

CKEC Stands Strong in Defense of Service Territory

Corporation Commission rules in favor of pre-defined territories for electric co-ops.



On Tuesday, March 12, 2019, the Oklahoma Corporation Commission ruled in favor of CKenergy by not allowing Oklahoma Gas and Electric to invade CKEC's service territory and serve a Oneok pump station near Binger on a pipeline it is building in CKenergy's service territory.

Cooperatives, as well as other electric utilities, abide by the Retail Electric Supplier Certified Territory Act which defines territorial boundaries for Oklahoma utilities. It does so by setting electrical service territories for cooperatives and investor-owned utilities granting each retail electric supplier an exclusive right to furnish power to all electrically powered facilities located within its territory. The state law prohibits utilities from invading those territories and "cherry picking" their loads.

The state law also allows larger power users – with connected loads of 1MW or larger to make a one-time choice about their electric

supplier. Because the consumer has a choice, it can negotiate for the best rate and services.

Companies like it because the competitive rates make it easier for the new business to become profitable. It's a valuable consideration for these companies that want to ensure they are getting the most value and best reliability for their energy dollar. It's an important tool for economic development for the communities CKenergy serves.

The ruling handed down by the Oklahoma Corporation Commission on March 12 was a significant victory for CKEC as well as the Oklahoma Electric Cooperatives. Other Oklahoma electric cooperatives have had their exclusive service territory invaded by power providers and it was something CKenergy wanted to stand up to and not allow. Brian Hobbs, an attorney representing CKenergy, and Eric Turner, representing the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives, argued that a plain reading of the statute's entire text showed OG&E only

could provide new service to ONEOK in CKenergy's service territory if it extended the power from its existing retail system to get the electricity to where it was needed.

Because the utility planned to use power supplied by a nearby transmission line operated by another power provider, the pump station project fell outside of the scope of what legislators intended when they approved the law, they argued.

Their position was backed by Kenneth Tillotson, an attorney representing the commission's Public Utility Division.

CKenergy's network of over 7,740 miles of lines, meters, poles and other equipment represents years of long-range planning and an infrastructure investment of millions of dollars. To continue to serve our members and survive in a challenging environment, it is crucial that CKenergy defends its territory and protect that investment.

It's important that co-op members understand how commercial loads affect the cooperative's bottom line as well as rates across the membership. Commercial loads make up 46% of CKenergy's revenues. Revenue is also received from residential accounts, farm accounts, irrigation accounts, and street and highway lights. The diversity of CKenergy's revenues is what makes CKEC a strong cooperative.

The addition or the loss of one large commercial load can have a significant impact on CKenergy's rates as a whole. Electric co-ops are fighting as municipalities and investor-owned utilities attempt to expand into the areas they once viewed as too unprofitable to serve.



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Questions or comments about your newsletter should be directed to Devin Whittington, Communications Specialist, CKenergy, PO Box 70, Binger, OK 73009, email: editor@ckenergy.coop.

The Commitment of an Electric Lineworker

National Lineworker Appreciation Day is April 18.



National studies consistently rank power line installers and repairers among the most dangerous jobs in the country, and for good reason. Laboring high in the air wearing heavy equipment and working directly with high voltage creates the perfect storm of a dangerous and unforgiving profession. But electric lineworkers are up to the task. These brave men and women are committed to safety, as well as the challenges of the job.

CKenergy's lineworkers are responsible for keeping power flowing day and night, regardless of national holidays, vacations, birthdays, weddings or other important family milestones. Beyond the years of

specialized training and apprenticeships, it takes internal fortitude and a mission-oriented outlook to be a good lineworker. In fact, this service-oriented mentality is a hallmark characteristic of lineworkers. The job requires lineworkers to set aside their personal priorities to better serve their local community.

Family Support System

To perform their jobs successfully, lineworkers depend on their years of training, experience and each other to get the job done safely.

Equally important is their reliance on a strong support system at home. A

lineworker's family understands and supports their loved one's commitment to the greater community during severe storms and power outages.

This means in times of prolonged outages, the family and their lineworker may have minimal communication and not see each other for several days. Without strong family support and understanding, this challenging job would be all the more difficult.

Community Commitment

In western Oklahoma and across the country, electric co-op lineworkers' mission-focused mentality of helping others often extends beyond their commitment to their work at the co-op. Lineworkers are often familiar figures in the community. They can be found coaching youth sports teams, volunteering for local charities and serving on local advisory boards.

