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South Kentucky RECC prepares for rate adjustment

As your trusted electric cooperative, South Kentucky RECC's mission has always been to provide safe, reliable and affordable electricity to the communities we serve. To continue fulfilling this mission in the face of evolving economic conditions, South Kentucky RECC has begun the process of requesting a rate adjustment with the Kentucky Public Service Commission.

South Kentucky RECC is dedicated to providing superior reliability and the best possible service for our membership. Over the last several years, inflationary pressures have resulted in substantial cost increases for goods and services regularly used by the co-op. In order for South Kentucky RECC to continue providing the same excellent service, it must be able to recover the costs of building, operating and maintaining the facilities required to provide this service. This includes increased costs associated with our proactive approach to right-of-way (ROW) maintenance that is intended to limit safety and reliability threats posed by trees and other vegetation growing too close to our power lines.

As a not-for-profit electric cooperative, South Kentucky RECC understands and deeply cares about how this rate adjustment may affect our members.

As proposed, the increase for the average residential account using 993 kWh of electricity would be approximately \$13.78 per month.

The official notice of the rate adjustment with the exact, proposed changes is on the pages that follow. South Kentucky RECC will file the application with the PSC on or after February 3, 2025. The new rates are not expected to go into effect until the co-op receives approval from the Kentucky Public Service Commission.

South Kentucky RECC offers billing options to assist members when budgeting for their electricity costs. Members can visit South Kentucky RECC's website at www.skrecc.com to learn more about these options and other programs. Members can always call to speak to a member services representative or energy advisor for assistance.

Right, line crews work tirelessly to restore power after severe weather events—efforts that highlight the importance of maintenance and reliability. Photo: Bruce Parkey



SKRECC construction crews hard at work maintaining power poles and infrastructure—key efforts to ensure long-term reliability. Photo: Eric Chumbley



Notice of proposed adjustment to retail electric rates

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, in accordance with the requirements of the Kentucky Public Service Commission (“Commission”), as set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 17(2)(b), of the Commission’s Rules and Regulations, notice is hereby given to the member consumers of South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation (“South Kentucky”) of a proposed general rate adjustment. South Kentucky intends to file an application styled, The Electronic Application of South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation for General Adjustment of Rates, and Other General Relief, to the Commission, on or after February 3, 2025.

The rate adjustment, with a requested effective date of March 5, 2025, or after, will result in an increase in retail power costs to its member consumers, and in an increase in revenue of \$10,766,999 or 7.2% for South Kentucky.

The amount and percent of increase by rate class are listed below:

Rate Class		Increase	
		Dollars	Percent
A	Residential, Farm and Non-Farm Service	\$ 10,766,999	10.84%
B	Small Commercial Rate	\$ -	0.00%
LP	Large Power Rate (Excess of 50 KVA)	\$ -	0.00%
LP-1	Large Power Rate (500 KW to 4,999 KW)	\$ -	0.00%
LP-2	Large Power Rate (5,000 KW to 9,999 KW)	\$ -	0.00%
LP-3	Large Power Rate (500 KW to 2,000 KW)	\$ -	0.00%
OPS	Optional Power Service	\$ -	0.00%
AES	All Electric Schools	\$ -	0.00%
Lights	Lighting	\$ -	0.00%
Total		\$ 10,766,999	7.16%

The effects of the proposed rates on the average monthly bill by rate class are listed below:

Rate Class		Average Usage (kWh)	Increase	
			Dollars	Percent
A	Residential, Farm and Non-Farm Service	993	\$ 13.78	10.84%
B	Small Commercial Rate	1,228	\$ -	0.0%
LP	Large Power Rate (Excess of 50 KVA)	34,325	\$ -	0.0%
LP-1	Large Power Rate (500 KW to 4,999 KW)	819,598	\$ -	0.0%
LP-2	Large Power Rate (5,000 KW to 9,999 KW)	3,145,628	\$ -	0.0%
LP-3	Large Power Rate (500 KW to 2,000 KW)	753,956	\$ -	0.0%
OPS	Optional Power Service	7,089	\$ -	0.0%
AES	All Electric Schools	51,336	\$ -	0.0%
Lights	Lighting	NA	\$ -	0.0%

The present and proposed monthly rates for each rate schedule are listed below:

