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Fall harvest is the most likely time of year for farm-related accidents and fatalities. The number one factor in electrocution on the farm is an auger that hits a power line when being moved. Be aware of your surroundings and look up often.

Safe Electricity offers the following harvest safety tips:

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2. Be aware of the location of power poles and lines, including field entry and exit points, and plan a safe equipment route.
3. Always keep a minimum 10-foot safety radius around an electric line.
4. Use a spotter when moving tall loads near electrical lines.
5. Lower extensions to the lowest setting when moving equipment.
6. Never attempt to move a power line out of the way or raise it for clearance.
7. Know what to do if your equipment does make contact with a power line. It's almost always safest staying in the cab. Call 9-1-1, warn others to stay away, and wait until the electric utility says it's safe to get down.

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CEO Report

MIKE SCHMIDT
CEO
PKM Electric Co-op

The PKM annual meeting was held at the Sky-Vu Drive-In last month. Our bylaws require the meeting to be held annually, and we decided to try something new and different while being COVID compliant. We have received many positive comments regarding the meeting. Personally, I enjoyed the many smiles, restored cars and the social engagement the meeting provided.

Following the annual meeting, the board reorganized. Mark Hatton is the new board president and Mike Beaudry continues as vice president, as does Wayne Malm as secretary-treasurer. C.J. Peterson replaced Jeff Folland on the PKM board from Kittson County, and Tom Woinarowicz replaced Jeff Folland on the Minnkota Power Cooperative board. Jeff Folland retired from the Minnkota and PKM boards, and we thank him for his years of dedicated service.

We have also had two employee retirements. Rick Bye and Judy Hennessy retired this spring, both having more than 30 years at PKM.

We thank them for their service and wish them a long and healthy retirement. Those of you used to contacting Rick should now contact Joe Marcotte, who has been promoted to operations manager.

I would like to thank the membership for their patience and understanding during the COVID pandemic. COVID has changed the way most things operate, including PKM. We continue to try and provide the service you expect and deserve, although it may come in a different flavor. We are still available by phone and appointment and are working hard to keep the lights on.

Kilowatt-hour (kWh) sales are down throughout the Minnkota Power system through July, and PKM is seeing this as well, as we are down 2.7% year-to-date (YTD). June and July saw outage times rise, with a series of wind storms causing power outages that have been mainly related to trees being blown into the line. We plan to have Carr's Tree Service in soon to clear trees/brush in some of these problem areas. Some of the areas in northern Marshall and Kittson County are so wet that high

winds just tip the trees over out of the ground.

Despite the reduced kWh sales and increased outage times, financials remain strong. PKM continues to maintain strong equity and cash positions, and YTD margins are above 2019. We continue to make progress on our four-year work plan and our scheduled maintenance.

With harvest in full swing, I would like to remind everyone to be safe when operating ag equipment around overhead lines. Have a safe and successful harvest!



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Next board meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2020

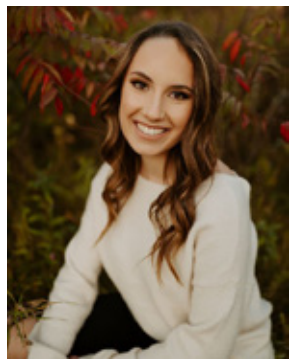
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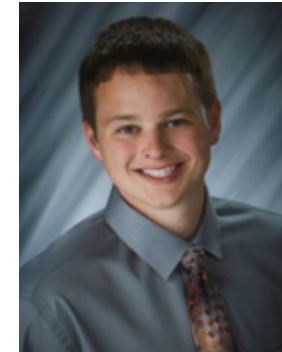
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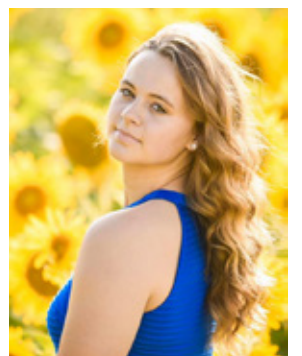
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Dinos, drive-ins and democracy

PKM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
SPINS PANDEMIC CONCERNS INTO UNIQUE
ANNUAL MEETING ENGAGEMENT

The lot of the Sky-Vu Drive-In Theatre in Warren, Minn., was brimming with vehicles on July 14. Dozens of families had settled into their seats with popcorn in their laps and Pepsi in their cupholders. But “Jurassic Park” wouldn’t hit the large, wooden screen until the sun dropped in three hours.

