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## MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

### Carbon Free Energy Options

Although 96.6% of the power KEC sells is carbon-free, some members would like the option to be 100% carbon-free in their energy purchases. To meet that desire, KEC is now offering two new optional carbon-free rates. In short, these programs allow carbon-conscious members to purchase all or a portion of their power from carbon-free resources. The two options are outlined below. Please note: these programs are voluntary and the members participating in them fully cover the program costs.



Purchase renewable power in fixed kWh blocks

#### How it works:

- Purchase renewable power in a block of 13 kWh. Each block is \$1 per month.
- Use this program to reduce your carbon footprint, or go above and beyond and help reduce your friends and neighbors' carbon footprints by purchasing additional blocks.

For example: members using an average of 1,000 kWh per month would need to purchase three blocks to offset their carbon-based power.



Replace carbon-based energy with local, renewable energy

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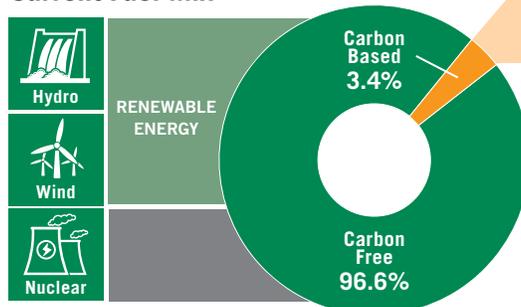
- The remaining 3.4% of your energy consumption will be supplied with clean, local, renewable power.
- Each month KEC will replace the carbon-based power you would typically consume with carbon-free power. [1576092]

The amount will vary month to month based on your electric use.

Learn more about KEC's fuel mix and carbon-free resources on the graphic to the right. For more information, or to sign up, please visit [www.kec.com](http://www.kec.com) or contact us at 208.765.1200 or [cec@cec.com](mailto:cec@cec.com).

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#### Current Fuel Mix



#### Replace Carbon-based Energy with Local, Renewable Energy Sources

	<b>SOLAR RESOURCES:</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KEC Community Solar Project</li> <li>• KEC Solar Project at KTEC</li> <li>• KEC Headquarters Solar Walkway</li> </ul>
	<b>KEC FIGHTING CREEK LANDFILL GAS TO ENERGY PLANT</b>

## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT METERS & METER BASES

Summer brings home improvement projects and remodeling. Sometimes, those projects require moving or upgrading the electrical lines and equipment used to supply electricity to your property. Understanding which equipment belongs to the Cooperative (and is our responsibility to maintain) and which equipment belongs to the property owner (and is your responsibility to maintain) is crucial in ensuring these

projects are completed safely and efficiently. It is also imperative that any work on these facilities be completed by those trained to work on energized electrical equipment.

Your electric service has two parts, the electric meter and the meter base. The meter is round and typically enclosed in clear plastic or glass (see photo at left). Meters are the property of KEC. Removing the meter requires special training, precautions and safety equipment. Doing so improperly can lead to an

electrical explosion. The person working with the meter could be injured or killed. Under no circumstance should meters be removed or relocated—temporarily or permanently—by anyone other than an authorized KEC representative. Please contact us if you're planning to do this kind of work and we'll send a crew to your site.

The meter base is typically a rectangular metal box mounted near or on the outside of your home or business that the meter plugs into. Each meter base might look a little different. It belongs to the property owner who is responsible for maintaining it in good serviceable order. If it's damaged by weather or by any kind of accident, repair is the property owner's responsibility. If you inspect your meter base and believe it needs repair, we encourage you to contact a licensed electrician. Alternatively, you can take a picture of your meter base and send it to KEC using the form at [www.kec.com](http://www.kec.com). Sometimes KEC staff will be able to confirm those concerns or identify other issues that may need to be corrected by KEC as well. There are also occasions when KEC field employees may notice a meter base in disrepair and in those cases the property owner may be notified of the need to have the meter base repaired. A damaged meter base can be a safety hazard for both members and KEC employees. If you have any questions please call us at 208.765.1200.



### CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG

Before you start any digging project be sure to call 811. Digging without calling can disrupt service to an entire neighborhood, harm you and those around you, and potentially result in fines and repair costs. Calling 811 gets your underground utility lines marked for free and helps prevent undesired consequences.