Thank You

Thursday, April 18 is National Lineworker Appreciation Day. Given the dedication of CKenergy's lineworkers, both on and off the job, I encourage you to take a moment and acknowledge the many contributions they make to our local community. And if you see their family members in the grocery store or out and about in the town, please offer them a thank you as well.



SAVE THE DATE

2019 Annual Meeting
August 9th!

Pioneer Cellular Event Center
Weatherford, Oklahoma

2019 Energy Trails Electrification Project

Two CKEC employees selected for this year's team.



Dusty McNatt
Lineman



Heath Gossen
Electrician

Adults and children in the isolated, mountainous village of Sillab in north-central Guatemala are currently in the dark. The village has never had access to electricity before, but their story will soon change.

The Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives (OAEC) has selected a group of volunteer linemen to electrify Sillab this coming August. Two of the selected team members are our very own Dusty McNatt and Heath Gossen

“We are proud to send Dusty and Heath as ambassadors for our co-op and for our state in this mission of providing first-time electricity to those who have none,” says CKEnergy CEO, Clint Pack. “This type of commitment and concern for community speak to the value of the cooperative difference, which transcends borders.”

The electrification project – dubbed Energy Trails – will be a joint effort between Oklahoma and Colorado’s electric cooperatives. The mission will be coordinated through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association’s

(NRECA) philanthropic arm, NRECA International Foundation.

Providing oversight to the project is the OAEC International Committee, comprised of nine trustees from the statewide association board, which represents 30 electric cooperative member-systems. The committee recently selected a team of 10 volunteers and designated two alternates for the upcoming trip. Ten additional volunteer linemen from Colorado will embark on this journey with their Oklahoma counterparts.

“We are grateful for the overwhelming response of Oklahoma co-op linemen who are willing to leave their homes and families for an extended period of time to empower far-away communities,” says OAEC International Committee Chairman Jimmy Taylor. “Access to electricity will bring economic empowerment, better access to health care and enhanced safety for these villagers. It’s a life-changing gift.”

The project site is located in the department (state) of Alta Verapaz, near the border with Belize. The volunteer linemen will work for a period of three weeks wiring poles and

homes to receive first-time electricity. Upon completion, 60 homes, one elementary school and four churches will benefit from access to electric power.

The team of linemen will work on a stretch of six and half miles in mountainous terrain to wire 60 poles and install four transformers. Each home will be equipped with four lightbulbs, four light switches and four electrical outlets. The powerlines will belong to a local utility, ADECORK (Asociación Para Desarrollo Comunitario Rax Kiche). Translation: Association for Community Development Rax Kiche. ADECORK will generate and distribute electric power to Sillab. The utility operates a small hydro plant with a capacity of 75 kilowatts (kw).

The villagers of Sillab grow corn for self-consumption and generate most of their income from the production of cardamon seeds, peppers, and coffee as well as a variety of other spices.

This project marks the fourth electrification project Oklahoma’s electric cooperatives have sponsored in Central and South America.

“Bringing electricity to remote areas in developing countries takes electric cooperatives back to their roots. It is an honor to pay it forward,” says OAEC General Manager Chris Meyers. “This mission reinforces our commitment to empower generations by improving the quality of life for local communities at home and abroad.”

Oklahoma’s electric cooperatives have established a 501(c)3 not-for-profit, The Oklahoma Energy Trails Foundation, to support this cause. All contributions are tax-deductible. To learn more, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/energytrails>

Co-op Legislative Day

Cooperative employees meet with legislative delegates.



CKEC employees and directors speaking with Senator Darcy Jech, District 26.

On Monday, March 4th, 2019, CKEnergy employees and directors traveled to Oklahoma City to visit with our state legislators about the importance of electric cooperatives to our state and local communities.

CKEC representatives were able to meet with several members of the Oklahoma Legislature that represent us and the members in our communities. We are thankful for the chance to share the electric cooperative story and to discuss the continuing importance of electric co-ops in rural communities with our legislators.

Another topic of discussion was the recently introduced SB 1002 that has the potential to negatively impact electric cooperatives across the state.

This bill titled, “Facilitating Internet Broadband Rural Expansion Act,” is misleading in name. Instead of facilitating broadband, it is implying that electric cooperatives are at fault for the lack of broadband service in rural Oklahoma.

Oklahoma electric cooperatives are working with legislators to provide legislation that is fair and does not hinder the growth of broadband in the rural areas of our state.

