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## Message from the President

### A springtime challenge

#### Nominate a project for Beautify the Bluegrass

As Kentuckians, we're fortunate to live in one of the most beautiful places on earth. And here at Salt River Electric, we're excited to recognize some of the people who help keep it beautiful—starting right here in our community.

Beautify the Bluegrass is an annual partnership between Kentucky's electric cooperatives, *Kentucky Living* magazine and the governor's office that recognizes efforts to beautify our state. Each year, homegrown community projects are nominated to be recognized during the Beautify the Bluegrass awards ceremony at the Capitol. This issue of *Kentucky Living* celebrates our 2024 honorees—and I hope it will inspire you to nominate a project of your own.

To be considered for the recognition, all you have to do is nominate your project—or the good work being done by someone else—at [KentuckyLiving.com/Beautify](http://KentuckyLiving.com/Beautify). The deadline to nominate this year is July 14.

Before you tell yourself this doesn't apply to you, stop and think about the many Beautify the Bluegrass projects that have been recognized in the past. We have celebrated community

cleanups, murals, gardens, parks, landscaping, welcome signs, waterway trash removal and more. Chances are good that you or someone you know has completed some kind of project that beautifies our community. Your good work, or theirs, deserves to be recognized.

Or maybe you haven't completed a beautification project yet, but you want to. If you feel inspired, there's no time like the present. Make your plan, gather your volunteers and complete and enter your project by the July 14 deadline.

Salt River has always been more than a utility company. Our priority is providing safe, reliable power at an affordable rate, but our larger mission is to improve the quality of life in our community. As we look forward to spring, let's celebrate our partners in this mission—everyone who steps up to



beautify the place we call home.

President and CEO  
Tim Sharp



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# Notice

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8, Salt River Electric Cooperative Corporation (“Salt River”) gives notice to its members that it has requested that the Kentucky Public Service Commission (“Commission”) allow it to modify the tariff narrative contained within the cooperative’s Outdoor Lighting Schedule – OL.

## Proposed Modification to Outdoor and Commercial Lighting Schedule

Due to supplies no longer being available for current outdoor and commercial lighting offerings, the cooperative is proposing a change to LED lights only once replacement is necessary. Once replacement is necessary, the customer’s outdoor lighting service will be moved to Schedule LED, LED Outdoor Lighting. Additionally, the cooperative proposes to delete the Commercial Lighting Schedule – CL.

The modified tariff will be submitted to the Commission no later than March 1. If approved by the Commission, the new tariff will become effective March 31. The change contained in the tariff filing, and in this notice, is proposed by Salt River. The Commission may order a revision or rates that differs from the proposed changes contained in this notice.

A person may examine Salt River’s tariff filing, and any related documents, at the Commission’s offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or through the Commission’s website at <http://psc.ky.gov>. A person may also view the tariff filing and related documents at Salt River’s main office located at 111 West Brashear Ave., Bardstown, KY 40004.

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Every month, Salt River Electric mails out tens of thousands of bills to members. While the charges and amounts vary by member, each bill and its content look the same. But what exactly is on your monthly bill? What are the various charges that are included in addition to your monthly energy usage? We're here to help explain with this graphic.

**2 Balance forward:** An amount will appear here from the previous bill, if applicable.

**4 Fuel adjustment clause:** This amount is determined by and goes directly to our energy provider, East Kentucky Power Cooperative. It is calculated based on the cost of fuel, such as coal or natural gas, purchased to generate our electricity. It is multiplied by your kWh usage. The amount of this charge will vary and is not controlled by Salt River.

**5 Environmental surcharge:** This is another charge that originates from our power provider and goes directly to EKPC. The surcharge helps recover a portion of the costs spent to comply with federal rules and regulations for power generation. Just as with the fuel adjustment clause, this charge will vary, and it is not controlled by Salt River.

**6 Garbage:** *This applies only to Nelson County residents.* Salt River Electric collects garbage bills on behalf of the Nelson County Fiscal Court, which receives the collected amounts. This charge is not controlled by Salt River.

**7 Street lights:** For members who have a light. It is a flat rate charged each month.

- 8 Taxes and fees:** This section will vary greatly depending on where a member lives. Items and fees, such as school taxes, are listed here. Once again, these fees are collected by Salt River on behalf of the listed districts and counties. Salt River does not control these charges.
- 9 Total:** This is your bill's total amount, after the inclusion of outside fees and taxes.

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A tale of two houses

## Never judge a book (or a house) by its cover

"I just don't get it," the member said to one of our customer service representatives. "My friend who lives across the street has almost the exact same house, and their usage was nowhere near what you say I used."

