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BUDGET BILLING

With summer rapidly approaching, Budget Billing could be a way for our members to budget for their electric bills by averaging their payments on a monthly basis. It helps absorb the highs and lows of summer and winter. More information regarding Budget Billing and the criteria for signing up can be found on our website at www.urecc.coop. Click on the "About Us" tab, click on "Reports & Forms", then select "Budget Billing" or you may call one of our Member Service Representatives at 903.843.2536 or 800.259.2536.

Our ANNUAL MEETING Was A Huge Success!



The 79th Annual Meeting of the Members of Upshur Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation was held on Thursday, April 7, 2016. Three hundred and sixty eight registered at the meeting.



The following statistics were reported for the fiscal year 2015:

*Constructed 39 miles of new line to serve 997

new members;

*At the end of 2015, there were 45,266 accounts billed;

*There are 290 miles of transmission line, 5,991 miles of overhead distribution line and 288 miles of underground distribution line in place;

*The total plant investment was \$208,861,001 and the total kilowatt-hours sold in 2015 was

892,494,739.

New business transacted at the meeting was the election of the following directors:

District #7 S. Rex Youngblood
District #8 R. Alan Branham
District #9 Sherry Morgan



May is Electrical Safety Month

Electricity is something that we sometimes take for granted. We cannot see it or smell it. Electrical equipment is such an integral part of our everyday life that we tend to not notice it anymore. Our hope is that we do not become complacent with just how dangerous electricity can be.

May is Electrical Safety Month and we wanted to give you some reminders to help you stay safe when using and around electricity!

- *Have a qualified electrician install and check your wiring
- *Install Ground Fault Indicators in areas where needed
- *Electric appliances should have a three-prong plug
- *Never use appliances when you are wet or on a wet surface
- *Do not overload extension cords

- *Keep extension cords clear of foot traffic, heat and water
- *Weatherproof outdoor electrical outlets
- *Use power tools with durable, grounded, insulated cords
- *Never operate an electric lawnmower in wet grass
- *Teach your children to not fly kites near power lines or

play around electrical equipment

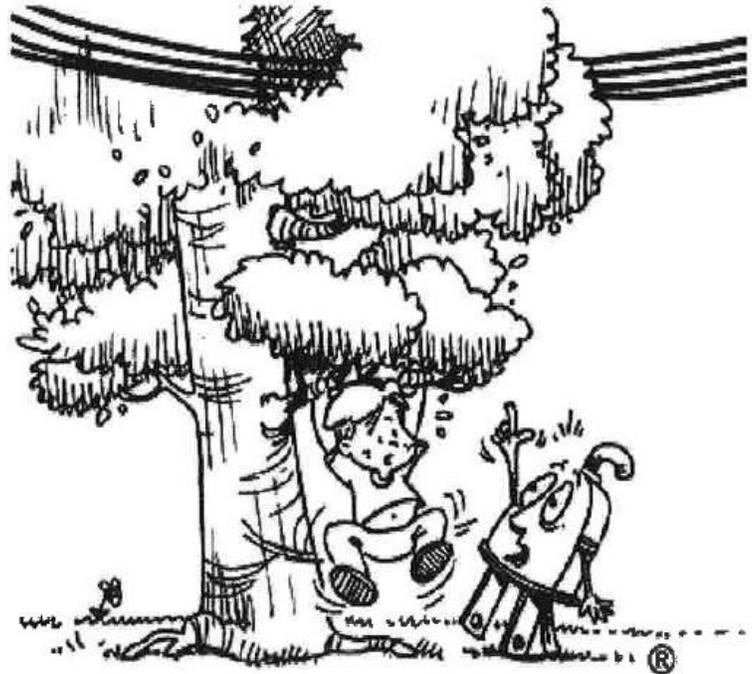
*Never touch a fallen power line

*Never enter an electrical substation

*Inspect and never use a damaged cord

*Never pull a plug from a wall outlet by the cord

For more electrical safety tips, go to www.esfi.org



Our offices will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.