

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



**SUPPORT** | ADVOCATE | EDUCATE



**SALT RIVER ELECTRIC**

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 



## SUPPORT

**B**ecause you're reading this annual report, chances are you already know that Salt River Electric only exists because of the consumer-members who own our cooperative.

When Salt River was founded in 1937, our local communities banded together to create a new kind of electric utility, one where the voice of every person made a difference.

Early cooperative leaders saw a need in their rural communities and brought them electricity when no one else would. Today, Salt River Electric and more than 900 other electric co-ops across America continue to answer that call. Focusing on member needs, our goal is to provide much more than competitively priced, reliable energy. We're also committed to supporting our communities and improving the quality of life for the people who live here.

### OUR BOARD

The support and dedication of our board is essential. In addition to providing supervision and guidance, board members receive

important education and training on the complex challenges of electric service. This year, our newest directors received credentials from NRECA for their training.

Every member of Salt River's board of directors is a member of this co-op, democratically elected by the membership to represent the interests of all members, not special interests or outside agendas. These board members are neighbors and fellow community members, not some out of town shareholder who lives hundreds or thousands of miles away.

### MEMBER SUPPORT

As a cooperative, we also pride ourselves in advocating for our members, speaking up for commonsense policies that promote reliable power as cost-effectively as possible.

With the support of our fellow co-ops, we advocate for member interests, such as promoting a diverse mix of energy sources and protecting the not-for-profit cooperative business model.

Manager of Office Services  
Phyllis Oliver greets a member with a smile and a bucket during the 2022 Member Appreciation Day.  
Photo: Zach Epperson

Above right, Manager of Communications Zach Epperson presents the Barbara Cahoe Award to Stacey Bernard during the 2022 Bullitt County Chamber of Commerce Dinner. Photo: Elcara Photography

Lineman Jacob Hall prepares to complete his poletop rescue training.  
Photo: Zach Epperson

On the cover: Lineman Will Thomas positions his bucket next to a pole before the start of a line-worker safety exercise.  
Photo: Zach Epperson





Salt River Electric is a resource hub for members who need help. We follow the cooperative principle of “Concern for Community.” That includes things such as:

- Offering scholarships to graduating high school seniors in our area.
- Donating to local charities.
- Being active in community civic organizations.
- Providing in-kind support, like helping to repair lighting at local parks or ballfields.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Salt River Electric is committed to open, transparent and helpful communications. In *Kentucky Living*, social media and on our website, srelectric.com, we share updates, tips and important information for our members, from scam information to the latest energy-saving tips.

We’ve built up a reputation for providing our members with reliable information about matters that affect your bill and electric service. That includes the rising costs for fuels used to create electricity, energy efficiency ideas to help manage your costs, and protecting the sales tax exemption for utility services at primary residences.

Salt River Electric is proud to also support our members with the SimpleSaver thermostat program,





heat pump rebates, and affordable ways to get involved in renewable energy, like the Envirowatts and Cooperative Solar programs.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

In partnership with our power provider East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Salt River Electric supports local businesses and works to attract new employers, in addition to helping existing members grow their operations. In 2022, UPS announced their plans to expand their footprint in Bullitt County, and several bourbon members announced plans to grow their operations. Willett Distillery announced a nearly \$93 million investment in Washington County to add more warehouses and production facilities, which will be powered by Salt River Electric.

And according to an article published by *Louisville Business First*, of the top 10 largest industrial buildings located in the greater Louisville-area, eight are powered by Salt River Electric. With some of the most competitive electric rates in the country, it's no wonder top companies and industries continue to choose areas served by Salt River Electric.

## ON THE LINE

All of us at Salt River are committed to the safe support of our membership. Though any business benefits from a safety culture, the inherent dangers of electricity require Salt River Electric lineworkers be especially dedicated to safety.

Our crews follow strict guidelines and receive regular training so that they can return home safely no matter the conditions or tasks at hand.

## A SUPPORT NETWORK

Many people find support networks in a circle of friends, extended family, a local church, self-help groups and even online communities. Our cooperative is supported by our members, as well as Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, our statewide association Kentucky Electric Cooperatives and the collaboration of more than 900 electric cooperatives across the country.

