



From the desk of Travis Mathes, Manager of Member Services

2020 what a year this has been.
I know I sure can't wait for it to end.

From Easter to Christmas in the blink
of an eye.
Time has ticked and flown on by.

We all worked from home taking care of
each member's need.
Stressful is an understatement we all
agreed.

Back to the office was yet another
change.
The way we did face to face business
we had to completely rearrange.

In person meetings became a thing of
the past.
Each one of us prayed this would not
last.

We put up walls and teller windows to
prevent germs getting through.
Trying to slow the spread is what we all
try to do.

We all bought masks and hand sanitiz-
er by the cases I guess.
While paper products on store shelves
seemed less and less.

We all worried where the next roll of
toilet paper would come from.
Yet, buying 200 rolls at a time just

seemed really dumb.

Mother Nature, she would not give our
neighbors a break.
Our linemen headed north and then
south with all they could take.
They slept many nights in their trucks,
while they lent a hand.
They restored power to co-op members
like a well-tuned band.

They risked their own health to help
their fellow man.
Cooperation among cooperatives is part
of our master plan.

Yet, each one returned home healthy
and well.
They all of pages and pages of stories
to tell.

Electric cars and buses we have
worked hard to introduce.
While benefits to the members we think
they will produce.

Annual Meeting was a success with a
whole new curve.
You all drove right through with out
having to swerve.

Fairs and festivals were few and far
between.
Many friends and family for months we
have not seen.



The Halloween masks this year had a
whole new twist.
As we all continued to pray COVID-19
would cease to exist.

Thanksgiving found less people at each
household's table.
We will all come together, as soon as,
we are able.

With the Christmas Season upon us
once more.
Let's reflect and be thankful forever
more.

Good bye 2020, now on with the new.
Here's a prayer for health and prosperi-
ty for each of you.

Merry Christmas and Happy New
Year!!!



***Our office will be closed on December 24th
and 25th in observance of
Christmas. Happy Holidays!!!!***

***Our office will be closed January 1st in
observance of New Year's Day.***

***Happy Holidays from the Board of
Directors, Management, and
Employees of Lewis County REC!!***

Net metering and interconnection

The following is an explanation of the Missouri statute that sets out the guidelines for net metering and interconnection with the utility grid. Any Lewis County REC member/owner who is interested in applying for interconnection should first contact our office for specific information.

On January 1, 2008, a law took effect in Missouri mandating that all electric utilities offer net metering and interconnection to consumers generating 100 kilowatts (kW) or less of electricity from renewable resources.

Net metering enables the consumer-generator to “export” power to the utility’s grid that is in excess of immediate on-site needs to offset an equal amount of power supplied by the utility at a different time in the billing period. When this situation occurs, the consumer-generator is billed by the utility for the “net” amount of power used in excess of the power the consumer generates on-site.

During the billing period, if the consumer generates more power than the total amount of kilowatt-hours (kWh) used (a combination of the amount generated on-site and the amount supplied by the utility), the utility provides the consumer a “credit” for the surplus power. The credit is based on the cost the utility would have incurred to purchase an equal number of kilowatt-hours – this is called avoided cost. The consumer is still responsible to pay the monthly fixed charges for service.

The law applies to only generating systems which are

powered by renewable resources. These resources may include, wind, solar or any other sources of energy certified as renewable by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

Consumer-generators with qualifying generating systems are required to complete an application. The application must be accompanied by a plan that includes a wiring diagram and specifications for the generating

system, and must be approved by the utility. The consumer-generator must also submit certification from a licensed electrician or engineer indicating that the installation meets the interconnection requirements of the various safety codes, and other requirements.

The consumer-generator is responsible for all costs and expenses to install, operate, maintain, repair, and periodically test the generating system. The

cost of special metering equipment is also the responsibility of the consumer-generator. For safety purposes, the generating system is required to have a lockable, visible disconnect, accessible to utility personnel. The system must also have controls that prevent it from supplying power to the utility’s grid when the generating system is not energized or operating normally.

The Application and Agreement for Interconnection and Net Metering contains other important terms and requirements. For more information or to request an application, please contact Travis at Lewis County REC 573-215-4000.



SAFETY FIRST!

Decorative holiday lights are cheap! Don't take a chance on faulty lights. Check every strand before you hang them. If you find cracked wires, missing bulbs or other issues, throw them away and buy new ones. Nothing ruins the holidays like a tragedy that can be avoided.



TO REPORT AN OUTAGE

CALL (TOLL FREE) 1-888-454-4485
(LOCAL) 215-4000

24 HOURS A DAY

CALL THE TOLL FREE NUMBER
DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS (7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.)
FOR ALL OTHER SERVICES

Before calling:

- Check your breakers or fuses
- Check with your neighbors to see if they have power
- When calling please give the following information:

Your name • Meter Number • and/or location number