		Present	Proposed	Increase
Rate	Item			
A	Residential, Farm and Non-Farm Service			
	Consumer Charge	\$ 17.50	\$ 30.75	\$ 13.25
	Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.09816	\$ 0.09869	\$ 0.00053
B	Small Commercial Rate			
	Consumer Charge	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ -
	Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.09923	\$ 0.09923	\$ -
LP	Large Power Rate (Excess of 50 kVA)			
	Consumer Charge	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00	\$ -
	Demand Charge per kW	\$ 7.78	\$ 7.78	\$ -
	Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.06985	\$ 0.06985	\$ -
LP-1	Large Power Rate (500 KW to 4,999 KW)			
	Metering Charge	\$ 225.00	\$ 225.00	\$ -
	Substation Charge 500–999 kW	\$ 373.20	\$ 373.20	\$ -
	Substation Charge 1,000–2,999 kW	\$ 1,118.42	\$ 1,118.42	\$ -
	Substation Charge 3,000–7,499 kW	\$ 2,811.45	\$ 2,811.45	\$ -
	Demand Charge per kW	\$ 6.54	\$ 6.54	\$ -
	Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.06377	\$ 0.06377	\$ -
LP-2	Large Power Rate (5,000 KW to 9,999 KW)			
	Metering Charge	\$ 160.00	\$ 160.00	\$ -
	Substation Charge 3,000-7,499 kW	\$ 2,811.45	\$ 2,811.45	\$ -
	Substation Charge 7,500-14,799 kW	\$ 3,382.50	\$ 3,382.50	\$ -
	Demand Charge per kW	\$ 6.59	\$ 6.59	\$ -
	Energy Charge, First 400, per kWh	\$ 0.06377	\$ 0.06377	\$ -
	Energy Charge, All Remaining, per kWh	\$ 0.05665	\$ 0.05665	\$ -
LP-3	Large Power Rate (500 KW to 2,999 KW)			
	Metering Charge	\$ 151.21	\$ 151.21	\$ -
	Substation Charge 500–999 kW	\$ 381.08	\$ 381.08	\$ -
	Substation Charge 1,000–2,999 kW	\$ 1,142.01	\$ 1,142.01	\$ -
	Demand Charge per kW Contract	\$ 7.55	\$ 7.55	\$ -
	Demand Charge per kW Excess	\$ 9.37	\$ 9.37	\$ -
	Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.06100	\$ 0.06100	\$ -
OPS	Optional Power Service			
	Consumer Charge	\$ 51.83	\$ 51.83	\$ -
	Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.118610	\$ 0.118610	\$ -
AES	All-Electric Schools			
	Consumer Charge	\$ 86.07	\$ 86.07	\$ -
	Energy Charge per kWh	\$ 0.096110	\$ 0.096110	\$ -
STL	Street Lighting			
	Mercury Vapor or Sodium 0–20,000 Lumens	\$ 9.71	\$ 9.71	\$ -
	LED 10,500 Lumens	\$ 17.58	\$ 17.58	\$ -
	Mercury Vapor or Sodium Over 20,000 Lumens	\$ 16.14	\$ 16.14	\$ -