This was PKM Electric Cooperative’s showtime.

“If I can have a motion, could somebody honk?” PKM president

Tom Woinarowicz’s request passed through the 93.1 airwaves of car radios and was met with one quick honk.

“A second?” Honk, honk.

Through a chuckle, Woinarowicz continued. His “All in favor?” was followed by chorus of beeps, and his “All opposed?” drew silence. “There you go, you guys are listening. This is really going good!” he beamed.

The uncommon business meeting was driven not by the desire for fun, but by the need for democracy.



Nostalgia was on the annual meeting agenda as cars and trucks of all makes and models made their way into the drive-in parking area.



A sky view of Sky-Vu Drive-In Theatre in Warren, Minn., as PKM Electric prepares to call its annual business meeting to order on July 14.

Health guidelines spurred by the COVID-19 pandemic forced PKM to postpone its 80th annual meeting scheduled for April. Cooperative bylaws require an annual meeting of the members every year. These meetings allow every member to have a voice in the election of their district directors for the board, to hear the co-op’s financial standing and to learn about the milestones of the past year.

“We knew we had to reschedule,” said Jeff Rustad, PKM manager of member services. “We talked about the drive-in and how easy it would be to do it here. You can socially distance if you want, and people can stay for a movie. Even if there was no COVID, this would be an awesome place to do it.”

Meeting reboot

When Rustad’s team received the green light from the PKM board, it was time to plan an entirely new way to celebrate cooperative membership.

“I was thinking, ‘How are we going to make this work?’ And if this works, we could do it every year,” said PKM CEO Mike Schmidt. He added that the co-op had been in a bit of an annual meeting “rut,” with the high school serving as the setting year after year.

For the members of many small rural electric cooperatives, the annual meeting is more than business – it’s a chance to catch up with neighbors from a few farms over and share a meal with co-op leaders. PKM wanted to ensure that

sense of engagement and community continued with any new setup.

“Many of these people live so far out in the country that I don’t get to see them on a regular basis,” Schmidt said. “I only see them a few times a year, usually at an event like this.”

At least 50 PKM members were needed at the meeting to establish a quorum. All sorts of Minnesota-plate-clad cars and trucks started rolling down the entry drive just after 6 p.m., a full half-hour before the gates were to open. A quorum wouldn’t be a problem.

“This is just mind-blowing,” Schmidt said as dozens of vehicles streamed past the registration tent, where guests were directed to the parking spaces in front of the big screen. By the time the meeting



Mask-clad PKM employees safely handed out goodie bags and registered members as they entered the event.

was called to order around 7:15 p.m., 85 members had registered and around 200 attendees had dished up burgers, beans and potato salad.



It was hard to spot many faces (of any age) that weren't smiling at the PKM annual meeting, as guests enjoyed their fill of food, friends and film.

After a short welcome, members were told the rules of voting by car – one honk for a motion, two honks to second a motion and a honk to voice approval or opposition. The president and CEO shared PKM's focus on working safely, maintaining system reliability and using sound financial management.

Woinarowicz took a moment to recognize the years of service of Jeff Folland, a longtime co-op director who had to step down as a board member due to illness. The meeting's peak came as three nominated director candidates (Steve Goodwin, C.J. Peterson and Mike Beaudry) stood before the members and were honked into their new terms.

With the meeting's adjournment, Schmidt

thanked the PKM staff for its creativity and planning. "We hope you find the meeting to your liking, and we hope you'll stay for the movie," he told the members.

Lemonade out of lemons

Certain industries have experienced a reemergence during a time of social distancing, such as food delivery services, puzzle companies and, of course, drive-in movie theaters. Sky-Vu owner Steve Novak says the drive-in has seen a lot of new business as people try to find ways to connect safely. He's taken inquiries to host graduations, weddings and even funerals.

"Now we have PKM out here for their annual meeting," he said. "Just a lot more opportunities to come out to the drive-in."