As we provide this annual report of our operations at Salt River Electric, please know how much we value and rely on your support. We're here for you, too, as we all work together to support our local communities.

Lineman Lincoln Doan secures wire atop a new line construction. Photo: Zach Epperson



Board members Darrell Tingle and Joe Osbourne talk with Nick Pitakis, Spurlock Station Operations Manager, on the roof of the Hugh L. Spurlock Generating Station. Photo: Nick Comer

# AGENDA

## Annual Meeting of Members of Salt River Electric Cooperative

**Streaming live via  
Facebook and YouTube**

**Monday, June 5**

**Registration:** 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

**Business Meeting:** 5 p.m.

The annual membership meeting of this co-op organizes to take action on the following matters:

1. Call to order
2. Determination of a quorum and official meeting notice
3. Minutes of the previous meeting
4. Report of the financial condition of the co-op
5. Report of the 2023 board election
6. Old business
7. New business
8. Adjournment



**Tim Sharp**  
President and CEO



**Linda West**  
Chair



**David Stevens**  
Vice Chair



**Darrell Tingle**  
Treasurer



**Wm. George Maddox**  
Secretary



**Joe Osbourne**  
Director



**John Hutchins**  
Director



**Douglas Hubbard**  
Attorney

# 2022 Salt River Electric Cooperative YEAR IN REVIEW

## ACTIVE ACCOUNTS

As of December 31, 2022

Nelson .....	16,311
Marion .....	241
Bullitt .....	27,608
Washington .....	4,589
Spencer .....	6,625
Mercer .....	11
Anderson .....	17
Shelby .....	109
LaRue .....	21
Jefferson .....	92
Total .....	55,624

## ACCOUNTS BILLED

2022 ..... 55,624

## AVERAGE KWH USAGE

(residential per month)

2022 ..... 1,258

## MILES OF LINE

2022 ..... 4,483

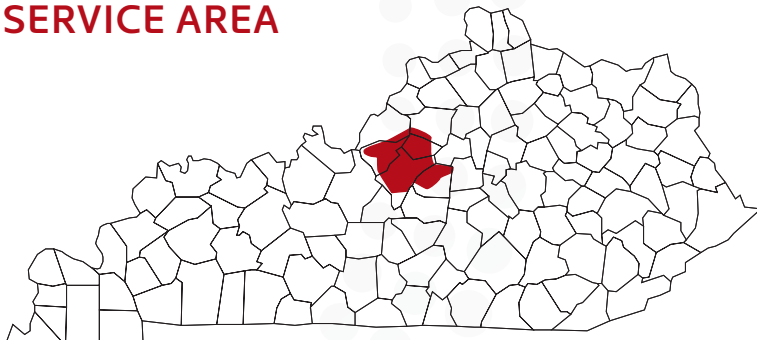
## CONSUMERS PER MILE

2022 ..... 12.41

## FOR INFORMATION AND INQUIRIES

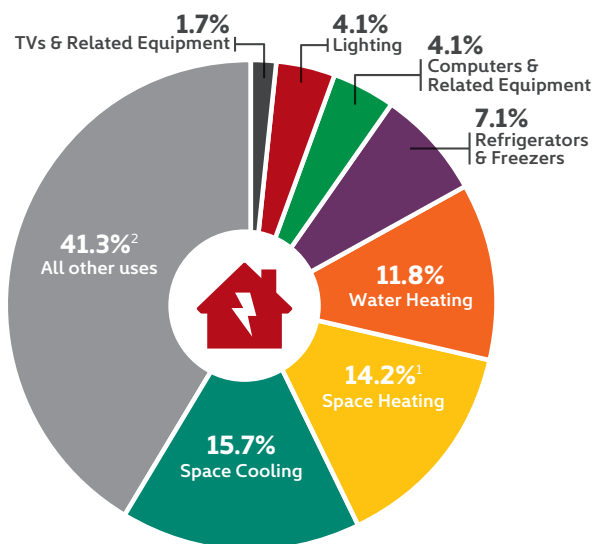
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## SERVICE AREA



## How Americans Use Electricity

The latest data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration shows the combined use of clothes washers and dryers, dishwashers, small appliances and other electrical equipment (noted as "all other uses" below) accounts for the largest percentage of electricity consumption in American homes.