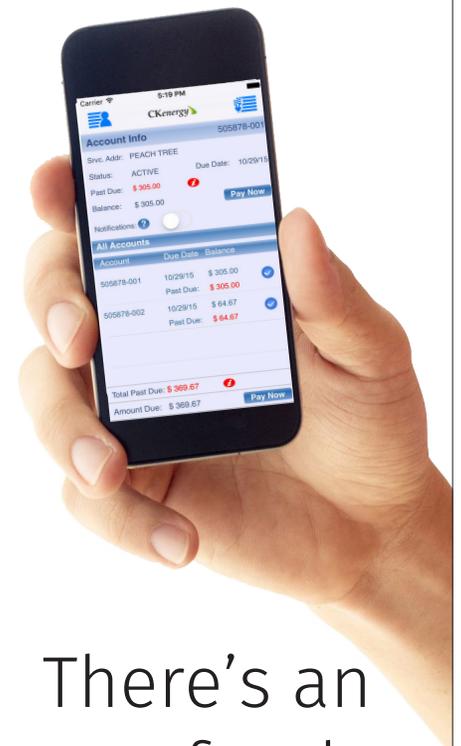
As always, we appreciate the effort that our senators and house representatives put forth toward the betterment of our state and communities. We look forward to continuing to work for our members alongside members of our legislature in the future.

Legislators Who Represent CKEC’s Service Territory

Trey Caldwell, Rep. District 63
Rhonda Baker, Rep. District 60
Toni Hassenbeck, Rep. District 65
David Perryman, Rep. District 56
Todd Russ, Rep. District 55

Mike Sanders, Rep. District 59
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Youth Tour Winners Announced

Four students from area schools are D.C. bound this summer.



Back Row L-R: Chad Norman, Caden Schaufele, Jenny Hoyle, & Madison Griffin.
Front Row L-R: Cloie Banks, Camryn Nickel, Tayten Lierle, & Baylee Doney.

Hard work has paid off for four high school juniors as they make plans to tour the nation's capital this summer. Caden Schaufele and Jenny Hoyle, Hobart High School, Tayten Lierle, Hydro- Eakly High School, & Baylee Doney, Fletcher High School, took top honors in the CKEnergy Electric Cooperative Youth Tour Contest. Each of these winners will receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. and a \$500 scholarship.

Caden is the son of Brad and Julie Schaufele of Lone Wolf. Tayten is the daughter of Justin and Brianna Lierle of Hydro. Jenny is the daughter of George and LaJeanna Hoyle of Hobart and Baylee is the daughter of Mark and Chris Ann Doney of Elgin. Caden, Tayten, Jenny and Baylee have an exciting fun filled week ahead of them during June 14-20. The four high school juniors will have an opportunity to become acquainted with other prominent young people from all across Oklahoma, as well as those from other states. Not only will they learn about rural electric cooperatives, they will have a better insight of American history and government. The students will meet

Congressmen and Senators and tour historical sights in and around Washington D.C.

Runners-up in the contest were Cloie Banks and Camryn Nickel, Cordell High School, Madison Griffin, Fort Cobb-Broxton High School and Chad Norman, Hobart High School. The runners-up will receive a \$500 scholarship.

In order to reach the finals, the contestants had to be one of the eight highest scores on a written letter/essay. The contest concluded with a banquet at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center at SWOSU in Weatherford honoring the eight contestants and their families. The contestants were interviewed and then presented their letters in speech form. The contestants were scored on knowledge of subject, speaking ability, poise and personality and appearance.

The Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives has been an active sponsor of the Youth Tour since 1963. More than 3,300 students have been sponsored on trips to the nation's capital in the last fifty one years. CKEnergy is proud to offer the Youth Tour Program to our area students.

YOUTH POWER ENERGY CAMP

Last call for Energy Campers!

Time is running out for eighth graders to submit their Energy Camp entries. Essays and cover sheets are due April 5.

Energy Camp is set for May 28- May 31 at Canyon Camp and Conference Center near Hinton. Each year, CKEC sponsors up to four students to attend the camp, where they will join 80 of their peers from across the state. Energy Camp helps develop leadership skills and promotes teamwork while teaching about cooperative principles, rural electrification, and electrical safety.

While Energy Camp offers many traditional summer camp activities like swimming, hiking, basketball and a ropes course, teens also have the unique opportunity to climb an electric pole like a lineman, ride in the basket of a bucket truck and learn about electrical safety measures. They'll take home a new-found confidence and a host of new friends- like-minded peers from all over Oklahoma.

Students currently enrolled in the eighth grade are encouraged to apply. Teams of two must submit an essay over "What I would miss most without electricity," along with a cover sheet. The essay must be at least 100 words in length. Two teams will be selected to represent CKEC at Energy Camp.