		Present	Proposed	Increase
DSTL	Decorative Street Lighting			
	Cobra Head Light Existing Pole 15,000-28,000 Lumens Unmetered	\$ 17.66	\$ 17.66	\$ -
	Cobra Head Light Existing Pole 15,000-28,000 Lumens Metered	\$ 10.81	\$ 10.81	\$ -
	LED Cobra Head Light Existing Pole 10,500 Lumens Unmetered	\$ 17.58	\$ 17.58	\$ -
	LED Cobra Head Light Existing Pole 10,500 Lumens Metered	\$ 14.07	\$ 14.07	\$ -
	Cobra Head Light 30' Pole 7,000-10,000 Lumens Unmetered	\$ 20.39	\$ 20.39	\$ -
	Cobra Head Light 30' Pole 7,000-10,000 Lumens Metered	\$ 17.37	\$ 17.37	\$ -
	Cobra Head Light 30' Pole 15,000-28,000 Lumens Unmetered	\$ 24.39	\$ 24.39	\$ -
	Cobra Head Light 30' Pole 15,000-28,000 Lumens Metered	\$ 17.37	\$ 17.37	\$ -
	100 Watt Acorn Unmetered	\$ 11.52	\$ 11.52	\$ -
	100 Watt Acorn Metered	\$ 8.31	\$ 8.31	\$ -
	100 Watt Lexington Lamp Unmetered	\$ 9.21	\$ 9.21	\$ -
	100 Watt Lexington Lamp Metered	\$ 6.07	\$ 6.07	\$ -
	14' Smooth Black Pole	\$ 12.37	\$ 12.37	\$ -
	14' Fluted Pole	\$ 16.01	\$ 16.01	\$ -
	LED 173 Watt Unmetered	\$ 27.13	\$ 27.13	\$ -
	LED 173 Watt Metered	\$ 21.75	\$ 21.75	\$ -
	400 Watt Galleria Unmetered	\$ 24.75	\$ 24.75	\$ -
	400 Watt Galleria Metered	\$ 13.08	\$ 13.08	\$ -
	1,000 Watt MH Galleria Unmetered	\$ 42.57	\$ 42.57	\$ -
	1,000 Watt MH Galleria Metered	\$ 15.29	\$ 15.29	\$ -
	30' Square Steel Pole	\$ 18.34	\$ 18.34	\$ -
	250 Watt Cobra Head 30' Aluminum Pole	\$ 26.87	\$ 26.87	\$ -
	400 Watt Cobra Head MV 8' Arm Unmetered	\$ 21.05	\$ 21.05	\$ -
	400 Watt Cobra Head MV 8' Arm Metered	\$ 9.48	\$ 9.48	\$ -
	400 Watt Cobra Head MV 12' Arm Unmetered	\$ 24.37	\$ 24.37	\$ -
	400 Watt Cobra Head MV 12' Arm Metered	\$ 12.73	\$ 12.73	\$ -
	400 Watt Cobra Head MV 16' Arm Unmetered	\$ 25.42	\$ 25.42	\$ -
	400 Watt Cobra Head MV 16' Arm Metered	\$ 13.72	\$ 13.72	\$ -
	30' Aluminum Pole	\$ 27.95	\$ 27.95	\$ -
OLS	Outdoor Lighting/Security Lights			
	MV or Sodium 7,000-10,000 Unmetered	\$ 11.70	\$ 11.70	
	MV or Sodium 7,000-10,000 Metered	\$ 7.99	\$ 7.99	
	LED 6,300 Lumens Unmetered	\$ 14.37	\$ 14.37	
	LED 6,300 Lumens Metered	\$ 12.30	\$ 12.30	
	200 W LED Unmetered	\$ 25.27	\$ 25.27	
	200 W LED Metered	\$ 18.77	\$ 18.77	
	391 Watt LED Unmetered	\$ 39.04	\$ 39.04	
	391 Watt LED Metered	\$ 26.91	\$ 26.91	
	250 Watt Sodium Unmetered	\$ 18.79	\$ 18.79	
	250 Watt Sodium Metered	\$ 10.15	\$ 10.15	
	250 Watt MH Unmetered	\$ 20.28	\$ 20.28	
	250 Watt MH Metered	\$ 11.29	\$ 11.29	

		Present	Proposed	Increase
	400 Watt MH Unmetered	\$ 25.58	\$ 25.58	\$ -
	400 Watt MH Metered	\$ 11.29	\$ 11.29	\$ -
	1,000 Watt MH Unmetered	\$ 46.13	\$ 46.13	\$ -
	1,000 Watt MH Metered	\$ 12.61	\$ 12.61	\$ -
Miscellaneous Charges				
	Meter Test Charge	\$ 17.55	\$ 150.00	\$ 132.45
	Trip Charge: Regular Hours	\$ 17.55	\$ 140.00	\$ 122.45
	Trip Charge: After Hours	\$ 345.00	\$ 387.00	\$ 42.00
	Returned Check Charge	\$ 6.20	\$ 10.00	\$ 3.80
	Remote Reconnect-60 days or less	\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
	Remote Reconnect-61 through 365 days	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00

South Kentucky proposes two additions to Tariff P.S.C. KY. NO. 7, 2nd Revised Sheet NO. R-5 “Rules and Regulations Section II – Service Procedures” to add a Remote Reconnect – 60 Days or Less fee and Remote Reconnect – 61 through 365 days fee.

South Kentucky proposes the following language for the two new types of reconnect services:

- (d) In lieu of (b) and (c) above, where a remote meter with remote connect, disconnect and meter reading capability is installed and service is inactive for less than 60 days, a charge of \$20 shall apply.
- (e) To reconnect service for the same member where service has been disconnected for more than 60 days and less than 12 months, a charge of \$300 shall apply.

South Kentucky does not propose any revisions to other tariffs or schedules not listed above.

Any person may examine the rate application and related documents which South Kentucky has filed with the Commission at the utility’s principal office located at:

South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation
200 Electric Avenue
Somerset, Kentucky 42501

Any person may also examine the rate application and related documents which South Kentucky has filed with the Commission on the Commission’s website at <https://psc.ky.gov>, or Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at its office located at:

Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Commission by mail to: Kentucky Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, or by electronic mail to: psc.info@ky.gov.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation. However, the Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice.

Any person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Kentucky 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 initial publication or mailing of this notice, the Commission may take final action on the application.