The new annual meeting setting sparked interest in people who may not have otherwise marked it on the calendar. Twenty-five-year-old Quentin Pankratz and his sister, Karron, said they remember attending PKM annual meetings as kids, but never really had an urge to return until this year.

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– PKM MEMBER JEROME VANEK



PKM members approach the tent to scoop up one of dozens of door prizes awarded after the main meeting – a cooperative tradition.

"We love the drive-in, even though it's an hour away. So we were probably more interested because it was at the drive-in," Quentin said.

Although Shane Dagoberg was born and raised in PKM territory, this was his first annual meeting, with his youngsters Kallie, 7, and Grady, 8, by his side. "It gets people together. And this incorporates what social distancing is about," he said, noting – with a nod to Grady – that the film choice was a bonus. "This one likes dinosaurs."

Cooperative ingenuity

Many cooperatives have moved their annual meetings later in the year, hoping time will diminish COVID-19 concerns. Others have pushed forward, creating virtual meeting experiences to carry out cooperative business.

Cass County Electric Cooperative (CCEC) developed an online portal for its Aug. 25 virtual meeting, complete with prerecorded addresses from leadership and director candidates, a question submission form and more. President and CEO Marshal

Albright said the online format allowed the co-op to establish alternative voting methods.

"The change in voting will provide an opportunity for more members to vote," he explained. At previous CCEC annual meetings, 250-300 members would vote for directors. "The new format using absentee and online voting provides the opportunity for over 44,000 members to vote."

Red River Valley Co-op Power also went virtual this year, using YouTube Live to stream its Aug. 5 annual meeting. CEO Rich Whitcomb says the pandemic has forced the co-op to think differently when dealing with adversity.

"I was glad that our bylaws gave us some flexibility to roll with events outside our control," he said. "Flexibility is a good thing during uncertain times, and we are certainly showing flexibility to our membership."

Whether by movie screen or computer screen, co-op leaders are making sure the pillars of the cooperative – democratic member control, transparency, community – remain strong, even when it feels like the world is weakened.

"It's important to bring PKM members together, just to ensure our electrical system continues," PKM member Jerome Vanek said from the seat of his car. "All the pandemic has done here is give us an excuse to do something unique."



Red River Valley Co-op Power CEO Rich Whitcomb delivers his virtual annual meeting reports from the socially distanced safety of the boardroom.



When the meeting was adjourned and the sun finally set, PKM members joined other guests for an outdoor showing of the '90s film classic, "Jurassic Park."

By Kaylee Cusack / Photography Michael Hoeft

The world thinks the North is forever frozen, but these summers get brutal.

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Yes, we get scorchers up north, but we stay chill.

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2020 Annual Meeting Prize Winners

Winner	Prize
1. Wayne Porter	Energy Certificate - \$25
2. Stanley Demeyere	First Aid Kit
3. Robert Fagerstrom	Gift Card - \$25
4. Rodney Potrament	Four Sky-Vu Drive-In Tickets
5. Van Pankratz	PKM Cutting Board
6. Rick Schmiedeberg	Birdhouse
7. Shirley Gaber	PKM Goodie Bag
8. Robert Engen	Gift Card - \$50
9. Ann Kmecik	Gift Card - \$25
10. Marvin Zak	Electric Grill
11. Robert Broten	PKM Goodie Bag
12. Dale Huderle	Gift Card - \$50
13. Laures Kleincachter	Gift Card - \$25
14. Bob Elseth	Four Sky-Vu Drive-In Tickets
15. Llyod Fagerstrom	Birdhouse
16. Theresa Nelson	Four Sky-Vu Drive-In Tickets

Winner	Prize
17. Todd Johnston	First Aid Kit
18. Betty Knoll	PKM Goodie Bag
19. Joe Boroski	PKM Cutting Board
20. Rodney Larson	PKM Goodie Bag
21. Kenneth Kuznia	Energy Certificate - \$25
22. Rovella Weiland	First Aid Kit
23. Robert Bratvold	Birdhouse
24. Duane Potucek	First Aid Kit
25. Donald Taus	Electric Cart Grill

Grand Prize:
\$500 Energy Credit - Brad Blawat

**THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING
PKM'S 2020 DRIVE-IN
ANNUAL MEETING!**

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Cold Weather Disconnect Rule Notifications

