the wait! We will call you once we have a strong light signal at your home. In the meantime, follow our updates on our website and social media and learn more about what's coming in your fiber future!



Visit Your Co-op at the Tulsa Home & Garden Show!

Free Garden Gloves and Rain Gauges for Show Guests

Stop by and say hello or discuss any co-op concerns or issues.

March 9 - 12, 2017 at the River Spirit Expo At Expo Square

Operation Round Up Awards \$66,857 in Grants for the year of 2016

Every penny of each grant went to nonprofit organizations, local individuals and families, right here in Lake Region Electric Cooperative's service area.

Operation Round Up was introduced at LREC in 2007 and is quickly becoming a great source of funds for struggling nonprofit programs and families in our area. Members agree to have their electric bill "**round up**" each month to the nearest dollar – an average of \$6 per year to be donated to the charitable Operation Round Up program.

Today, 62 percent of LREC's membership participates in Operation Round Up. The program could not continue its success without the generosity of so many members. Thank you!

If you would like more information on Operation Round Up, please visit our website: www.lrecok.coop/operation-round-up



Recipients from January Meeting

- ◆ Keys High School was awarded \$1,000 for Save-A-Senior Graduation Night Party.
- ◆ Hulbert Community Library (EODLS) was awarded \$3,290 for their summer reading program.
- ◆ Cherokee County 4-H was awarded \$5,000 for their summer camp, Youth in Action District Leadership Conference and Round-Up trip.
- ◆ Wagoner County OSU Extension Services was awarded \$1,500 for a Youth Leadership County Program.
- ◆ Wagoner County OSU Extension Services was awarded \$1,500 for Leadership Wagoner County.
- ◆ Tahlequah Public Schools Central Academy Alternative was awarded \$750 for graduation field trip.
- ◆ Tahlequah Public Schools Resource Officers was awarded \$1,000 for a Junior Police Academy.
- ◆ Wagoner Chapter of Blue Star Mothers was awarded \$1,500 for postal fees and supplies for mailing care boxes to troops over seas.
- ◆ Tahlequah Public Schools Special Olympics was awarded \$2,000 for competitions in Muskogee and Stillwater.
- ◆ Sparrow Hawk Village Volunteer Fire Department was awarded \$2,359 for firefighter bunker gear.
- ◆ Porter Consolidated Schools was awarded \$4,000 for cultivation of a STEM Program.
- ◆ Peggs School Academic Team was awarded \$641 for a Quick Pro Deluxe buzzer system.
- ◆ Tahlequah High School Varsity Cheer was awarded \$1,500 for a National Cheerleading Competition.
- ◆ Shady Grove Public School received a pledge of \$10,000 to assist with installation of school and community track.
- ◆ Helping Hands for Elderly and Handicapped received a pledge of \$7,932 for a lawn mower, contingent upon receipt of invoice.

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Look for your account number hidden in this issue of the *Powerline Press*. If you find your number, Lake Region Electric will credit your next bill.

To claim your credit, notify LREC's Hulbert office by phone or mail during the month of publication.

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

For more information, call [800-364-LREC](tel:800-364-LREC) or [918-772-2526](tel:918-772-2526)

Cooperative bylaws are available upon request at Lake Region Electric Cooperative's office in Hulbert.