



Citizens' CEO Accepts Position at G&T



Citizens Electric's CEO Anthony "Tony" Campbell will assume the position of president and chief executive officer (CEO) at East Kentucky Power Cooperative (EKPC) effective June 8, 2009. EKPC is a generation and transmission (G&T) cooperative located near Lexington, Kentucky.

"For the past six years, I've had the pleasure of working with some of the finest, hard-working people I've ever met," said Campbell. "CEC's Board of Directors and staff have faced many difficult challenges during my tenure, and they have met each one in a professional manner. First and foremost, they are sincere in their commitment to do the right thing for Citizens' members."

According to Board President Skip Lottes, the CEC Board of Directors has selected Van Robinson, the corporation's Chief Financial Officer, to serve as interim CEO until the position can be filled on a permanent basis.

"I want to assure our members that the Board will act quickly to replace Mr. Campbell," said Lottes. "We will conduct a national search in order to locate the best qualified person for this position. This will in no way compromise service reliability. The Board would like to congratulate Mr. Campbell on this career opportunity and thank him for his tremendous efforts over the past six years."

Campbell became CEO of Citizens Electric Corporation in 2003 to manage the transition from purchasing power through long-term all-requirements contracts to investing in generation. He was instrumental in coordinating efforts to join Wabash Valley Power Association, CEC's current power supplier.

This position is a tremendous opportunity for Campbell, as EKPC serves 500,000 Kentucky homes, farms, businesses and industries across 87 counties. EKPC has many generation plants across its territory and more than 2,800 miles of transmission lines.

Rural Missouri available online

For less than the cost of a postage stamp, CEC is able to communicate with members through the Rural Missouri magazine. While the center section is written by the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives (AMEC), the front and back pages are specific to Citizens Electric and our members.

We hope you take the time to read Citizens' articles each month in order to keep up-to-date on topics that may impact you and your electric service.

If you would prefer to read the Citizens articles online and eliminate the paper copy, please provide your email address at citizens@cecmo.com or call your local CEC office.

Powerful Connections May 2009 RURAL Missouri

Growing our system to meet electric demand

From when the dip in load and slow power is on, Citizens Electric is monitoring, maintaining and upgrading its electric system to assure that your lights come on whenever you flip the switch.

Several large projects are underway or planned for this year in order to serve growing electric loads and build contingency within our system. These upgrades are all part of CEC's five-year work plan. They include improvements to Valley View, Elginport, MAAS, Silver Lake and Rossville substations.

In some areas small three-phase power lines are being replaced with larger conductors to meet increased demand. Miles of single-phase high-voltage secondary are also being replaced with three-phase high-voltage conductors. Construction is also underway to create circuit ties to provide other sources of power in the event a substation transformer fails.

Later this fall, Operations' personnel plan to rebuild MAAS Substation which was previously dedicated to an industrial customer. This facility will now become a community substation which will substantially improve reliability in the areas of Jolt, West New York and a portion along Highway 33 in the Greenview Corridor.

Powering our future

Through Citizens' membership in Wabash Valley Power Association (WVPA), we are investing in generation to power our future. WVPA's recent recent acquisition in Indiana Energy LLC, located on the right a natural gas-fired combined cycle plant in Beecher City, Illinois.

Along with Invision Energy, WVPA purchased this \$27-million power plant from Seneca Power Fund, L.P. for \$383 million. This additional generation will help meet the power needs of the two generation and transmission (G&T) cooperatives' consumer-owned electric cooperatives. Furthermore, it will increase electric supply reliability and help manage costs for cooperative consumers. The plant's clean operations fit well with WVPA's existing coal, natural gas and renewable resources.

Free weatherization kits available

Even though "Old Man Winter" is gone for the moment, it's time to get ready for the next time he comes. Free weatherization kits are available to CEC's 100,000 members. Kits include blower doors, weatherstripping, caulking, weatherstripping, a thermostat, a furnace filter, and a furnace filter holder.

Help your old man by weatherizing your home. It's a three-step process: plug up air leaks, remove drafts and cover up air conditioning systems professionally inspected. Your air conditioner will show its appreciation through those electric bills this summer.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

- Keeping your dryer's lint filter clean speeds up drying time and reduces the risk of fire.
- Periodically inspect and clean the exhaust duct to prevent clogging.
- Make sure the hose is properly connected from the dryer to the vent outside. If it is not connected, warm humid air can seep into your home and cause poor air conditioner to work harder.

Water and electricity don't mix!


Make sure to exercise caution inside or out, whenever water is located near electricity. Whether you're working or playing this summer, don't take a vacation from electric safety.

- Use ground-fault circuit-interrupters (GFCI's) in bathrooms, kitchens and garages.



- Keep electronics like radios away from pools and hot tubs.
- Watch for overhead power lines when working outside, cleaning pools, sailing or fishing.
- Never install pools underneath or near power lines.
- Never touch an electrical appliance if you are wet; always dry off completely.

For additional information about summer safety, go to www.safeelectricity.org.




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Energy efficient choices can save families about a third on their energy bills, with similar savings on greenhouse gas emissions. In 2009 and 2010, federal tax credits are available at 30% of the cost, up to \$1,500.

Don't be confused by the Energy Guide label on appliances. Look for Energy Star. For additional information, go to www.energystar.gov.

Rauh bids farewell to CEC

John Rauh of Perryville retired from Citizens Electric Corporation (CEC) on June 1, 2009, after working for the utility for more than 40 years.

Rauh began his career at Citizens in 1969 as a warehouseman. He was promoted to Assistant Superintendent in 1979, followed by a promotion to Perryville District Superintendent in 1995. He was last promoted in July 2008 to Operations and Maintenance Superintendent.

"Computers and technology have been the biggest change in the way Citizens Electric does business," says Rauh. "Systems like SCADA, GIS and the Outage Management System allow workers to monitor electric loads at our substations, locate properties quicker and predict the source of an outage."

"Even though it does make you feel a little old to work with the grandchildren of men you began work with," says Rauh, "it's very satisfying to ride down the streets of Perryville and know that you had a part in providing electric service to those homes and businesses. It's been a good ride, and I wouldn't trade any of the experiences or the friends I've made for anything."



VP of Operations Ron Klein thanks John Rauh for his commitment throughout the years to our members.