



## **Newton Recaps Issues Related to Winter Storm Fern**

CEO Kevin Newton followed up on some items which arose during the January ice storm and the restoration effort which followed. Newton reported that even with the extremely cold temperatures and difficult conditions, he felt restoration went well, with overwhelmingly ratio of comments on social media being positive.

The billing issue which occurred was not related to the storm itself and has since been rectified through a software change. There was a communication issue in Albany which saw the Ky EOC become unnecessarily involved, and Newton and staff are working on steps for better communication processes during future storms.

## **Newton Updates Board on Multiple Building Projects**

CEO Kevin Newton reported to the board of directors during the regular February board meeting that construction on the new headquarters facility is scheduled to be completed by the contractor's deadline. Multiple truckloads of roofing materials are set to be delivered soon and directors plan to set a date for a walk-through with staff in the next few weeks.

Repairs to the warehouse facility have ramped up with the mid-March deadline for completion drawing near. The drywall in the office areas is almost complete, and painting should be finished next week. The office furniture should be delivered around March 16<sup>th</sup> and move in for operational staff will follow soon after.

Mr. Newton reported that a survey of the co-op-owned farmland on West Ky 80 in Pulaski is underway in anticipation of the sale. Directors agreed to set June 6<sup>th</sup> as the auction date for the property. Directors also approved of Mr. Newton's suggestion to authorize co-op attorneys to draft a letter notifying the Ky Public Service Commission of the plan to sell the property and earmark the proceeds for the construction of a new warehouse facility in Monticello. The design for the warehouse is in process, and the initial layout should be completed soon.

## **Directors Set 2026 Membership Appreciation/Annual Meeting Dates**

Directors unanimously approved June 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>, as the dates for Membership Appreciation Days this year. The live-streamed annual meeting will be held on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> following the regular monthly meeting and beginning at approximately 7:30 pm.

## **Preliminary December Financials are Positive Pending Year-end Audit**

Carrie Bessinger, CFO, reported that she was pleased with the preliminary financial results for December 2025. The pre-audit year-end showed December's net margin to be a gain of \$5.2 million compared to a budgeted gain of \$1.4 million. Operating margins for the month were a gain of \$839,000 compared to a budgeted gain of \$492,000. Revenue for the month included an increase in unbilled revenue of \$426,000. Cold temperatures in November and December bolstered sales resulting in higher revenues and power costs than both the budget and prior year.

The cost of power was higher than the budget for December, the result of purchasing 26% more kWh than expected and at a 12% higher rate than budgeted. Compared to the prior year, total power cost was 16% higher because of both higher rates and increased purchases.

Mrs. Bessinger reported that tornado costs posted through December of 2025 total \$10,584,995 and insurance reimbursements for costs through October of \$8,064,149 have been received from Federated.

## **Directors Receive NRECA Gold Status Renewal**

Mr. Newton announced that Mr. Tackett, Mr. Haynes, and Mrs. Epperson recently achieved renewal of their Director Gold status through 2027 from NRECA and thanked them for their focus on continued education and training for their roles. Mrs. Turpin presented them with their certificates at the February meeting.