



Upshur Rural Electric Cooperative

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Your monthly information source from URECC.

September 2018

Did you know that Upshur Rural Electric receives 12% of our power supply from wind turbines?



System Upgrades Have Already Begun!

Our Board of Directors recently voted unanimously to immediately begin efforts to implement several system improvements throughout the Upshur Rural service territory.

“We’re continuing a multi-year program to improve reliability, service, and to better protect our area’s natural resources,” said Rob Walker, General Manager for Upshur Rural Electric. Among these multi-year projects are the following:

In June, we installed a new transformer in the Victory substation (located just east of Lake ‘O the Pines) with environmentally friendly compounds and we upgraded relaying equipment in East Texas. In July, we began the process of relocating the lines across Alley Creek at Lake ‘O the Pines using state of the art technology approved by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. In August and September, we will be raising the lines that cross Hurricane Creek at Lake ‘O the Pines and will begin an Electrical Safety Education Program for schools and civic organizations. In September and October, we will begin building a new substation and installing a closed loop transmission line to improve reliability between Hallsville and Diana. In November and December, we will continue to replace poles throughout our service area. In early 2019, we will work with the Texas Department of Public Safety on the widening project of the Highway 155 bridge over the north side of Lake ‘O the Pines. In 2019, plans are under way to install a solar panel farm within our service area.

Upshur Rural is committed to undertaking a wide range of projects to ensure that we are operating a system for our member-owners that is reliable and safe for generations to come. Watch our Facebook page for updates!

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Upcoming Events in Our Service Area

September 7	Kilgore Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament
September 13 - 15	Pioneer Days, Pittsburg
September 15	Avinger Wine Festival
September 15	Gilmer Area Chamber of Commerce Purse Bingo
October 6	Touch a Truck-Feed a Family Event, Longview
October 17 - 20	East Texas Yamboree, Gilmer
October 31	Pumpkin Carving Fundraiser at Upshur Rural Electric, Gilmer

High Bill Season is Upon Us!

With the incredibly hot summer weather we have been having, many URECC members will be receiving larger than normal electric bills. Even with thermostats raised to higher settings, air conditioning units are having to work harder just to keep up! For those who qualify, special utility assistance programs are available. Thousands of dollars have been designated for distribution in the URECC service area. For a list of utility assistance providers in our service area, go to our website at URECC.coop and click on "Residential" then "Member Assistance". If you don't have access to the internet, simply call our office and we will be happy to give you the information.

Our offices will be closed on Monday, September 3rd for Labor Day.



ENERGY SAVING TIPS OF THE MONTH:
Turn off the stereo, TV, computer and video game console when you stop using them. Remember to turn off the lights too!

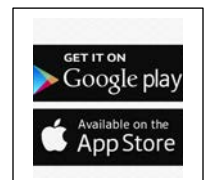
Take short showers. Showers use less hot water than baths.



The URECC SmartHub App Puts the Power at Your Fingertips



YOU CAN REPORT AN OUTAGE, TRACK YOUR POWER USAGE, PAY YOUR BILL AND CHAT WITH A MEMBER SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE RIGHT FROM YOUR CELL PHONE, COMPUTER OR PORTABLE DEVICE WITH INTERNET CONNECTION.



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Member Services: 903.843.2536 or 800.259.2536