



**LEAVENWORTH-JEFFERSON
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**

The Powerline

**Leavenworth-Jefferson
Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

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Additional Voting Option Offered

Changing times necessitates changes in how LJEC connects with our members. LJEC is owned by you, our member-owners and as technology takes a bigger and bigger place at the table in all of our lives, LJEC must embrace technological advances and implement programs and services that ensure our membership is able to stay informed and engaged with the cooperative.

To improve member engagement, the LJEC Board of Directors



LJEC members can cast their votes at Annual Meeting or on the mail-in ballot, similar to this one, prior to the meeting.

recently approved voting by mail ballot for issues that are typically addressed at the Annual Meeting.

What Does This Mean?

Essentially, LJEC members will now have two choices when it comes to voting. You can vote by mail or you can vote at the Annual Meeting.

During the mid-to-latter part of March every LJEC member will be mailed a ballot containing

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Tip of the Month

Programmable thermostats can save up to \$160 a year in energy costs. Match thermostat settings to your schedule: cold when you're away and warm when you're at home. In winter, set the thermostat to 68 degrees during the day (lower at night when you're snug in bed). By turning your thermostat down 10 to 15 degrees for at least eight hours, you can shave five to 15 percent from your heating costs.

Your Vote is Your Voice

Let your voice be heard on April 22 at the McLouth School Purple Gymnasium. As a democratically run organization, the Annual Business Meeting is your opportunity to have your voice heard.

You'll be voting for Board members and on bylaw changes that affect the cooperative. It is also an opportunity for you to ask questions of the current Board and staff.

We hope to see you there!

April 2014						
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issues that will be voted on at the Annual Meeting. At the time of this publication, the current issues to be voted on will be proposed bylaw changes and election of three board members.

If you choose to vote by mail, simply complete the ballot as directed and return it in the postage paid envelope prior to the specified deadline.

If you do vote by mail, you are encouraged to still attend the Annual Meeting as additional information about the business of the cooperative will be presented.

Please be advised that if you do choose to vote by mail, you will be unable to vote at the Annual Meeting.

Voting at the Annual Meeting

Voting at the Annual Meeting **will** be available (as it always has been). Again, we encourage members to attend this meeting since there is additional information provided during that meeting that affects each and every member.

Change is the law of life and those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.

JOHN F. KENNEDY

But realistically, we know every member cannot attend the annual meeting and we want to keep our members engaged with the cooperative. By offering two methods of voting, we can engage a larger percentage of our membership in the issues that affect LJEC.

Bylaw Changes

One of the issues to be voted on at this year's annual meeting (or by mail ballot) are bylaw changes that will have an effect on how you vote in the future.

There are proposed changes to allow for electronic voting in the future. When LJEC might offer that option is unknown at this time but we

want to make sure that when that time does come, we are ready and able to offer that to our members.

Electronic voting will give LJEC yet another way to engage our members.

A copy of the proposed bylaw changes is available on the cooperative's website (www.ljec.coop). The proposed changes will also be included in the mail ballot and also available at the Annual Meeting.

Watch for More Information

The April issue of *Kansas County Living* will contain a wealth of information about everything happening with the Annual Meeting. Election information, proposed bylaw changes and capital credit information will all be included.

LJEC districts 2, 5 and 7 will elect a board member for their district. Bill Hadfield (District 2) and Ken Bailey (District 7) have decided not to run again, so a new board member will be seated in those districts.

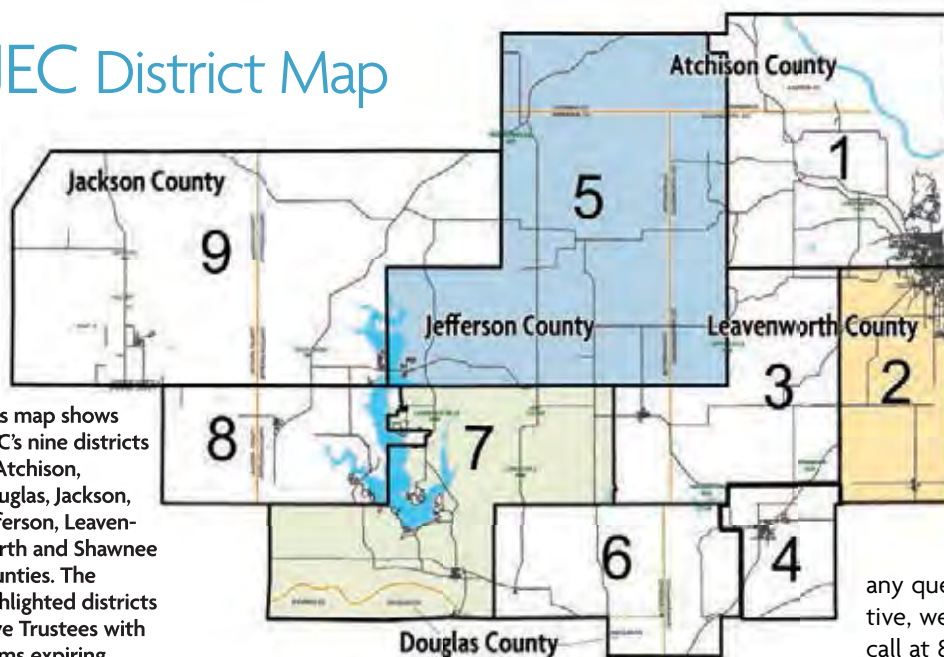
We would like to thank both Bill and Ken for their service to LJEC.

Serving on the Board of Trustees is an important function of the cooperative. The board is responsible for not only serving the members of their district, but also working with other board members to govern the cooperative, ensuring its continued health into the future.

If you happen to know or see Bill and Ken out and about in our community, please make sure to thank them for their service.