216B.097 COLD WEATHER RULE; COOPERATIVE OR MUNICIPAL UTILITY

Subd. 1. Application; notice to residential customer. (a) A municipal utility or a cooperative electric association must not disconnect and must reconnect the utility service of a residential customer during the period between Oct. 15 and April 15 if the disconnection affects the primary heat source for the residential unit and all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The household income of the customer is at or below 50% of the state median household income. A municipal utility or cooperative electric association utility may (i) verify income on forms it provides or (ii) obtain verification of income from the local energy assistance provider. A customer is deemed to meet the income requirements of this clause if the customer receives any form of public assistance, including energy assistance, that uses an income eligibility threshold set at or below 50% of the state median household income.

(2) A customer enters into and makes reasonably timely payments under a payment agreement that considers the financial resources of the household.

(3) A customer receives referrals to energy assistance, weatherization, conservation or other programs likely to reduce the customer's energy bills.

(b) A municipal utility or a cooperative electric association must, between Aug. 15 and Oct. 15 each year, notify all residential customers of the provisions of this section.

Subd. 2. Notice to residential customer facing disconnection. Before disconnecting service to a residential customer during the period between Oct. 15 and April 15, a municipal utility or cooperative electric association must provide the following information to a customer:

- (1) a notice of proposed disconnection;
- (2) a statement explaining the customer's rights and responsibilities;
- (3) a list of local energy assistance providers;
- (4) forms on which to declare inability to pay; and
- (5) a statement explaining available time payment plans and other opportunities to secure continued utility service.

Subd. 3. Restrictions if disconnection necessary. (a) If a residential customer must be involuntarily disconnected between Oct. 15 and April 15 for failure to comply with subdivision 1, the disconnection must not occur:

- (1) on a Friday, unless the customer declines to enter into a payment agreement offered that day in person or via personal contact by telephone by a municipal utility or cooperative electric association;
- (2) on a weekend, holiday or the day before a holiday;
- (3) when utility offices are closed; or
- (4) after the close of business on a day when disconnection is permitted, unless a field representative of a municipal utility or cooperative electric association who is authorized to enter into a payment agreement, accept payment, and continue service, offers a payment agreement to the customer.

Further, the disconnection must not occur until at least 20 days after the notice required in subdivision 2 has been mailed to the customer or 15 days after the notice has been personally delivered to the customer.

(b) If a customer does not respond to a disconnection notice, the customer must not be disconnected until the utility investigates whether the residential unit is actually occupied. If the unit is found to be occupied, the utility must immediately inform the occupant of the provisions of this section. If the unit is unoccupied, the utility must give seven days' written notice of the proposed disconnection to the local energy assistance provider before making a disconnection.

(c) If, prior to disconnection, a customer appeals a notice of involuntary disconnection, as provided by the utility's established appeal procedure, the utility must not disconnect until the appeal is resolved.

Subd. 4. Application to service limiters. For the purposes of this section, "disconnection" includes a service or load limiter or any device that limits or interrupts electric service in any way.

The Military Service Personnel, section 325E.028 of the Public Utilities Act, provides:

Section 1. 325E.028 UTILITY PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR MILITARY SERVICE PERSONNEL.

Subd. 1. Restriction on disconnection; payment schedules. (a) A municipal utility, cooperative electric association, or public utility must not disconnect the utility service of a residential customer if a member of the household has been issued orders into active duty, for deployment, or for a permanent change in duty station during the period of active duty, deployment, or change in duty station if such a residential customer:

- (1) has a household income below the state median household income or is receiving energy

assistance and enters into an agreement with the municipal utility, cooperative electric association, or public utility under which the residential customer pays 10% of the customer's gross monthly income toward the customer's bill and the residential customer remains reasonably current with those payments; or

(2) has a household income above the state median household income and enters into an agreement with the municipal utility, cooperative electric association, or public utility establishing a reasonable payment schedule that considers the financial resources of the household and the residential customer remains reasonably current with payments under the payment schedule.

(b) For purposes of this subdivision, "household income" means household income measured after the date of the orders specified in paragraph (a).

Subd. 2. Annual notice to all customers; inability to pay forms. (a) A municipal utility, cooperative electric association, or public utility must notify all residential customers annually of the provisions of this section.