For more information, contact the Member Services Dept. at 405-656-2322 or visit www.ckenergy.coop.

Automotive

I buy junk cars & farm equipment.
405-641-3344.

'05 GMC Black Sierra Crew Cab. 159,000K miles, NEW tires, heated leather seats, dual AC/heat, bed liner and locking toolbox, windscreens, running boards. Call or text 405-247-8349.

'08 Ford Explorer Sport Trac XLT, sport utility pickup. 4 door, 99,000 miles. 1 owner, V6 automatic. Red in color, interior black & tan. \$11,000. 405-694-0625.

Farm/ Equipment

Marrow's Tractor Tire Repair, Sales, & Service
405-668-0248

WANTED: Used 6'-8' disc harrow. Three point hookup preferred, but would consider pull type up to 10' width. 405-250-5396.

John Deere riding mower 100 series D105 Auto. 42" blade. Has 74.3 hours. Used only one season. \$1,000. Call 580-402-5864.

6' Gannon Box Blade. \$1,800. 405-834-4326.

Livestock/Pets

2 year old Bison bulls for sale. \$3.00 per pound. 405-623-5400.

2 AKC Shetland Sheepdog male puppies for sale. Blue Merle & tri-colored. Dew claws removed. Available 3-11-19. \$650ea. 580-917-3210.

Swap 'N Shop

For Sale or Trade

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Beefmaster Bulls- foundation herd. Bulls from Texoma Sales & Collier Farms. 580-445-6152.

High quality polled/horned Hereford bulls. Body calves bring more money. Call 580661-1146. Good disposition. Came from nationally competitive, registered show herd.

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Anatolian/Great Pyrenees puppies born 1/11/19. Males & females, raised with bottle calves, sire/dam flock/herd guardioans, \$150 ea., first shots. Canadian County. Call/text 405-919-1662.

Business

Gardner Piano Service- Tuning & Repair. Western Oklahoma. 580-254-0817 or 580-799-4485.

Fresh Peanuts, Pecans and Peanut Brittle. Spanish, Honey Roasted, Cocktail, Hot & Spicy, Hunters Mix and roasted and salted in the shell. Carnegie office: 580-654-1175 Mary Howell 580-515-5821. www.gooberhouse.com

Loud Mountain Trading Co., downtown Cement, OK. Thur-Fri 10-6, Sat 9-3. OK made items. Decor & Gifts. LoudMountainTradingCo.com

Keith Tree Trimming-Welding-Concrete-Fencing. 580-660-0402.

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Creek House Creations. Hemp oil, skin care & health. Salves, facial scrubs, and much more. Essential oils blends top quality. 405-423-7983.

Hay/ Wood

Small square bales of wheat straw. Great for fall decorating and bedding. \$5 ea. 580-515-3030.

85 Round Bales. Hay Grazer, high nitrate analysis. Do not feed to livestock. Use for ground cover, mulch, or you name it. Not responsible for usage. 405-650-4784.

Miscellaneous

Two dead walnut trees, over 30 years old. Free for removal. Hinton. 405-542-7699.

For sale: 10 older oil cans and several old porcelain door knobs. 580-772-4213.

Swap 'N Shop Ads are continued on page 8

Swap 'N Shop is a classified advertisement service that we provide to our members at no cost.

- Members are able to submit written ads through the mail, fax, drop off, or by email.
- Ads are **NOT** taken over the phone.
- Ads need to be received by the 10th of each month to appear in the next month's issue.
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- Contact the editor at 405-656-2322 for information about availability of ad space.
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You may submit classified ads, businesses, or services to Swap 'N Shop, P.O. Box 70, Binger, OK 73009, ads@ckenergy.coop, or fax to 405-656-2912. One ad per member unless there is additional space available.

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Real Estate

3 bed, 1 bath, home for sale in Eakly. Attached garage & extra lot. Call Eagle Realty at 580-772-8300 to make an offer!

2 story house on one acre, 2 1/2 car detached garage, 3.5 miles west of Bessie. \$35,000. 903-783-1146.

Fort Cobb Lake Lots– Crow's Roost area. 3 lots recently cleared & levelled off. 192' wide x 120' deep, 2 water wells., & septic. 405-694-0625.

FOR RENT: Quiet, country living north of Weatherford. 2 bd/ 2 ba apartments with all appliances including washer & dryer. Horse facilities available. \$900/mo, \$50/horse. FMI call 580-772-4855.