As always, if you have any questions about your cooperative, we encourage you to give us a call at 888-796-6111.

LJEC District Map



This map shows LJEC's nine districts in Atchison, Douglas, Jackson, Jefferson, Leavenworth and Shawnee counties. The highlighted districts have Trustees with terms expiring.

Excede Satellite Internet Now Available

LJEC is proud to offer you electricity as safely, efficiently and cost effectively as possible. But LJEC is also committed to offering our members other products and services that meet our members' needs and provide value in the communities we're proud to serve.

We are pleased to announce that LJEC has formed a partnership with the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative to offer LJEC members Excede satellite broadband service.

With download speeds up to 12 Mbps and the ability to choose your monthly service based on how much you use the internet, Excede offers speed and flexibility—to watch streaming videos, TV and movies; share photos remarkably fast; or just browse websites and email much faster than you could before.

Excede brings together the highest capacity satellite in the world, state-of-the-art ground equipment

and breakthrough web acceleration technology. The new satellite (Vi-aSat-1) represents the most significant capacity leap in the history of satellite technology. The equipment in your home is all new, too, including a new modem with built-in web acceleration technology, which allows you to:

- ▶ Watch streaming videos, TV shows and movies with fewer delays from buffering
- ▶ Share photos remarkably fast
- ▶ Send and receive files quickly
- ▶ Experience exceptionally fast web browsing and email.

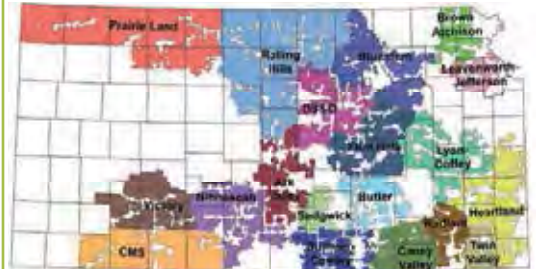
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MODERATE <small>Perfect for occasional video downloads, photo sharing, music streaming, social networking and email.</small>	MORE <small>Great for those who spend more time on the Internet, use more data, and watch online videos more frequently.</small>	MOST <small>Gives you the most of all the things you love to do. This is the plan for those who depend on the Internet for work, entertainment, social networking and more.</small>	
To find the best plan for you, check out our Excede Plan Selector Tool at www.localexede.com			
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BUY MORE Our BUY MORE feature gives you the flexibility to purchase more data in 1 GB increments.			
Suggested retail prices. Plans may require a customer commitment. One-time setup fee and equipment/service lease fee may apply. Speeds are "up to" and not guaranteed. Actual speeds will vary.			

LJEC Passes Along KEPCo Rebate to Members



LJEC passed along \$577,000 in rebates to our membership in February.

Late last month, many LJEC members received a check in the mail (or credit on their bill) representing their fair share of a rebate LJEC received from our power supplier, Kansas Electric Power Cooperative (KEPCo).

You may have questions about what the refund was for and why we're distributing this money.

Cooperative Difference

As a cooperative, LJEC is owned by you, our member. Instead of returning profits to outside investors, our profits are returned to our member-owners when the LJEC Board of Trustees determines that we have met our financial requirements and obligations and issuing credits will not be a financial burden to the cooperative.

KEPCo is also a cooperative; owned by 19 electric cooperatives across the state of Kansas. LJEC is one of those member-owner cooperatives. LJEC was entitled to a rebate because KEPCo's operating margins were such that these funds were made available.

Since LJEC is a partial owner

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of KEPCo and since you own LJEC, this money rightfully belongs to you.

LJEC's portion of the rebate was just over \$577,000. The amount of your rebate is based on the metered kilowatt hours you purchased from LJEC between January 1, 2013, and December 31, 2013.

For those of you with outstanding balances on your account, your portion of the rebate was applied to that amount first. For those whose final rebate amount was under \$25, you received a credit on your bill.

Future KEPCo Rebates

Moving forward, instead of offering an annual rebate, KEPCo will be implementing a monthly adjustment to LJEC's power bill to reflect any available excess monthly margins. Again, since you are an owner of LJEC, their excess margins (if any) will be passed along to you on a monthly basis.

This adjustment will be reflected on your bill as the line item "KEPCo Margin Stabilization Adjustment." For those of you with LJEC security lights there will also be a line item that reads "S/L KEPCo Margin Stabilization Adjustment."

The amount of your monthly adjustment will be based on the metered kilowatt hours you purchased from LJEC during the specified billing cycle.

As always, we encourage you to call LJEC with any questions about any aspect of your bill at 888-796-6111.

Attention High School Juniors Win an All-Expense-Paid Trip!

"Government in Action" Youth Tour: June 12-19, 2014
Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp: July 12-18, 2014

LJEC is sponsoring two all-expense-paid trips for high school juniors whose parents or guardians are LJEC members.

LJEC will send one student to the "Government in Action" Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., June 12-19 and two students to the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs, CO, July 12-18.

Upon receipt of the application below, applicants will be mailed a contest packet. Applicants will complete a quiz and a personal interview at the LJEC offices on Sunday, March 23, 2014.



Above: John Courtney poses in front of the U.S. Capitol during the 2013 "Government in Action" Youth Tour. This year's tour is June 12-19.



Left: Kelsey Willits (left) and Cody Koch pose on Lookout Mountain during the 2013 Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp. This year's camp is July 12-18.

2014 LJEC Youth Tour Application

Return applications by March 14 to LJEC, P.O. Box 70, McLouth, KS 66054

Student Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail _____

High School _____

Date of Birth _____

I hereby grant permission for the above named applicant (must be a current high school junior) to enter the 2014 Youth Tour competition sponsored by LJEC.

Signature of Parent/Guardian (Must be an LJEC Member)