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Girdler joins EKPC as Economic Development & Public Policy Manager

Chris Girdler has joined East Kentucky Power Cooperative (EKPC) Manager of Economic Development and Public Policy.

He will focus on economic development for the eastern region of Kentucky served by EKPC's 16 owner-member cooperatives. He begins his duties at EKPC on Oct. 1.

"We are very excited to welcome Chris as the newest member of our great economic development team," said Rodney Hitch, Vice President of Economic Development and Public Policy. "Chris has extensive experience in economic development, industry growth and government relations. His record of leadership and success is recognized across a wide spectrum."

Most recently, Girdler served as founding President and CEO of Somerset-Pulaski Economic Development Authority. He served in the Kentucky Senate from 2013 to 2017, representing the 15th District. His background also includes executive positions in the houseboat industry, private investment and leadership with many foundations and boards.



Chris Girdler

"I am excited and grateful for the opportunity to join EKPC, and to help bring jobs and investment to my home region of Eastern Kentucky," Girdler said.

Girdler has a bachelor's of business administration degree from Eastern Kentucky University.

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East Kentucky Power Cooperative is a not-for-profit, member-owned cooperative providing wholesale electricity to 16 owner-member distribution cooperatives that serve 1.2 million Kentucky residents at 585,000 homes, farms, businesses and industries across 89 counties. EKPC provides power through coal-fueled plants located in Mason and Pulaski counties; natural gas-fueled plants in Clark and Oldham counties; renewable

energy plants in Barren, Boone, Clark, Greenup, Hardin and Pendleton counties; and nearly 3,000 miles of transmission lines. Together, EKPC and its 16 owner-member cooperatives are known as Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives. Visit EKPC at www.ekpc.coop.

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