

BEFORE THE HOUSE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Kansas Electric Cooperatives Information
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KEC, Inc., is the statewide service organization providing services for the rural electric cooperatives in Kansas. Formed in 1941 and headquartered in Topeka, KEC represents the interests of and provides services and programs to the electric co-ops that serve in Kansas. Services include lobbying for cooperative interests, rate and tax expertise, safety programming, communications and some engineering services.



Kansas has been served by electric cooperatives for over 75 years. In 1935 FDR created REA— The goal of REA's remains the same—supply power to rural America. By 1935, FDR saw a problem growing in America. Electricity had been available in urban areas since the late 1800s. But by the 1930s less than 10% of farms in rural America received electricity. Kansas farmers relied on kerosene lamps for light, and wood or coal for cooking and heat. Existing power companies couldn't see the profit in providing rural electricity— thus, the electric cooperative was born. by 1937, Kansas formed it's first cooperative — Brown Atchison REC .

**The mission of the electric cooperative is unchanged since services began in the 1930's;
To provide our members with reliable electric service at the
best possible cost in areas others would not serve.**

Kansas electric cooperatives are vital to Kansas. Kansas' 29 distribution electric cooperatives averaging 8000 members per cooperative.. Kansas is also home to 2 generation and transmission (G&T) cooperatives that acquire power for the distribution cooperatives. Kansas electric cooperative provide electricity to approximately 340,000 meters. We serve 103 of the 105 counties in Kansas. Cooperatives average 3.3 members per mile of line compared to 45 customers per mile of larger utilities.

Cooperatives Are Unique:

- ♦ Not-for profit;
- ♦ Autonomous;
- ♦ Self-governed by their members;
- ♦ Owned by the members, and each member has a voice in cooperative governance. The cooperative board and management make decisions as elected by the members;
- ♦ Not rate regulated by the KCC.



Kansas Electric Cooperatives Statistical Data

For the Year Ending December 31, 2013

	Members	Average Meters	MWh Sales	Miles of Line	Full Time Employees	Meters/Mile	Meters/Employee
Distribution Systems							
Alfalfa ¹	4,069	8,435	623,735	3,265	45	2.6	187
Ark Valley	3,594	5,138	99,129	2,079	15	2.5	343
Bluestem	5,145	6,960	97,485	2,843	35	2.4	199
Brown-Atchison	2,327	3,205	49,142	1,110	16	2.9	200
Butler	5,834	7,135	120,417	2,005	31	3.6	230
Caney Valley	3,250	5,573	64,465	1,750	20	3.2	279
CMS	2,102	5,988	249,462	2,604	31	2.3	193
Doniphan	1,164	1,638	20,141	476	9	3.4	182
DS&O	6,398	8,355	131,924	2,455	37	3.4	226
Flint Hills	4,767	6,615	81,981	2,549	29	2.6	228
Heartland	8,241	11,459	190,576	3,810	39	3.0	294
Kaw Valley	7,517	9,307	146,592	1,687	35	5.5	266
Lane-Scott	2,605	5,844	142,932	2,064	24	2.8	244
LJEC	6,916	8,141	121,287	1,573	44	5.2	185
Lyon-Coffey	4,963	7,203	96,458	2,489	31	2.9	232
Midwest Energy	60,000 ²	49,592	1,605,019	11,290	283 ²	4.4	324 ²
Nemaha-Marshall	2,429	3,351	50,644	1,546	14	2.2	239
Ninnescah	1,881	4,003	86,933	2,134	16	1.9	250
Pioneer	4,921	16,925	917,400	4,032	74	4.2	229
Prairie Land	14,544	24,912	561,010	6,945	86	3.6	290
Radiant	2,552	5,743	85,799	1,488	16	3.9	359
Rolling Hills	6,664	11,076	136,296	6,370	54	1.7	205
Sedgwick County	5,314	6,334	134,357	1,158	22	5.5	288
Southern Pioneer ³	13,566	17,341	722,771	1,121	48	15.5	361
Sumner-Cowley	3,467	4,384	83,236	1,996	11 ⁴	2.2	399 ⁴
Tri-County ¹	12,550	23,399	1,012,386	5,433	92	4.3	254
Twin Valley	1,922	3,184	35,900	948	19	3.4	168
Victory	13,103	19,544	688,304	2,789	82	7.0	238
Western	6,581	12,113	370,326	3,942	57	3.1	213
Wheatland	21,513	36,460	1,125,897	4,276	140	8.5	260
Total	239,899	339,357	9,852,001	88,227	1,455		
Median	5,054	7,169	133,140	2,294	33	3.3	239

Generation & Transmission Systems

KAMO	6,524,299	2,352	162
KEPCo	2,165,211	0	23
Sunflower	4,159,231	1,210	429
Mid-Kansas	2,879,905	1,083	

¹Includes Kansas and Oklahoma

²Includes both gas and electric service

³Southern Pioneer is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Pioneer Electric Cooperative

⁴Sumner-Cowley uses contract employees for operations

Dave Holthaus and Kim Christiansen work with the Kansas Legislature to insure that Kansas Electric Cooperatives and their members are well served by legislative efforts. Please feel free to contact us with questions or suggestions relating to our electric cooperatives and the members we serve.



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