70 acres, surface only, 1 mile west of Lookeba on Sickles Rd. 405-495-1658.

For Rent– At Foss Lake. Large house and/or party barn. All amenities. 580-323-1975.

Weekend Mancave Rainbow Lake between Minco & Binger. Secluded wooded lot, your own shooting range, 40 foot trailer. See on craigslist under vac rentals. Must sell. \$8,000.00 or trade. 405-801-2968 or 405-248-6917.

2 homes in Clinton– ready for new owners! 1500 Redstone & 620 S 11th. Priced to sell. Call Remax Gold Buckle Realty. 580-330-9090 or www.goldbucklerealty.com

Reduced! 3 bed, 2 bath remolded home with new sunroom, patio, roof, fence, appliances. Great location with country view on XL lot. Finished basement. \$189,900. 130 W. Quail, Cordell. 940-395-1370.

For rent: 2bd/ 1.5 ba. \$850/mo. \$850 deposit. Application fee, proof of income, references required. No pets/smoking. No utilities. Leave msg. 405-823-4819. Minco.

80 acres, surface only, cultivated. 6.1 miles east of Roosevelt, OK, Kiowa county. 580-726-3825.

3 bedroom, living room, dining room, kitchen, den, laundry room, & one bathroom, with garage. Almost 2 acres. Fort Cobb, OK. 405-933-3454.

For Rent: Cabin to rent right on edge of Ft. Cobb lake. Sleeps 7, everything you need. Room to park boat and trailer. 580-243-8697 or 405-643-2152.

Nice rural home 3bd/2ba, C/H&A, 2 car garage, storage shed. SE of Colony, OK. \$139,000. Call 405-777-3156.

Beautiful Cordell 3 bed, 2 bath home. Living/dining room, utility, new sunroom, basement, new crown molding, roof, fence, appliances, HVAC. Updated throughout. 940-395-1370.

FOR RENT: Cabin right at the edge of Ft. Cobb Lake on the water. Will sleep up to seve. Room to park boat & trailer. Everything you need. Call or text 580-243-8697.

Water meter for use in Comanche County Rural Water District #2. \$1,500. 580-550-0334.

Apartment/duplex (2 cabins) located on 1.625 acres, both 2 bed, 1 bath that could be converted to 4 bed and two baths. Near Ft. Cobb Lake. Close to Sunset Cove Marina. Stained concrete floors. Fully furnished. Fantastic condition and new metal roof. Newly built 2008 on the North Lake Estates. All electric w/ water well. \$122,900. 580-772-0606.

Country Living, Close to Town–3600sq' metal barn home, log cabin style w/ approx. 2100sq' wrap around porch on 3 sides. 3 bd, 2ba, office 23' ceilings in living room. Sits on 40 acres. Comes with

30x60 metal barn w/ lean too, insulated with living quarters, in ground cellar. 20 K generator. Located 1/2 mile S of Burns Flat golf course. Call 580-799-7369.

5 acre tract of land, timber, wildlife, Minco, OK school district. Newer double wide trailers welcome. Financing available. 405-352-5190.

Foss Lake Cabin Rentals– Boaters, Fishermen, Hunters. 580-515-6452.

Wanted

Hardworking team members that want to make real estate a full time career– ask me how to become a realtor. www.goldbucklerealty.com. 580-330-9090.

Events

Clinton Country Jamboree: Showtime 7:00 p.m. Country & Western 1st and 3rd Saturday every month. All Gospel 5th Saturday. Admission \$9.00. Concession available. Family Entertainment. I-40 exit 71, Clinton, OK. 580-331-8377.

Throwback Recipe: Tropical Banana Bread

by Virgie Gardner, Binger, OK

Ingredients:

3 1/4 c. flour	3 lightly beaten eggs
2 c. sugar	2/3 c. vegetable oil
1 1/2 t. baking soda	1 8oz. can crushed pineapple (undrained)
1 t. salt	1 1/2 t. vanilla
2 t. cinnamon	2/3 c. chopped pecans (optional)
1/2 t/ apple pie spice	2 c. mashed bananas
<i>Mix first 6 ingredients, set aside.</i>	1/4 c. lemon juice plus 1 T sugar poured over bananas

Directions:

Grease & flour 2 loaf pans. In a large bowl combine eggs, oil, bananas, pineapple and flavoring stir to mix. Then add dry ingredients and stir to mix, do not beat. Pour into two loaf pans or a bundt that has been greased and floured. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

If you have a throwback recipe you'd like to share, give us a call at 405-656-2322.