

2019: *Leading the charge*

JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH APRIL MAY JUNE



With more than 17,000 members enrolled donating over \$1.14 million to nonprofits and scholarships over 22 years, Operation Round-Up shows our members' generosity and commitment to their communities.



Safety is the TOP priority at First Electric. In 2019, there were over 7,300 attendees at our safety trainings and presentations in the communities we serve.



The electric vehicles revolution has arrived. In 2019, First Electric purchased a Chevy Bolt and installed a Charge-Point charger at the headquarters in Jacksonville. Members are welcome to come and see the technology for themselves.



It's a dangerous job. After 2012's Hurricane Sandy, the 113th Congress passed a bill designating April 18 as National Lineman Appreciation Day.



May is National Electrical Safety Month. At First Electric we want to raise awareness on how to avoid potential electrical hazards. We share simple precautions so everyone can avoid electrically related fires, fatalities, injuries, and property loss.



First Electric held its annual membership meeting on June 27 at the cooperative's headquarters in Jacksonville. Members, voting by mail-in ballot, re-elected David Luebke of Scott to serve a six-year term on the cooperative's board of directors.

JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER



First Electric sends four high school juniors to explore the nation's capital on the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. They learn more about government and electric cooperatives and tour historic sights and museums.



First Electric upgraded an existing home with automation technology to create a smart energy home of the future to educate members about energy savings. Upgrades included: 3.5kW solar array, high efficiency heat pump water heater and Google smart products.



Our one-megawatt solar field in Benton has saved our members approximately \$360,000 per year in wholesale energy savings. Interested in purchasing solar? Contact us for a free no-obligation quote!



National Cooperative Month has been celebrated annually in October across the United States for more than half a century. It is a time for cooperatives to reflect on our Seven Principles and remind our members about the value of belonging to a cooperative.



Veterans Day is a time for us to pay our respects to those who have served. We stand united in respect for you, our veterans. Thank all of those who have served our country so generously.



First Electric Cooperative is a service-driven electric provider, not a profit-driven one. As such, we return any profits to you – our members – in the form of capital credits. First Electric returned more than \$9.66 million to members in 2019.

First Electric Cooperative's goal is to provide you – our member – with safe, reliable and affordable power. All while working to deliver a high level of member service. We survey you to gain valuable feedback about the quality of service you receive. Over 3,300 responses were submitted throughout the year - relating to our office staff, field personnel and overall service provided. I'm proud to share with you that our employees rated very high in all areas. The survey questions include the professionalism of representative, timeliness of service and employee knowledge. The overall average score was in the high 90's. I'm not surprised because our employees care about you. They want to provide a high level of service to our member-owners.

If you were to stretch a line from Little Rock, AR to Johannesburg, South Africa it would total 8,718 miles - as the crow flies or by plane. In comparison, if you were to stretch First Electric's electrical wires, they would total over 10,000 miles of line. It's impressive to think a group of 220 employees can plan, repair, maintain and serve more miles than the distance from Little Rock to Johannesburg. What's even more impressive is that our employees can do that while still providing a high level of member service.

Thank you for your membership in the cooperative and the feedback you provide. It helps us deliver the best member service possible. We look forward to serving your needs for 2020 and beyond.

Don Crabbe
President/CEO

Rick Love
Board Chairman

Board of Directors

Rick Love, Chairman, Jacksonville

Tracy Hudspeth, Vice Chairman, Drasco

Karissa Rushing, Secretary/Treasurer, Benton

Tom Hasty, Almyra

Robert Maertens, Benton

Robert Hill, Perryville

Todd Prothro, Rose Bud

David Luebke, Scott

Larry Wood, Lonoke



2019



Annual Report



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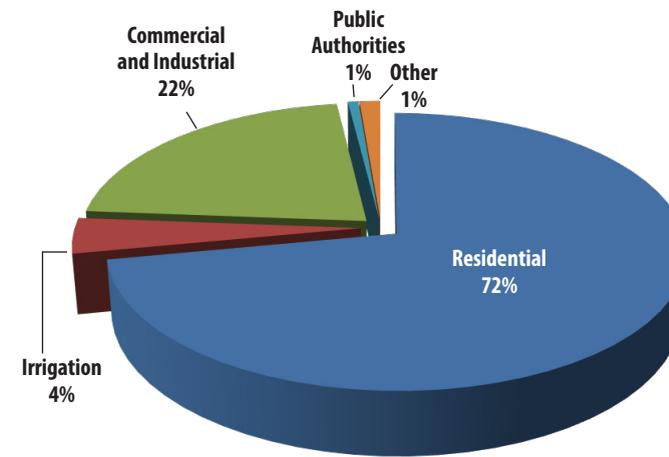
Condensed Balance Sheet