Sound familiar? During the winter months, Salt River Electric routinely answers calls and questions from members who are shocked when they see the amount of electricity their home consumed during the past winter month. And, like in the example above, comparisons arise between a member's house and another person's house.

But just because two houses look the same on the outside doesn't mean they use the same amount of energy. As a matter of fact, there are several factors that can influence your home's energy usage.

### Heating systems

Let's look at an obvious factor. The type of heating system a home has will greatly influence the amount of energy used throughout the month, as heating can be responsible for more than half of a member's monthly energy usage. Home A uses a forced-air electric furnace, which requires substantial electricity. Home B, on

the other hand, uses a high-efficiency heat pump, requiring much less electricity. If your home is heated with a gas furnace, remember that the furnace's blower and fan still use electricity. If that furnace is running constantly during the winter, so are the fan and blower.

### Insulation

The type and amount of insulation in your home can impact the amount of heat retained in your home. With high-quality insulation, your home will retain heat much better, which can help with how long your heating system runs. Home A has batted insulation in the walls and loose insulation in the ceiling, which has moved around and thinned out over time. Home B has spray foam insulation, which, when applied, expands and covers even the tiniest of cracks and crevices. It also helps heat rise through the ceiling slower.

### Number of occupants

The number of people living in the house can also influence how much energy is used. Home A is home to a family of five: a mom, dad and their three kids. Home B is home to a newlywed couple and their

two dogs. The more people, the more devices and habits around that can (and will) consume energy.

### Appliances

The number of appliances also impacts energy usage, especially if those appliances are rated to be highly energy efficient. Home B features an electric range, microwave, refrigerator, dishwasher, electric water heater and several televisions. Home A features all these same appliances, with the addition of several gaming consoles, three space heaters, two mini fridges and other devices that, when left plugged in, can consume energy without your knowledge.

### Energy habits

While you can't control some of these things, there is one item on this list you absolutely have control over: your energy habits. Most of the time, that's what can make the difference between two similar looking houses with not-so-similar bills. It's as simple as programming the thermostat lower when you leave the house instead of leaving it at 70 degrees, or using your washer, dryer, oven and dishwasher all at once.



# Excerpt of Salt River Electric bylaws

Printed here is a portion of the Salt River Electric bylaws pertaining to the annual meeting of the members, the Board of Directors elections and election voting.

## ARTICLE III MEETING OF MEMBERS

**SECTION 3:01 Annual Meeting.** An Annual Meeting of the members shall be held each year, in Nelson County, Kentucky, or at such other place as may be specified in the notice thereof, for the purpose of passing upon reports for the previous fiscal year and transacting such other business as properly and with due notice may come before the meeting. It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors to set the date of the Annual Meeting each year and to make adequate plans and preparations for it, including a determination of the arrangements and content of the agenda. Failure to hold the Annual Meeting at a designated time shall not work a forfeiture or dissolution of the Cooperative.

**SECTION 3:02 Special Meetings.** Special Meetings of the members may be called by resolution of the Board, or upon a written request by any three board members, by the Chairman of the Board, or by ten percent or more of all the members, and it shall thereupon be the duty of the Secretary to cause notice of such meeting to be given as hereinafter provided. Special meetings of the members may be held at any place within the County of Nelson, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and shall be specified in the notice of the special meeting.

**SECTION 3:03 Notice of Members' Meeting.** Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting and, in case of a special meeting or an Annual Meeting at which business requiring special notice is to be transacted, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty-five (35) days before the date of the meeting, either by mail, by or at the direction of the Secretary, or upon a default in duty by the Secretary, by the persons calling the meeting, to each member. Any such notice delivered by mail may be included with member service billings or as an integral part of or with the Cooperative's monthly newsletter and/or its monthly insert in Kentucky Living. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the member at the address as it appears on the records of the Cooperative, with postage thereon prepaid. The failure of any member to receive notice of an annual or specified meeting of the members shall not invalidate any action which may be taken by the members at any such meet-

ing, unless a greater number is required by law or the Articles of Incorporation, or these Bylaws.

**SECTION 3:04 Quorum.** Not less than seventy-five (75) members present in person or represented by proxy shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of the members.

### **SECTION 3:05 Voting.**

- (a) Each member shall be entitled to one vote upon each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members. All questions at such meetings shall be decided by a vote of a majority of the members voting thereon in person or by proxy except as otherwise provided by law, the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws.
- (b) All voting for nominees or candidates for the office of director shall be exclusively by ballot personally marked by an eligible member and in compliance with the Bylaws.
- (c) Voting by members other than members who are natural persons shall be allowed upon the presentation to the Cooperative, prior to any vote, or upon registration at each member meeting, of satisfactory evidence entitling the person(s) presenting the same to vote.