(b) A municipal utility, cooperative electric association, or public utility must provide a form to a residential customer to request the protections of this section upon the residential customer's request.

Subd. 3. Application to service limiters. For the purpose of this section, "disconnection" includes a service or load limiter or any device that limits or interrupts electric service in any way.

Subd. 4. Income verification. Verification of income may be conducted by the local energy assistance provider or the municipal utility, cooperative electric association, or public utility unless the customer is automatically eligible for protection against disconnection as a recipient of any form of public assistance, including energy assistance that uses income eligibility in an amount at or below the income eligibility in subdivision 1, clause (1).

Subd. 5. Appeal process. (a) The municipal utility, cooperative electric association, or public utility shall provide the residential customer with a commission-approved written notice of the right to appeal to the commission or other appropriate governing body when the utility and residential customer are unable to agree on the establishment, reasonableness, or modification

of a payment schedule, or on the reasonable timeliness of the payments under a payment schedule, provided for by this section. Any appeal must be made within seven working days after the residential customer's receipt of personally served notice, or within 10 working days after the utility has deposited first class mail notice in the United States mail.

(b) The utility shall not disconnect service while a payment schedule is pending appeal, or until any appeal involving payment schedules has been determined by the commission.

Subd. 6. Enforcement. This section may be enforced pursuant to chapter 216B. The purpose of this notice is to inform you of your rights and responsibilities under section 325E.028, Utility Payment Arrangements for Military Service Personnel. These rights and responsibilities are designed to help you meet payment of your utility bills. You must act PROMPTLY; if you choose not to assert your rights or choose not to enter into a mutually acceptable payment schedule, your service may be disconnected.

Your responsibility is to declare inability to pay by completing our inability to pay form and to return to PKM Electric within 10 days.

Your responsibility to provide documentation to PKM Electric that your household income is less than 50% of the state median level.

You have the right to a mutually acceptable payment schedule with PKM Electric. This payment schedule will cover your existing overdue bill plus your estimated use during the payment schedule period. If you are able to pay but still wish to enter into a payment schedule, contact PKM Electric to make such payment arrangements.

You have the right not to be involuntarily disconnected on a Friday or the day before a holiday. Your responsibility, if you choose to appeal, is to mail or hand deliver the letter of appeal stating your situation and issues in dispute. Your letter of appeal must be in our hands before the day of disconnection. The PKM Electric Board of Directors will review your appeal after it is received. If you want to be present at the appeal, you must call the cooperative for the date and time of the appeal review.

If you need help paying your electric bill, you may qualify for state or federal fuel assistance. For complete qualifications, applications and information, contact your local county social services or community/citizens action council listed above. These organizations may also provide budget counseling.

Local energy assistance providers

Northwest Community Action	800-568-5329
Tri-Valley	866-264-3729
Marshall County Social Services	218-745-5124
Polk County Social Services	218-281-3127
Kittson County Social Services	218-843-2689

Board meeting highlights *June*

A regular meeting of the board was held Tuesday, June 30, 2020.

Tom Woinarowicz, president who presided, asked for roll call. Upon calling the roll, the secretary reported that all directors were present.

The president presented an update on a recent meeting with MREA. The president reported that every June a meeting is held in a different district of the state. The meeting was scheduled to be held at Minnkota. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was held electronically. The president also reported that the September meeting in Washington, D.C., has also been canceled. The NRECA regional meeting will be an online meeting, which will take place Aug. 18, 2020.

Director Aakre reported on his attendance at the Square Butte Cooperative board meeting held in June. He also updated the board about Project Tundra, including a projected project timeline and an in-depth financial update.

Director Woinarowicz and Director Aakre shared updates with the directors regarding business at Minnkota Power and Square Butte Cooperatives.

Minnkota will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, July 30, and they will limit it to three people from each floor. Mark Hatton, Paul Aakre and Tom Woinarowicz will attend the meeting with Blake Owens as a backup. Discussion also included effects of COVID-19, budgets and drilling of wells.

Upon motion duly made by Director Beaudry, seconded by Director Malm and unanimously carried, an executive session was called. The president returned the meeting to regular order, concluding the executive session at 9:40 a.m.