Six ways to keep the cold out

Cold air leaking in around windows and doors can create a chilly home. Cold drafts can waste up to 30% of your home energy, the U.S. Department of Energy reports. Luckily, there are easy, inexpensive fixes for keeping cold air out, says South Kentucky RECC Energy Services Manager Alan Coffey.

1. **Apply caulk.** If you don't need to open windows until spring, caulk along the edges to completely seal them. Or, apply caulk to damaged areas of window frames to prevent heat loss.
2. **Install a door sweep.** A sweep, or bottom-mount weather stripping, fills the gap between an exterior door bottom and the floor.
3. **Try tape.** Applying self-stick strips of foam weather stripping on upper and lower window sashes forms a tight, air-blocking seal.
4. **Hang thermal curtains.** Substituting foam-lined thermal curtains for standard ones is a simple way to create an added layer of insulation.
5. **Close foundation vents.** If your home has vents along the foundation walls, close all but a few of them with a cover or inexpensive foam plug to keep heat in.
6. **Lay a draft stopper.** Whether it's ready made or a DIY project, placing a filled fabric tube along the bottom edge of a door or along a window ledge can block cold air.

Performing these simple tasks will keep your home more comfortable when winter winds blow. Plus, by improving your home's energy efficiency, you'll also save money on your power bill.



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Take it slow in ice or snow

Now, ice and slush are often the cause for serious accidents during Kentucky winter weather events. If you're in an industry that has to hit the road regardless of the conditions, drive with caution. South Kentucky RECC urges you to remember these safety pointers to avoid accidents.

- **Winterize your vehicle.** Before bad weather arrives, check the car battery, tire pressure and brakes. The heater, defroster, headlights and windshield wipers should work correctly.
- **Be prepared.** Have a full tank of gas. Stock your vehicle with an ice scraper, jumper cables, blankets, flashlight, phone charger, nonperishable snacks and a first-aid kit—items that can come in handy if you get stranded on the road.
- **Know before you go.** Check goky.ky.gov for up-to-date traffic and roadway conditions. Expect delays; allow extra time for regular commutes.
- **Take it easy.** Drive slowly and increase the distance between vehicles.



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Stopping in snow may require up to four times greater distance. Navigating icy conditions is even more challenging.

- **Beware of black ice.** Slow down when approaching intersections, off-ramps, bridges or shaded areas where black ice—a thin coating of clear ice—can form.
- **Move over.** Give a wide berth to large trucks as well as snowplows and other

snow-clearing equipment.

- **Stay alert.** Avoid distractions such as using your phone or eating while driving.

When winter weather impacts our Kentucky roadways, South Kentucky RECC urges members to avoid travel unless necessary. If you must be on the roads, put safety first.



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To report an outage 24/7/365, please call your local office, (800) 264-5112, or set up your account to be able to text outages. Please do not report outages via social media.

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Who Powers You state winner



Congratulations to SKRECC member Billy Hayes on winning first prize in the 2024 Who Powers You Contest! Be sure to check out the full story in our local section of the March 2025 issue of *Kentucky Living*.

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WINTER SAFETY WORD SEARCH

Did you know most home fires happen during colder months? Play it safe this winter season. Read the safety tips below, then find and circle the bolded words in the puzzle.



A	P	I	R	P	A	J	G	F	W	D	C	Q	T	W
U	L	B	S	G	W	N	N	P	T	S	A	T	A	T
R	L	A	Y	P	J	I	U	Q	P	Q	N	G	E	O
C	T	W	R	Y	J	D	X	A	R	X	D	B	L	Z
J	F	T	P	M	K	G	C	I	B	T	L	T	C	F
X	B	K	Y	Z	S	E	M	B	Q	G	E	B	D	B
G	B	W	B	Z	H	K	T	Z	H	J	H	R	M	X
C	V	X	J	E	B	X	S	X	B	Q	C	K	V	A
V	I	M	A	B	O	K	A	T	C	S	I	K	F	E
X	Y	T	Q	Y	K	J	S	F	N	Q	V	T	J	W
L	E	V	J	A	N	V	U	W	C	B	A	P	A	W
R	T	R	E	L	E	C	T	R	O	N	I	C	S	O
W	Z	B	K	R	Y	X	S	B	V	A	Q	O	U	E
S	D	R	O	C	N	O	I	S	N	E	T	X	E	P
I	F	J	R	W	K	J	B	Q	P	U	B	D	T	Z

Never overload electrical outlets with too many **electronics**.

Test smoke and carbon monoxide **alarms** every month.

Never leave a **candle** burning in an empty room.

Keep flammable items at least three feet away from a **space heater**.

Extension cords should only be used temporarily. Damaged or frayed cords should be thrown away.