**SECTION 3:06 Agenda.** The Agenda for the meeting of the members shall be with full disclosure to the membership, so as to inform the membership in the Notice of the Meeting, of the nature of all business to be considered. To achieve the same, no proposal shall be voted upon at the Annual Meeting unless it has been placed on the agenda at least forty (40) days prior to such meeting. Any legitimate proposal may be submitted for inclusion on the agenda by the members. Said proposal(s) must be in writing and signed by at least seventy-five (75) members in good standing, and a copy of the proposal must be filed with the Secretary within the time allowed, with a request that it be submitted to the Annual Meeting for consideration. Any item submitted by a member or members, to be placed on the Agenda of the Annual Meeting, must be clearly stated and easily understood. Nothing in this section, or any other section of the Bylaws, shall be construed as diminishing the authority or duty of the Board of Directors to determine

items to be submitted to vote of the members at any meeting of the members and/or the arrangement and content of the agenda.

**SECTION 3:07 Order of Business.** The order of business at the Annual Meeting of the members and, so far as possible, at all other meetings of the members, shall be essentially as follows:

- (a) Report on the number of members present, in person or by proxy, in order to determine the existence of a quorum.
- (b) Reading of the notice of the meeting and proof of the due publication or mailing thereof, or the waiver or waivers of notice of the meeting, as the case may be.
- (c) Reading of unapproved minutes of previous meeting of the members and the taking of necessary action thereon.
- (d) Presentation and consideration of reports of officers, trustees and committees.
- (e) Report on election of Directors.
- (f) Unfinished Business.
- (g) New Business.
- (h) Adjournment.

**SECTION 3:08. Proxies.** At any meeting of the members or any adjournment thereof, any member may vote by proxy, but only if such proxy is:

- (a) registered with the Secretary or his duly designated registrar before or at the time of the meeting or any adjournment thereof,
- (b) executed by the member in writing and designates the holder thereof, which holder shall be the member's spouse, an adult close relative (18 years or older) residing in the same household as the member, or another member who is a natural person, and
- (c) specifies the particular meeting and/or any adjournment thereof at which it is to be voted and is dated not more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of such meeting or any adjournment thereof:

PROVIDED, that any mailed proxies not otherwise dated shall be deemed dated as postmarked if postmark is satisfactorily

evidenced; AND PROVIDED FURTHER, that any proxy valid at any meeting shall be valid at any adjournment thereof, unless the proxy itself specifies otherwise or is subsequently revoked by another proxy or by the presence in person of the member at such adjournment.

A proxy may be unlimited as to the matters on which it may be voted or it may be restricted. A proxy containing no restriction shall be deemed to be unlimited. In the event a member executes two or more proxies for the same meeting or for any adjournment thereof, the most recently dated proxy shall revoke all others. If the said proxies carry the same date and are held by different persons, none of them will be valid or recognized. The presence in person of a member at a meeting or any adjournment thereof shall revoke any proxy theretofore executed by the member for such meeting or for such adjournment thereof, as the case may be, and the member shall be entitled to vote in the same manner and with the same effect as if the member had not executed a proxy. No member may vote as proxy for more than three members at any meeting of the members. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, whenever a member is absent from a meeting of the members but whose spouse attends such meeting, such spouse shall be deemed to hold, and may exercise and vote, the proxy of such member to the same extent that such member could vote if present in person, unless such member has given a written proxy to some other person eligible to vote such proxy.

#### ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**SECTION 4:01 General Powers.** The business affairs of the Cooperative shall be directed by a board of six (6) directors which shall exercise all of the powers of the Cooperative except such as are by law, the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws, conferred upon or reserved to the members. Each director shall reside in the district which he or she is to represent and be elected by the members residing in that district. Vacancies for an unexpired portion of a term may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining board members. Said appointee shall serve for the unexpired portion.

**SECTION 4:02 Districts.** The Cooperative is divided into four (4) districts as provided in the Articles of Incorporation. Districts 1 and 2 shall each have two (2) directors, and Districts 3 and 4 shall each have one (1) director. The four districts shall be as follows:

District No. 1 – Embraces all members residing in Nelson County and those members who reside in an adjacent county but are served from Nelson County.

District No. 2 – Embraces all members residing in Bullitt County and those members who reside in an adjacent county but are served from Bullitt County.

District No. 3 – Embraces all members residing in Spencer County and those members who reside in an adjacent county but are served from Spencer County.

District No. 4 – Embraces all members residing in Washington County and those members who reside in an adjacent county but are served from Washington County.