### KEC BOARD MEETINGS

Members are welcome to attend monthly board

meetings. Meeting dates vary—call Constance Felten at 208.292.3211 for details. [1823911]

### WIN A \$50 ENERGY CREDIT

Six KEC account numbers are hidden in this newsletter. If you find your number contact us at 208.765.1200 and receive a \$50 credit on your bill.

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## Save at Silverwood This Summer

Save at Silverwood Theme Park with your Co-op Connections® Card! Silverwood Theme Park is the largest theme and water park in the Northwest and is the top visited attraction in Idaho! [1469036]



Use your Co-op Connections® Card discount to take advantage of a special online only discount on day passes. This program allows members to save time and money by purchasing and printing tickets using their home computers.

Note: these tickets are non-refundable and must be purchased online using a credit or debit card. Tax is not included in the pricing to the right. These offers are not valid at the gate.

### Here's How to Save:

Visit [www.silverwoodthemepark.com](http://www.silverwoodthemepark.com) and click Buy Tickets. From there KEC members can receive the following discounted pricing during the regular 2018 season:

- General Admission: \$46, regularly \$51 (ages 8-64)
- Youth/Senior: \$25, regularly \$28 (ages 3-7 and 65+)
- Use the promo code: **connections**.

### KEC Member Appreciation Days

KEC and Silverwood have also partnered to hold KEC Member Appreciation Days on August 3-4, 2018. Use the promo code: **KEC2018** to receive special pricing:

- General Admission: \$37, regularly \$51 (ages 8-64)
- Youth/Senior: \$21, regularly \$28 (ages 3-7 and 65+)
- Stop by KEC's booth near the entrance on Friday, August 3 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for a gift (one per membership). We hope to see you there!

## Join Us to Celebrate 80 Years Serving You!

You're invited to KEC's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Member Celebration on Saturday, September 8, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Bluegrass Park in Coeur d'Alene (6071 N Courcelles Pkwy).



Join us for Touchstone Energy hot air balloon tethered rides, a BBQ lunch, safety demonstrations, bucket truck rides and other fun activities for the whole family.

### Schedule of Events

- 9-11 a.m.: Hot air balloon (weather permitting) and bucket truck rides [1811786]
- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Lunch, safety demonstrations, bucket truck rides and activities for the family.
- Stop by anytime—we hope to see you there!

If you have any questions please contact us at 208.765.1200 or [kec@kec.com](mailto:kec@kec.com).

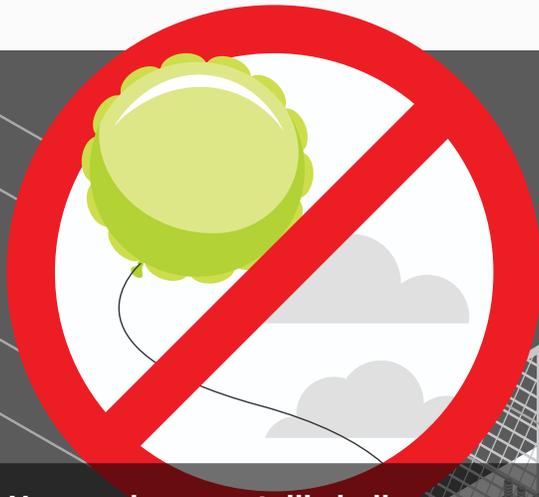


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# Stay Away from Electrical Substations

An electrical substation converts electricity to a lower voltage so it can be safely routed and delivered to your home. Because high-voltage power runs through substation equipment, please avoid substation areas and the fences that surround them. Keep the following safety tips in mind:



**Never release metallic balloons near substations. If they get caught in the equipment or lines, they can cause power outages.**



**Never fly kites or drones near electrical substations. If you do and the kite or drone gets caught inside the fence, let us retrieve it for you.**



**Teach youngsters to stay away from electrical substation fences. The area is dangerous, and these fences are NOT for climbing.**



**If you see a substation fence or transformer cabinet that is open or looks to be vandalized, please contact us immediately.**