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Marcus Harris Named CEO at Old Dominion



Marcus Harris

Marcus Harris, KEPCo Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer (EVP & CEO) has accepted the position of President and Chief Executive Officer at Old Dominion Electric Cooperative. Mr. Harris served as KEPCo's EVP & CEO since 2014. Mr. Harris begins his new position April 2.

Mr. Harris stated, "I would like to thank the KEPCo staff and Board of Trustees for the honor of working with them and for them for the past few years. I thoroughly enjoyed my time in Kansas and had the privilege to meet many wonderful people. Thank you to everyone for the opportunity and I wish KEPCo continued success."

Mr. Ken Maginley, former General Manager of Bluestem Electric Cooperative, will assume the position of interim EVP & CEO of KEPCo on March 26 while the KEPCo Board conducts a national search to fill the position.

Old Dominion Electric Cooperative is one of the nation's largest G&T electric cooperatives, serving 1.4 million people in 70 counties in Virginia, Maryland and Delaware.

KEPCo Unveils New Marketing Display

Suzanne Lane, Kelsey Schremp, and Phil Wages unveiled KEPCo's new marketing display at Brown-Atchison's annual meeting. KEPCo staff will be attending each of our member cooperative annual meetings and the marketing display will be exhibited at several of the meetings.



Phil Wages shares industry issues at Brown-Atchison's annual meeting.



Suzanne Lane and Phil Wages at Brown-Atchison's annual meeting with the new marketing display.

Les Evans Retires



Les Evans

Mr. Les Evans, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, announced his retirement at the end of December, after dutifully serving KEPCo for 13 years. Mr. Evans will retain a relationship with KEPCo, working on power supply issues. All of us at KEPCo and the KEPCo Board of Trustees wish Les a long and happy retirement and thank you for your service and dedication.

Promotions at KEPCo



Suzanne Lane



Mark Barbee



Mark Doljac



Shawn Geil

Effective January 2018, four senior staff members were promoted. Ms. Suzanne Lane, Director of Strategy, was promoted to the position of Vice President of Member Services and Government Affairs. Mr. Mark Barbee, Vice President of Engineering, was promoted to Senior Vice President of Engineering and Operations. With

their new responsibilities, Ms. Lane and Mr. Barbee will share the duties of the retired Mr. Evans. Mr. Mark Doljac, Director of Rates and Regulation, and Mr. Shawn Geil, Director of Information Systems, were each promoted to Executive Director.

KEPCo Employees Receive Service Awards

The following employees were recognized at the annual KEPCo employee appreciation event for their service to KEPCo.

- **Phil Wages** - Director, Member Services, Government Affairs, and Business Development - 20 years
- **Stephanie Anderson** - Finance & Benefits Analyst 2 - five years
- **Maurice Hall** - Sr. SCADA/Metering Technician - five years
- **Kelsey Schrempp** - Administrative Assistant & Benefits Specialist - five years
- **Suzanne Lane** - Vice President, Member Services & Government Affairs - one year



Phil Wages



Stephanie Anderson



Maurice Hall



Kelsey Schrempp



Suzanne Lane

2018 Legislative Session Update



Kansas State Capitol

This year, there was an inordinate amount of bills introduced. The bills covered many topics, which included energy efficiency and demand management, retail electric rate relief, numerous broadband bills, net metering, and service territory termination protection, among many others. Below is a brief description and disposition of a few of the bills that will or could have impacted KEPCo and its members.

- KEPCo provided opposition testimony on SB374, which would have re-wrote the Kansas Energy Efficiency Act and permitted utilities to have an unbridled spend on demand-side management and energy efficiency programs that did not need to be proven cost effective. The bill was not worked.
- SB322 would have rolled-back the net metering thresholds to the original 2009 levels. This bill was brought in response to the KCC Docket that allows Westar Energy to present in future rate cases a higher customer charge for distributed generation customers. The bill was heard but not worked.
- KEPCo provided proponent testimony on SB385 and HB2640 (same bills) which would mandate that the KCC provide a public comment forum at least four times per year for transmission-related decisions at the SPP. KEPCo's testimony pointed out that KEPCo's transmissions costs have increased 87% since 2010. The bill was not worked.
- KEPCo provided joint testimony on HB2513, a bill that would have increased the surface water protection fee. This would have impacted costs at Wolf Creek. The bill was not worked.
- SB323 (service territory termination process) was combined with two other bills and was passed favorably out of the House and Senate Utilities committees. The electric cooperatives and municipals compromised on language in the bill, which now requires a notice, requires record keeping, and the annexing of undeveloped land will be compensated at 8.5% of gross revenues for 10 years, once the property is developed.
- SB396 would have prohibited electric utilities from including amounts in excess of applicable tax rates in electric rates. The bill received a hearing, supported by the Kansas Industrial Consumers Group and Americans For Prosperity, but was not worked.
- HB2701 establishes a 23-member statewide broadband expansion task force to work collaboratively to evaluate the broadband needs of Kansas citizens, businesses, industries, institutions and organizations. The bill passed favorably out of both the House and Senate utility committees.

KEPCo Board Members Retire



Dale Coomes



Ken Maginley



Bob Reece



Leon Eck



Dennis Peckman

Several changes occurred throughout last year in KEPCo's Board room, as five stalwarts retired. KEPCo said goodbye to Mr. Dale Coomes, CEO of Heartland Electric Cooperative,

Mr. Ken Maginley, Manager of Bluestem Electric Cooperative, Mr. Bob Reece, Manager of Flint Hills Electric Cooperative, Mr. Leon Eck, former KEPCo President (1993-1997) and KEPCo Alternate Trustee from Rolling Hills Electric Cooperative, and Mr. Dennis Peckman, KEPCo Trustee from Heartland Electric Cooperative, who have a combined KEPCo Board of Trustees service tenure of 151 years. During their careers, these gentlemen were involved in essentially every decision that was made in the past 30-plus years at KEPCo. Their depth and breadth of knowledge and experience will be missed.

KEPCo Emphasizes Safety

Safety of KEPCo employees is essential to the continued operational success of KEPCo. Appropriate safety meetings are held throughout the year for KEPCo staff. KEPCo is proud to report there were no lost time accidents recorded in 2017.