



Shelby Energy Cooperative

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



October 2018

From the CEO

2018 National Co-op Month

Shelby Energy puts people first

Before Shelby Energy formed in 1937 to bring power to rural areas of Kentucky, life was hard with many people having no electric light, heat or refrigeration. A simple philosophy that guided our founders still holds true today: We help people best by working together to improve lives.

That principle is why we exist. It's why we are celebrating National Cooperative Month in October, and why this month we are reflecting on our proud past and the bright future ahead.

Our parents and grandparents planted the cooperative model here. When utilities serving cities would not provide power to the countryside, local farmers joined to form our co-op and built their own power supply system.

Their vision of working together for a better life didn't stop there.

One of our system's power plants, for example, is named after J.K. Smith. He worked to establish our power supply, and then brought the co-op model to people in Ecuador and other nations around the world. He was a driving force behind the creation of the Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives and the Cooperative Finance Corporation, which helped to start 1,000 cooperatives nationwide.

Since those early days, Shelby Energy has grown tremendously. Today, we serve 12,840 members with 16,585 meters across 10 counties. We're proud of our history and embrace the future. Last year, we

helped build Cooperative Solar Farm One, one of the largest solar farms in Kentucky. It provides enough renewable energy to power 1,000 homes.

Cooperative principles, such as supporting local communities, still guide us today. We do that by providing electrical safety demonstrations to school students, sponsoring Honor Flights for veterans, donating to local community charity causes and events, volunteering with Ronald McDonald House Charities, and sponsoring athletes at the Kentucky Special Olympics.

Serving our consumer-members with safe, reliable and cost-effective energy. That's what we do. That's our purpose, and that's the cooperative way.

Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives



serve
80%
of **U.S.**
counties


employ
54,002
PEOPLE

Cover
70% of the
U.S.


serve 
32 million
people
46 in 
States

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Shelbyville Office Hours

Monday – Friday:
7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Mailing Address: 620 Old Finchville Road
Shelbyville, KY 40065-1714
(502) 633-4420

Remote Payment Centers

Henry County Supply

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Riverside

Smoker's Friendly

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Friday and Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Poppy's General Store

24 Equity Drive, Bedford, KY 40006
(502) 663-6028

Monday - Saturday: 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Sunday: 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

For information or to report an outage
1-800-292-6585

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Click on "Online Bill Pay" to view your
electric bill and make payments by debit
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All members signing up for new service
with Shelby Energy receive a short survey.
Members who return the completed survey
to Shelby Energy are automatically eligible
to win a one-time \$20 credit on their elec-
tric bill. Each month, one name is drawn
and a lucky Shelby Energy member receives
a bill credit on their next statement.

The new member survey winner for July
is Margaret Rucker of Shelbyville.



Your Safety Matters

Be alert to electric hazards during fall harvest



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Planting and harvesting in the fall is a way of life for farmers.

Unfortunately, farming is one of the nation's most hazardous occupations, especially during the fall harvest. Being aware and educated about potential electrical hazards is essential to lower the risks of farm injuries or death.

To be safe, always keep equipment at least 10 feet away from power lines.

If you are harvesting corn or soybeans this fall, be especially watchful that the grain harvester spout stays well below and clear of overhead lines. When switching grain bins, lower the

portable auger to prevent contact with electrical power lines.

If you are moving and lifting irrigation pipes, have a spotter watching to make sure you stay away from overhead power lines.

Before moving any large farm machinery, walk around the entire vehicle to look for guy wires, transformers and meter sockets, which can be extremely hazardous if there is contact.

Shelby Energy cares about your safety while you are working on the farm. Be watchful during the fall harvest. Be alert and stay safe!

Helping families...

Your local co-op employees care. That's why they've donated time and money to help the Ronald McDonald House Charities in Kentucky. The Houses provide comfort to families during one of the most unimaginable times - when a child is in the hospital. Co-ops are committed to the communities they serve.

The power of human connections



The best device for a safe Halloween: Your front porch light

Do you know how to keep your kids safe on October 31st? Dress them in bright costumes, keep them in your sight as they visit the neighbors' homes and check their candy before they eat it.

You also need to make your yard and home safe for the little goblins and angels who will be ringing your doorbell that night. Keep your front porch light on and prep your house for their arrival:

- Replace your porch light so there's no chance it will burn out in the middle of the fun.
- Keep the light turned on until you run out of candy. The light lets trick-or-treaters know they are welcome and keeps your porch or steps illuminated to prevent falls.
- Use the holiday as a good excuse to place some security lighting or outdoor lighting around the house. Proper lighting will scare off pranksters and keep visitors safe.
- Connect no more than three strands of decorative lights



together. Inspect them first for damaged cords and always unplug them before replacing bulbs.

- Use outdoor, heavy-duty extension cords for outdoor lighting jobs, and don't overload them.
- Move cords out of the way of the home's entrance so your scary little

friends won't trip over them as they rush to your front door in the dark.

- If you decorate, choose lighted decorations that are certified by a product safety organization like Underwriters Laboratories (UL), which has standards for safety and performance.

The month of October brings "Free Bulb Fridays" back to Shelby Energy!

Every Friday during October, **National Cooperative Month**, you will receive a free bulb when you come to the office and pay your bill in person!

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***Come in to receive your
bulb while supplies last!***

PLAN BEFORE YOU PLANT



FOLLOW THESE 5 STEPS WHEN PLANTING TREES:

1. Before you dig, call 811, the underground utility locator service, to mark the location of underground utilities so accidental contact, damage and injuries can be avoided.
2. Choose trees that will grow no higher than 25 feet when planting near power lines. Plant larger trees more than 40-60 feet away from power lines.
3. Do not plant near underground utility services. Tree roots can grow and interfere with underground pipes, cables and wires. Future repairs to these facilities also could damage the health and beauty of nearby plants and trees.
4. Pick the right spot. Don't plant trees, shrubs, plants or other vegetation where they can damage electrical equipment or interfere with your electric co-op's ability to access it.
5. Ask your electric co-op to come trim your tree if it begins growing near power lines; don't risk your safety doing it yourself.



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Prepay Service

A pay-as-you-go energy solution from Shelby Energy

Would it be easier for you to make weekly or bi-weekly payments rather than one large payment each month? If so, Shelby Energy's new Prepay program could be right for you.

With Prepay, members purchase electricity before they use it. It allows members to say:

- Goodbye to Deposits
- Goodbye to Late fees
- Goodbye to Disconnect fees
- Goodbye to Reconnect fees

Contact us for more information.



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