**SECTION 4:03 Tenure of Office.** The regular tenure of office for each director shall be four (4) years or until a successor is elected and qualified. Terms of directors shall rotate so that two (2) directors are chosen at three (3) of each four (4) annual meetings.

**SECTION 4:04 Eligibility.** A person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of the Cooperative who:

- (a) is a member in good standing and whose bona fide residence is in the area served or to be served by the Cooperative and the district which he or she is to represent; and who has been a bona fide resident of said district for a period of two (2) years prior to the date of the annual meeting at which he or she stands for election;
- (b) is not in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise, or a business, selling electric energy or supplies to the Cooperative; or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to the members of the Cooperative;
- (c) is not a full-time employee of Salt River Electric Cooperative Corporation; and has not been a full-time employee for a period of three (3) years prior to the date of the annual meeting;
- (d) is not an employee, representative, or official of any organization that represents the employees of the cooperative;
- (e) is not an immediate relative of any full-time employee of Salt River Electric Cooperative Corporation within a period of three (3) years prior to the date of the annual meeting. An immediate relative shall be defined as parents, spouse, children, brothers, sisters, grandmothers and grandfathers.

Upon establishment of the fact that a director is holding office in violation of any of the foregoing provisions, the Board of Directors shall remove such director from office.

Nothing contained in this section shall affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 4:05 Nomination and Election of Directors.** The procedures for nominating and election of Directors shall be regulated by Board Policy. Said policy shall provide for Nominating Committees, Nominating Petitions, Write-In Candidates, and Election Commission of not less than three (3) members, the election process, balloting, the counting of ballots, etc. Said policy cannot be altered or modified within the ninety (90) days immediately preceding the annual meeting.

*Note: A complete copy of these bylaws can be picked up by a member at any of our Salt River Electric offices.*

# Notice

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8, Salt River Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Salt River") gives notice to its members that it has requested that the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") allow it to revise and modify its tariff regarding the installation of underground service facilities for individual residential or commercial customers.

**Proposed modification for the installation of underground service facilities for individual residential or commercial customers. Proposed changes are underlined, with previous text stricken through.**

## OPTION NUMBER 1.

- I. Customer opens and closes ditch from ~~house~~ the meter base to the nearest pole, padmount transformer, splice box, or other point of connection as determined by Cooperative personnel under the guidelines of the Cooperative's current specifications.
- II. The customer shall furnish and have installed a meter base and all conduit from the meter ~~socket base~~ to the point of connection as determined by the Cooperative's ~~in Item #1~~ above current specifications. In addition, the customer will provide a pull ~~wire rope~~ inside the conduit system to assist the Cooperative in the installation of the conductor.
- III. The Cooperative will furnish and install the underground service conductor from the meter base to the point of connection with other Cooperative facilities. ~~The Cooperative will also provide all conduit required for the installation of the conductor up any Cooperative owned and maintained pole.~~
- IV. The Cooperative will maintain any underground conductor which is installed under this option except in the occurrence of a dig-in. The Cooperative will repair all dig-ins on a ~~cost plus~~ cost-plus basis.
- V. ~~For 200 amp service or less-~~ Customers will pay a fee of ~~\$175.00~~ \$150.00 for the first 150 feet of conductor for any underground installation. ~~This price includes a special underground meter socket which will be provided by the Cooperative.~~ For all additional conductor after the first 150 feet, the customer will be charged an additional fee of

~~\$1.45~~ \$2.07 per foot.

~~For 400 amp service or greater- customers will pay a fee of \$400 for the first 150 feet of conductor for any underground installation.~~

For all additional conductor after the first 150 feet, the customer will be charged an additional fee of \$3.61 per foot.

All costs associated with the installation of underground service must be paid prior to the scheduling of the work. The maximum distance which the Cooperative will run any underground service drop is limited by the voltage drop allowed by NEC and Kentucky Public Service Commission Standards. The distance will also be limited by the ability for the Cooperative to pull its conductor through the conduit system from the meter base to the point of connection.

The modified tariff will be submitted to the Commission no later than March 1. If approved by the Commission, the new tariff will become effective March 31. The charge and revisions contained in the tariff filing, and in this notice, are those proposed by Salt River. The Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice.

A person may examine Salt River's tariff filing, and any related documents, at the Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or through the Commission's website at <http://psc.ky.gov>. A person may also view the tariff filing and related documents at Salt River's main office located at 111 West Brashear Ave., Bardstown, KY 40004. Comments regarding the tariff filing may be submitted to the Commission through its website at <http://psc.ky.gov>, or by mail to the Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602. Also at this mailing address, a person may submit to the Commission a timely written request for intervention 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 the date of this publication, the Commission may take final action on the tariff filing.

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