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EKPC Unveils Sustainability Plan

WINCHESTER, Ky.— East Kentucky Power Cooperative (EKPC) today unveiled a Sustainability Plan that includes targets for increasing its use of renewable energy and reducing emissions of carbon dioxide in coming decades.

“For EKPC, sustainability means remaining a vital resource for providing energy and services to the 16 electric cooperatives that own our co-op, as well as the 1.1 million Kentucky residents they serve,” said EKPC’s President and CEO Anthony “Tony” Campbell. “We must focus on a shifting energy landscape, now and in the future, and this plan will be vital to helping our organization do that.”

EKPC’s Sustainability Plan establishes a framework to:

- Develop strategies to increase fuel diversity, decrease carbon emissions and promote environmental stewardship;
- Ensure EKPC is working closely with its 16 owner-member electric cooperatives to meet their changing needs;
- Attract and retain employees with the knowledge and skills to meet Kentucky’s energy needs;
- Increase the security, reliability and resiliency of EKPC’s electric transmission system; and
- Promote financial sustainability principles that enhance long-term viability.

The plan establishes goals of reducing carbon dioxide emissions 70 percent by 2050 based on 2010 emissions levels, and obtaining 15 percent of energy from new renewables by 2035.

“We must recognize that we face shifting expectations from a growing number of stakeholders, including cooperative members, policy-makers, lenders, and others,” said Don Mosier, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. “Developing and maintaining this Sustainability Plan better prepares EKPC to monitor the horizon and to quickly adapt to meet changing needs and expectations.”

This Sustainability Plan is EKPC’s first. In 2018, EKPC’s Board of Directors added “sustainability” to the cooperative’s mission statement. Over the past year, five teams of EKPC employees have been developing plans to address various aspects of sustainability.

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"This Sustainability Plan is a living, breathing document," Campbell said. "As circumstances change, the plan will continue to evolve to ensure EKPC is meeting its owner-members' needs as reliably and affordably as we can."

An overview of the plan is available on EKPC's web site at www.ekpc.coop

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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 1.1 million Kentucky residents across 87 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, Laurel, Greenup, Hardin and Pendleton counties; and more than 2,800 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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