Assets	2019	2018
Electric Plant	\$ 535,386,408	\$ 522,337,909
Less Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 182,131,799	\$ 171,881,803
Net Utility Plant	\$ 353,254,609	\$ 350,456,106
Other Assets	\$ 99,482,021	\$ 102,556,188
Current Assets	\$ 45,857,193	\$ 41,332,227
Total Assets	\$ 498,593,823	\$ 494,344,521
Liabilities and Members' Equity		
Members' Equity	\$ 271,828,313	\$ 262,404,947
Long-term Debt	\$ 174,075,575	\$ 181,718,390
Current Liabilities	\$ 23,817,951	\$ 23,198,137
Other Liabilities	\$ 28,871,984	\$ 27,023,047
Total Liabilities and Members' Equity	\$ 498,593,823	\$ 494,344,521

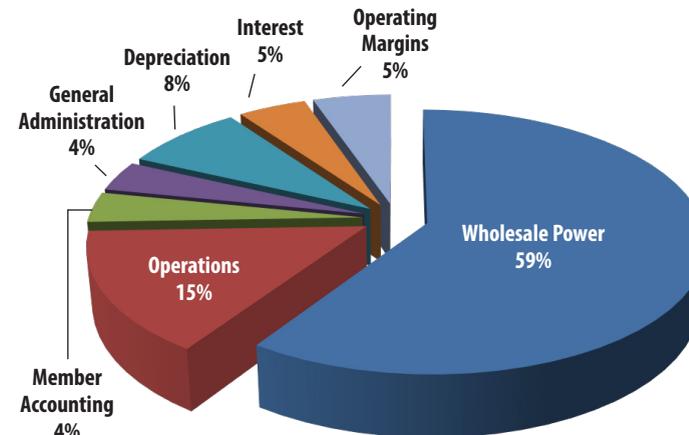
Condensed Operating Statement

	2019	2018
Operating Revenues	\$ 187,480,335	\$ 194,533,948
Power Cost	\$ 111,441,218	\$ 113,747,622
Operations and Maintenance	\$ 42,005,394	\$ 42,670,690
Depreciation	\$ 15,348,472	\$ 15,199,222
Taxes	\$ 7,985	\$ 7,655
Interest	\$ 8,776,003	\$ 9,097,311
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 177,579,072	\$ 180,722,500
Margins from Operations	\$ 9,901,263	\$ 13,811,448
Non-Operating Margins	\$ 7,006,231	\$ 7,811,046
Net Margins	\$ 16,907,494	\$ 21,622,494

Where the Dollar Comes From



Where the Dollar Goes



System Statistics

	2019	2018
Number of member accounts served	96,511	95,580
Miles of power line in operation	10,052	9,994
Number of accounts per mile of line	9.60	9.56
Total kWh bought by co-op members	1,974,667,754	2,023,703,704
Average monthly residential kWh usage	1,232	1,279
Average monthly residential bill	\$ 127.99	\$ 133.41
Average residential revenue per kWh	\$ 0.1039	\$ 0.1043
Total kWh purchased by cooperative	2,067,907,379	2,118,387,873
Total cost of power purchased by co-op	\$ 111,441,218	\$ 113,747,622
Number of employees	215	214
Number of distribution substations	46	46

Counties served, property taxes paid

County	2019	2018
Arkansas County	\$ 281,526	\$ 280,786
Cleburne County	\$ 419,616	\$ 418,319
Conway County	\$ 74,735	\$ 73,619
Faulkner County	\$ 15,655	\$ 15,501
Garland County	\$ 1,775	\$ 1,804
Grant County	\$ 7,215	\$ 7,112
Independence County	\$ 2,593	\$ 2,382
Jefferson County	\$ 78,626	\$ 78,504
Lonoke County	\$ 610,642	\$ 615,625
Monroe County	\$ 7,995	\$ 7,965
Perry County	\$ 259,673	\$ 258,833
Prairie County	\$ 70,260	\$ 63,823
Pulaski County	\$ 516,527	\$ 517,831
Saline County	\$ 670,644	\$ 667,672
Stone County	\$ 9,981	\$ 9,987
Van Buren County	\$ 310	\$ 310
White County	\$ 303,953	\$ 302,996
Yell County	\$ 1,217	\$ 1,216
Total property taxes paid	\$ 3,332,943	\$ 3,324,285