Line superintendent Joe Marcotte presented the monthly safety and operations report, indicating no accidents and no lost time. Minnesota Safety Inc. was here on June 11, updating our PCB and hazardous waste reporting with Nolan Buchner and crew visits. Terry Eli from MREA was here June 23. He went over poisonous weeds, when the public gets hurt, hazard recognition and he also did a crew visit. The line superintendent gave a construction update of recent activities that included new services and service improvements. Olson Underground completed the cable installation at Lancaster. They are

hoping to plow more cable next week as it dries up. The line superintendent reported that the outage at the Tabor substation this past weekend was caused by a squirrel that got into the fence. He reported that PKM had power restored within four hours.

The manager of member services provided an update to directors regarding recent activities within his department. Relays and meters are showing up and annual meeting preparations are underway. PKM's engineer updated the directors on current projects.

The CFO opened her report with an office update regarding COVID-19, the retirement of GL accountant Judy Hennessy and ongoing implementations. She informed the directors that disconnect letters will be sent for July – however, no late fees are being charged at this time. We continue to put disconnecting accounts on hold pending peacetime emergency updates from the governor.

The CFO continued with the presentation of the operating and financial report for the cooperative. She reported May revenue and expenses both were under budget. With the reduced revenues we have experienced

over the past couple of months, the added expenses due to COVID-19 and various other circumstances, the CFO stated she was pleased with the margin at this time. Historical data for margins for a 10-year PTD and YTD comparison were provided and discussed.

May revenue was \$84,685 under budget. We booked a meager margin of \$13,558 for the month with a year-to-date margin of \$360,752. The CFO reported there is still nothing new to report on the possible refinancing of current RUS debt, but there is still discussion on the possibility of this developing. She stated this would be quite a financial benefit for every cooperative regardless of size or current financial status. Other financial data was presented and discussed along with the current Tier of 2.49 and the equity ratio of 53.6%.

The CEO agreed with what the staff had covered and the discussion that was held. He did not have anything to add.

Upon presentation of the reports from the management staff and CEO, questions and comments from the board of directors concerning their reports were addressed.

An update was provided on the FEMA disaster claim in North Red River Township. We will be replacing the existing 3 miles of overhead with underground coming in from the north. This is a state declaration, so PKM will receive 75% reimbursement upon final submission of the paperwork and approval from FEMA.

The CEO shared information from the recent Carr's board meeting. Brad and his brother owned the company and Brad stayed on to manage it. Steve then brought in his son. Brad is fully retiring in September. Several people expressed that they want Jake to take over as CEO. There will be another board meeting in September. They are buying some property north of the Twin Cities and also looking over in the Fargo area. They are continually looking at future expansion. They qualified for a \$2.3 million loan through the Payroll Protection Program. We are planning to bring them in this fall to do some work on the system.

At this time, staff updated and answered any questions the directors had on the 2020 annual meeting. The board of directors was in agreement to proceed with making arrangements for this date and location.

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY
September 22, 2020
 Visit www.nationalvoterregistrationday.org to register to vote or to help your community get #VoteReady.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Clothes dryers make up a large portion of your appliance energy consumption. Clean the filter after each cycle, and scrub the filter with a toothbrush once a month to remove film and increase air circulation.

Source: energy.gov



Problems paying your electric bill?

Energy assistance may be available!

If you are receiving a low income or suffering from a temporary financial shortfall, these agencies may be able to assist you with your electric bill. We urge you to contact them immediately to avoid disconnection if you feel you are eligible for aid.



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I want to do more. How can I get involved?

COMMIT TO BE COUNTED!
Text **COUNT** to **662020** to make a pledge to participate in the 2020 Census, and to sign up for text reminders.

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 <p>Healthcare Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid)</p>	 <p>Infrastructure Highway Planning & Construction</p>	 <p>Education Head Start, Pell Grants</p>
 <p>Food Assistance Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)</p>	 <p>Public Safety Assistance to Firefighters Grant</p>	 <p>Employment Unemployment Insurance</p>
 <p>Family Services Child Abuse & Neglect State Grants</p>	 <p>Community Support Section 8 Housing Assistance</p>	 <p>Entrepreneurship Small Business Development Centers</p>
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