

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 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 81st Annual Meeting of the Members of Upshur Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation was held on Thursday, April 5, 2018. Three hundred and eighty four registered at the meeting.

The following statistics were reported for the fiscal year 2017:

*Constructed 36 miles of new line to serve 891 new members;

*At the end of 2017, there were 45,988 accounts billed;

*There are 295 miles of transmission line, 6,043 miles of overhead distribution line and 305 miles of underground distribution line in place;

*The total plant investment was \$228,951,908 and the total kilowatt-hours sold in 2017 was 816,699,890.

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

District #4 Henry Jackson
District #5 Charles H. Whiteside
District #6 R. Cody Newman



May is Electrical Safety Month

Electricity is something that we sometimes take for granted. We cannot see it, hear 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

*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

OUTAGES



Wow! What a storm on Friday, April 13th! At the height of it all, we had approximately 22,500 members out of service. Our crews and our contractor crews worked around the clock to get service restored. We appreciate our members who understand what we are up against when storms like this one blow through. We are a rural electric cooperative meaning we brought the power through the woods and creek bottoms. We live in beautiful east Texas where trees abound. Storms like this can and did cause a lot of damage, but as of Sunday evening, we had it all restored. For more information on our outage restoration process, go to our website at urecc.coop, click on the "Outage" tab, then click on "Restoration Process".

Just a reminder...

Consumer charge change takes effect June 1st!

In observation of
Memorial Day
Our offices will be closed
Monday, May 28, 2018