

# INTER-COUNTY ENERGY

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## Reliable and resilient since 1937

Since no one else was willing to serve the sparsely populated rural areas with electric power, rural people organized their own businesses and served themselves by forming electric cooperatives. With borrowed monies from the Rural Electrification Administration, the cooperatives constructed lines into rural areas.

We celebrate June 14, 1937, where a small group of people from Boyle, Garrard and Marion counties met in the Farm Bureau Office in Danville, and officially organized Inter-County RECC. The first lines in Inter-County's service areas were energized from the Perryville Substation on June 10, 1938. The Garrard Substation was energized on August 24, 1938, and the Marion County Substation was energized in September 1938. From those humble beginnings, Inter-County Energy has grown tremendously by serving over 26,000 members in 12 counties.

Inter-County Energy is here for YOU!



Harry Achee became the first project superintendent for Inter-County RECC in August 1937.



Inter-County's office on West Walnut Street in Danville from May 1938 to April 1940.



An Inter-County crew manually loading a pole. Photos: Inter-County Energy Archives

# Working together through the coronavirus crisis

**A**s people across our service area continue to deal with the hardships surrounding the coronavirus pandemic, Inter-County Energy understands these have been difficult times.

While we know many members are facing difficult hardships, it's important to remember the importance of keeping your account current so that future electric bills are manageable.

One way to do that is to keep track of how much electricity you are using because energy consumption determines most of your electric bill.

Please remember that even

when our offices are closed, you can pay bills and conduct all necessary business through our drive-through, phone, night deposit, smartphone app or website.

If you would like to discuss a payment plan or learn about budgeting dollars for energy use, let us know. Options like leveled or pre-pay are a great way to manage your money.

Inter-County Energy is a not-for-profit, member-owned cooperative, and we operate on a slim margin, striving always to keep costs as affordable as possible.

Please feel free to contact us and let us know if we can help.

## 6 ways to make bill paying easier

Inter-County Energy offers a number of ways to pay your bill remotely to reflect social distancing advocated by health officials because of COVID-19. Stay home to pay!

**Online at**  
[www.intercountyenergy.net](http://www.intercountyenergy.net)

**Direct withdrawal**

**Mobile app:**  
**Inter-County Energy**

**Enroll in PrePay program**

**By phone: (859) 236-4561**

**Drive-thru/night deposit**

If you have questions about any of these options, please call us toll-free at (888) 266-7322.

# Levelized Billing

## As Easy as 1-2-3!

Inter-County Energy offers Levelized Billing as a way to even out your monthly electric payments (for members with service 12 months or longer at your current location). You will be able to smooth out the high and low seasonal fluctuations in your electric bill. It also assists you in budgeting your monthly electrical expense.

Find out more at [www.intercountyenergy.net](http://www.intercountyenergy.net).  
(859) 236-4561 or 1-888-266-7322



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Your Safety Matters

## Electrical safety around water

Whether it's swimming, boating or fishing, summertime is water recreation time for millions of Kentuckians. To protect yourself and your loved ones, beware of electrical hazards near water.

There is a hidden danger called Electric Shock Drowning, or ESD, and it's entirely preventable. ESD happens when electricity from a dock, boat, pool or hot tub leaks electric current into the surrounding water.

Try to avoid entering the water when launching or loading a boat. Have your boat's electrical system inspected by a qualified electrician annually, and after a major storm, to be sure it is safe and up to code. Know where your main breakers are

located on the boat and on shore to respond quickly in an emergency.

Here are other ways to stay safe:

- Never swim near a marina or close to a boat that is running.
- Always check the location of nearby power lines before boating or fishing and stay at least 10 feet away.
- If your boat contacts a power line, stay in the boat, call 911 and avoid touching anything metal until help arrives.
- Have your swimming pool, hot tub or spa inspected by a licensed electrician to ensure your electric equipment is grounded correctly and up to code.
- Keep tools and electric equipment at least 5 feet away from your pool, hot tub or from any water feature, dam or creek on your property.



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- When you get out of the water, don't reach to change a radio station or touch electrical equipment before being sure you are dry.

Inter-County Energy cares about your safety. Enjoy the water and be safe at all times.

Happy Father's Day!

Sunday, June 21



## DEDICATION

It's one thing athletes and co-ops have in common. Just like athletes are dedicated to their performance in the Special Olympics, we're dedicated to our communities. That's why we're proud supporters of this amazing organization. Learn more at [www.soky.org](http://www.soky.org).



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## OUR MISSION

The mission of Inter-County Energy Cooperative is to provide long-term valued electrical energy and services to our members through a culture of safety, accountability, innovation, integrity, and commitment to community.

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Jerry Carter

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## From the President/CEO

by Jerry Carter



# Sharing a "special" connection

Here at Inter-County Energy, along with all members of Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, we are a proud sponsor of the Special Olympics Kentucky State Summer Games. Sadly, this year's games, like so many events, had to be canceled. Our commitment to the athletes and the organization continues, however.

We are proud to have our name associated with this organization that shares our mission of being "special" in all that we undertake. In several ways, Inter-County Energy and Special Olympics have commonality that goes well beyond the Summer Games. Here are a few:

**We empower Kentuckians.** By providing access to reliable, safe electricity, Inter-County Energy is the source of conveniences and benefits that help those in our service area enjoy a higher quality of life. Likewise, Special Olympics empowers Kentuckians with intellectual disabilities to live well through the physical fitness, self-confidence and life skills they gain from sports training, competition and year-round programs like Special Olympics' Healthy Athletes Initiative. The program promotes healthy lifestyles through education, testing and assistance with dentistry, optometry, audiology and physical therapy.

**We embrace volunteerism.** Caring for community is a cornerstone of the cooperative business model. Inter-County Energy employees demonstrate caring by giving their time to support Wilderness Trace Child Development Center, United Way, Big Brothers Big Sisters,



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The Ronald McDonald House of Lexington and many more.

Special Olympics depends on the dedication of commonwealth residents who volunteer their time to serve Kentucky's children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Some Inter-County Energy employees and family members are among more than 8,000 Kentucky volunteers who work at the Summer Games.

**We're investing in tomorrow.** Your cooperative supports science, technology, engineering and math educational programming in our local schools to help prepare the next generation to lead our communities.

Through its Unified Sports program and Unified Champion Schools initiative, Special Olympics encourages students with and without intellectual disabilities to work together in planning advocacy, awareness and inclusion activities. Currently, more than 80 Kentucky schools participate. Among them are Lincoln County Elementary schools and Mercer County Senior High School in Inter-County Energy's service area.

This year's Summer Games may be canceled, but our special connection with this organization goes on. Together, we're empowering Kentuckians for a better tomorrow.