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A Moment with the CEO



Suzanne Lane

KEPCo is a member and employee-focused organization.

This phrase has become one that our team and members have heard frequently in the past eight-plus months. What does it mean? It means that to truly serve the needs of our 19 members and always have our members as our #1 priority,

we must assure our employee team is a top priority as well. We are blessed and fortunate to have a very talented, dedicated, knowledgeable team that is willing to go above and beyond for our members. As we look to enhance services and programs for our members—based on both member and employee feedback—these enhancements will only be successful if we assure the best experience possible for both our members and employees. And we are on our way, indeed, to achieving both, thanks to our dedicated staff, strategic alliances, and strong partnerships with our members! Here are a few highlights in recent months that further depict this...

Our team had the honor and privilege of representing KEPCo at all 19 of our members' annual meetings. We are so appreciative of the opportunity to participate in these important events! Work continues with a member-driven study of all aspects of demand-side management programs—both our existing program and potential new services. We look forward to close collaboration with our Board of

Trustees and hired consultant as the study continues and ultimate results and recommendations are discussed this fall. Wolf Creek Generating Station and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) co-hosted a successful, public meeting for the first time in over five years. It was a great opportunity to highlight all of the great operational aspects of the plant, including the fact Wolf Creek is in the top tier among all nuclear plants for operations! We have started preparing for the 2019 strategic planning retreat with our Board. Our members' feedback—both via a survey and my recent "member listening tour"—as well as our employees' feedback, will be incorporated to assure we have a meaningful, thorough effort towards determining KEPCo's top strategic priorities. As depicted later in this issue, the 2019 Kansas Legislative Session was a very busy one indeed. Our team, in close partnership with KEC, Sunflower, Midwest Energy, and our members, did an outstanding job representing the needs of KEPCo and its members during a session that brought a lot of "heavy lift" items. Long story short, I couldn't be more pleased with the efforts, dedication, knowledge, and spirit of our KEPCo family.

These are just a few of the many activities and opportunities the spring of 2019 has already brought us. We are honored to "live" our mission each and every day by providing reliable power supply at a reasonable cost, while partnering closely with our members, employees, and other allies to provide a top-notch experience for everyone!

Cunningham Attends NRECA Legislative Conference



U.S. Capitol Building, Washington, D.C.

A contingent of twenty-three Kansas electric cooperative representatives attended the NRECA Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C., April 28-30. Susan Cunningham, Senior Vice President, Regulatory and Government Affairs, and General Counsel, represented KEPCo.

Nearly 2,000 electric cooperative representatives were present in Washington to convey industry issues to their respective congressional leaders. Each year the conference is the largest electric cooperative grass roots event in the nation's capitol.

Issues discussed with House and Senate members included ways electric cooperatives can participate in infrastructure development; concern over the proposal to sell power marketing association assets; the need to reform the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation premium calculations; and a return to the previous tax provisions of removing grant funds from non-member income calculations.

2019 Legislative Roundup

The 2019 legislative session was extremely busy, as numerous bills were debated in both the House and Senate utility committees. When the dust settled for the year, Senate Substitute for Senate Bill 69 advanced through both chambers. The bill is a compromise among utility companies and entities that, beginning early in the session, were seeking a study of electric rates and issues affecting utility rates. The bill contains 29 various "study" items to be addressed by an outside consultant(s) selected by the Legislative Coordinating Council via a Request For Proposal. The bill is divided into two sections, with the first



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section to be completed and published on the KCC website by January 8, 2020, and the second section to be completed and published on the KCC website by July 1, 2020. The first section of study topics includes ratemaking principles and optional ratemaking methods, investments in utility infrastructure, retail choice, energy efficiency, and securitized ratepayer-backed bonds, among others. The second section of study topics includes an examination of electric vehicle charging stations' cost recovery, transmission investment, and commercial and industrial rates, among others.

HB 2178, which amended the Kansas Underground Utility Damage Prevention Act, was also passed this year. The bill amends the definition of "operator" to specify an electric public utility is not considered an operator with respect to privately-owned underground lines, and therefore, the utility is not required to locate and mark such privately-owned lines.

“Get-To-Know” KEPCo Employees



John Payne

John Payne is a Senior Engineer and has been with KEPCo for 13 years. John’s primary responsibility is Southwest Power Pool matters, as well as contributing on various KSI projects.

John is a Professional Engineer and is a graduate of Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering.

John is married to Wilma and they have two grown children and four grandchildren. In his spare time, John enjoys playing the fiddle (bluegrass music), camping, photography, and bicycling.



Terry Deutscher

Terry Deutscher is the Manager of SCADA and Meter Maintenance and has been with KEPCo for 20 years. Terry and his team are responsible for the operation and maintenance of KEPCo’s SCADA system, with particular emphasis placed upon the load management season.

Terry graduated from the Salina Technical School with a Degree in Electronics and received a FCC license and a Ship and Radar Endorsement license. Terry has also completed the NRECA Supervisor Course.

Terry is married to Tracey and they have two grown children and one grandchild. When away from work, Terry enjoys cruising the streets in his 2010 Corvette and working on projects around the house.

Congratulations Coleen Wells



Nolan Maiké

Coleen Wells, KEPCo Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, became a grandmother for the first time on May 18. Coleen’s daughter, Amber, and her husband, Josh, are the proud parents of Nolan Michael Maiké. Nolan tipped the scale at 7lbs.5ozs. Congratulations

to the Wells and Maiké families!

Welcome Tanner Walker

KEPCo selected Tanner Walker as its Stephen E. Parr 2019 Engineering Intern. Tanner will be a senior at the University of Kansas, majoring in electrical engineering.



Tanner Walker

Tanner is from Ashburn, VA. In his spare time, he enjoys running and playing guitar. Welcome, Tanner!

Lane Attends MIT Nuclear Reactor Course

In June, Suzanne Lane, KEPCo EVP & CEO, will attend the Reactor Technology Course for Utility Executives at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, MA. The course is an intensive, three weeks of study designed to provide a fundamental understanding of the principles of nuclear technology as they relate to the management and operation of commercial nuclear electric generating units. The course also enables utility executives to recognize the limits of their knowledge of reactor technology and how these limits should be respected when making related management decisions, as well as provide utility executives with a greater sense of importance of personal involvement, ownership, and respect for the reactor core and nuclear safety.

KEPCo Staff Participates in National Trails Day

On June 1st, KEPCo staff participated in the American Hiking Society National Trails Day, which is a day of public events aimed at advocacy and trail service. On this day, thousands of advocates came together nationwide to maintain and clean-up public lands and trails. KEPCo staff hiked two miles on the Shunga Trail. Special thanks to KEPCo's John Payne for organizing the event.



KEPCo Service Anniversaries

KEPCo held its Employee Appreciation Day in March and recognized the following employee service anniversaries. On behalf of KEPCo and the KEPCo Board of Trustees, thank you for your dedicated service.



Mitch Long
20 years



Terry Deutscher
20 years



Mark Doljac
10 years



Susan Cunningham
1 year



Rick Johnson
1 year



Luke Zahner
1 year