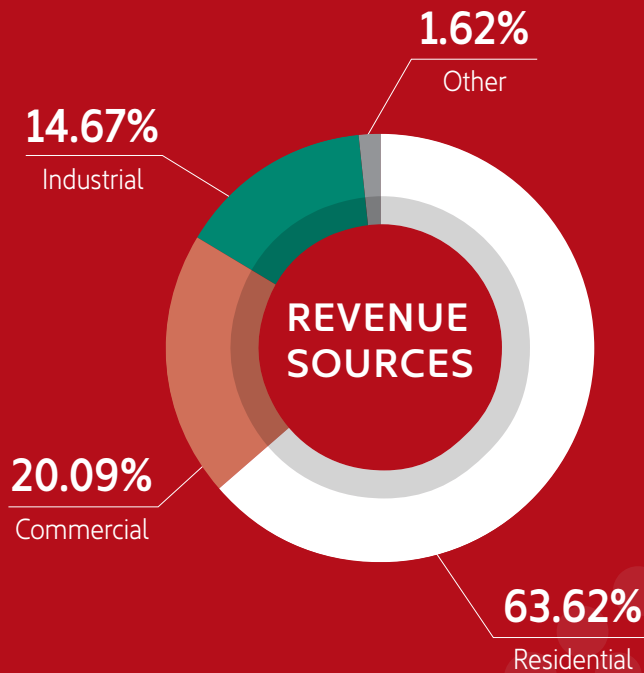


Source: Energy Information Administration 2021

<sup>1</sup>Includes consumption for heat and operating furnace fans and boiler pumps.  
<sup>2</sup>Includes miscellaneous appliances, clothes washers and dryers, stoves, dishwashers, heating elements, and motors.

NRECA

# FINANCIALS



## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

As of December 31, 2022

Operating Revenue.....\$137,085,119

### OPERATING EXPENSE

Purchased Power.....\$115,036,024

Operating System.....\$12,232,002

Depreciation.....\$6,099,323

Taxes .....\$100,787

Interest on Loans.....\$1,341,162

Other Deductions .....\$13,887

**Total Cost of Electric Service ..... \$134,823,185**

Operating Margins .....\$2,261,934

Non-Operating Margins.....\$573,315

G & T Capital Credits .....\$3,791,040

Other Capital Credits .....\$274,357

**Patronage Capital and Margins ..... \$6,900,646**

## BALANCE SHEET

As of December 31, 2022

### ASSETS

Total Utility Plant .....\$181,483,518

Less Depreciation .....\$109,813,374

Net Utility Plant.....\$71,670,144

Investments in Associate Organization.....\$76,401,278

Cash .....\$16,395,173

Accounts and Notes Receivable .....\$20,834,672

Inventory.....\$1,820,006

Prepaid Expenses.....\$166,108

Deferred Debits and Other Assets.....\$14,405,231

**Total Assets ..... \$201,692,612**

### LIABILITIES

Consumer Deposits.....\$3,394,582

Membership and Other Equities .....\$128,523,669

Long-Term Debt.....\$53,231,721

Notes and Accounts Payable.....\$13,260,844

Other Current Liabilities.....\$1,740,047

Noncurrent Liabilities .....\$1,541,749

**Total Liabilities ..... \$201,692,612**



# 2023

## Salt River Electric Annual Business Meeting and Member Appreciation Day

**MONDAY, JUNE 5**

**Streaming live  
via Salt River Electric's  
Facebook and YouTube pages**

**Business Meeting: 5 p.m.**

### **Drive-Thru Member Appreciation Day**

**Monday, June 5, 2023**

**Registration: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.**

#### **At all four office locations:**

- BARDSTOWN
- TAYLORSVILLE
- SHEPHERDSVILLE
- SPRINGFIELD

Members can register for gift card giveaways and pick up their bucket and bulbs at any office location between 8 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday, June 5.

Prize winners will be notified at a later date.



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