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Winter 2015

Southwest Power Pool Legislative Bus Tour

Several utilities, including KEPCo, sponsored a bus trip to the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) corporate headquarters in Little Rock, Arkansas for 22 Kansas legislators. The visit to the SPP commenced with a dinner at, and tour of, the Clinton Presidential Library, followed the next day by informational and education presentations by several senior staff members of the SPP. Topics discussed included SPP responsibilities, transmission scheduling and planning, the next day energy market, cyber security, and the Clean Power Plan, among others. The legislators were also provided the opportunity to tour the SPP Operations Center.



KEPCo Attends Legislative Dinner

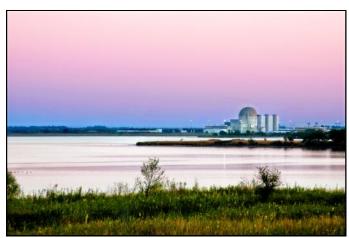
KEPCo staff attended the annual legislative dinner hosted by Bluestem, Rolling Hills, DS&O, and Nemaha-Marshall electric cooperatives at the Clay Center Country Club in Clay Center, Kansas. Twelve legislators representing the host electric cooperative territories were in attendance and each provided comments and insight about the upcoming 2016 legislative session.

KEPCo Attends Kansas Chamber Meeting

KEPCo staff participated in a meeting hosted by the Kansas Chamber of Commerce to discuss any amendments that are planned to be offered by utilities and other interested parties in the 2016 legislative session regarding HB2233. HB2233 is the bill that was passed in the 2015 session which enables the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to file a state implementation plan by the mandated deadline in order to comply with the Clean Power Plan. Amendments may be needed to HB2233 due to final language in the Clean Power Plan pertaining to the filing for an extension, as well as the filing of interim and final plans.

KEPCo Retires Bond

When the debt instruments were originally established and issued for the Wolf Creek Nuclear Generating Station, KEPCo was required by CFC to deposit \$4 million from the sale of the Pollution Control Bonds into a Debt Service Reserve Fund. The Pollution Control Bonds reached maturity and on December 1, KEPCo received a \$4 million payment from CFC, the amount that was initially held in the reserve fund.



Wolf Creek Nuclear Generating Station

KEPCo Submits 2016 Budget

KEPCo staff submitted the 2016 Budget to the Finance and Audit Committee on November 11 and the full Board will review the budget at the December Board meeting. The 2016 budget establishes only a marginal increase over 2015. The budgeted 2016 wholesale energy rate is 77.3 mills, which is a six-tenths of one mill increase over the 2015 budget and is a product of the new method in which wholesale rate adjusters are calculated, using budgeted numbers rather than historical.

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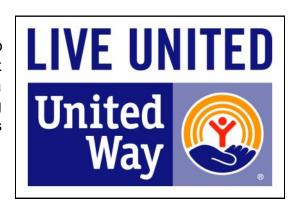
Stephanie Anderson, KEPCo Finance and Benefits Analyst, introduced Grayson Joe Anderson to the world on October 23rd. Grayson weighed 8 lbs. and was 21 inches long. Congratulations to Stephanie and her husband Trevor!



Trevor, Stephanie, Grayson, and Seymour

KEPCo Supports United Way

For many years, KEPCo and staff have been proud to support the local community through donations that support the fine work of the United Way. This year, staff, along with a contribution from KEPCo, raised over \$13,000, exceeding last year's contribution by \$3,000. As a result of KEPCo's generosity, KEPCo reached the Bronze sponsorship level.



KEPCo Conducts 41st Annual Meeting



Marcus Harris reviews 2015 with the Board

KEPCo's 41st Annual Meeting was held November 18 in Junction City, Kansas. During the meeting, Scott Whittington, KEPCo President, provided remarks and thanked the Board of Trustees for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. Marcus Harris, KEPCo EVP & CEO, reviewed accomplishments made in 2015 and the challenges the utility industry will be facing for the foreseeable future due to compliance with the Clean Power Plan.

The following day, the KEPCo Board of Trustees elected Officers and the Executive Committee for 2015-2016. The officers elected are; (back row, left to right) Scott Coffey Whittington, Lyon President; Kevin Compton, Brown Atchison - Vice President: Dale Short, Butler - Treasurer; and Dean Allison, DS&O - Secretary. Those elected to comprise the remainder of the Executive Committee are; (front row, left to right) Bryan Coover, Twin Valley; Larry Stevens, LJEC; and Dwane Kessinger, Caney Valley.



2015-2016 KEPCo Officers and Executive Committee

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MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR from the staff of KEPCo

