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## KEC taxes support Schools! KEC Taxes Add Up!



### KEC & WFEK 2005 Taxes Paid

School	Tax amount
Arapaho	\$44,821.23
Burns Flat	19,848.32
Butler	34,445.61
Canute	17,689.00
Clinton	32,709.93
Cordell	50,426.50
Hammon	32,026.99
Hobart	38,693.42
Leedey	58,232.81
Lone Wolf	29,518.00
Mt. View-Gotebo	52,533.50
Sentinel	36,390.85
Snyder	7,251.76
Taloga Oakwood	37,159.85
Thomas-Fay-Custer	62,205.68
Weatherford	13,796.31
Washita Heights	4,858.66

**Total Amount Paid to Schools - \$572,608.42.**

The dollars add up. Each year, Kiwash Electric Cooperative as well as KEC's power supplier, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative (WFEK) pay gross receipts tax to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. 95% of taxes collected are remitted to area schools based on the miles of power lines located within each school district. The state keeps the other 5%. In 2005, KEC and Western Farmers Electric Cooperative paid a total of \$572,608.22 to area schools.



Manager's Monologue  
Dennis Krueger



## Conservation is a Partnership!

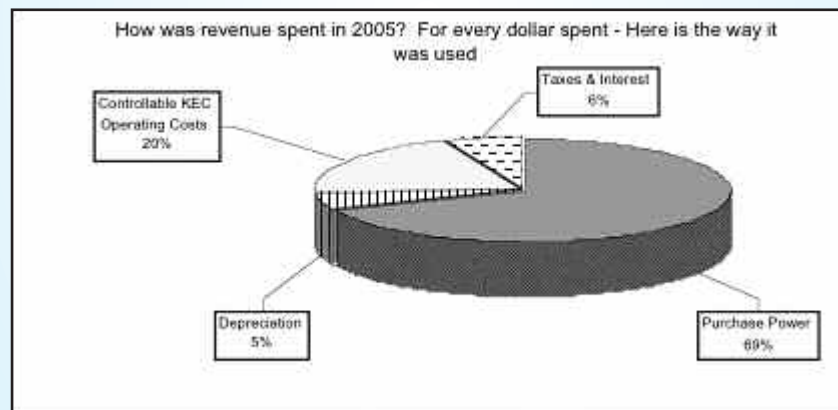
We have preached energy efficiency in the Kiwash Kilowatt newsletter for years. Why? We knew someday the market would turn upward and that electric prices would increase; but, we didn't know when.

Last month we showed you ways to receive tax credits on your energy-efficient home improvements. Over the last nine years we have discussed new energy saving light bulbs, caulking windows to eliminate air infiltration, reasons to search for energy saving appliances, and increasing your SEER factor on heating/air conditioner units. We also discussed the advantages of planting trees to shade your home and the positive effects of additional home insulation. We urged great use of storm windows or thermopane windows; all in an effort to educate our membership on the benefits of energy conservation.

Imagine an electric company urging you to use less electricity. KEC does because we are member-owned and member driven. You expect us to assist you, remind you, and discuss options that will save you money in the long run.

We keep hearing false information about KEC being the BIG energy giant out to make money off the unknowing customers. Fact #1 – Any profit made by KEC is returned to the members through the capital credit program. Yes, if you own a membership in KEC, then you have a capital credit account. Fact #2 – We are the third smallest electric service in Oklahoma and we are constantly looking for ways to increase our energy sales via new industries and new members; not by inflating prices to our existing members. Fact #3 – Other electric companies serve customers, KEC only serve its membership.

We have prepared the following graph on how a typical dollar is spent when you pay your electric bill.



Only twenty cents (\$0.20) on the dollar is used by KEC to build and maintain your electric distribution system. Improvements like meter installation and maintenance, transformer restoration, service wire improvements, pole and wire replacement, billing, dispatching, mapping, accounting for the entire system, and other incidental costs. This twenty cents also keeps a fleet of vehicles ready to meet all the different job requirements and proper inventory levels for routine work as well as severe storm electric plant restoration to meet your growing energy requirements.

The majority of your electric bill goes for generating and transmitting the energy (kilowatt hours) from the WFEC generation facilities to the Kiwash substations. WFEC is running out of energy capacity and is planning on building a new coal-fired generation plant to meet the electric cooperatives growing demand. Depreciation, taxes and interest payments are also a part of doing business. Eighty percent (80%) of every dollar must be spent for costs that Kiwash Electric Cooperative does not control.

It will take a partnership (Kiwash and its Members) to conserve the resources that we can control. Your Board of Directors, Manager, staff and employees are doing our part to spend your dollars carefully. Are you doing your part to conserve energy by making energy-efficient home or business improvements?



# The Touchstone Energy® Co-op Connections Program

## Discover the value of co-op membership!

*Being a member of Kiwash Electric Cooperative has benefits.*

Because you are a member of Kiwash Electric Cooperative, a Touchstone Energy® Cooperative, you can receive discounts on products and services from participating local, state/regional and national businesses.

To receive **local** discounts, simply show your Co-op Connections card to any participating business displaying a Co-op Connections window sticker.

The local participating businesses participating are:

**Bank Lofts \*- Cordell**  
**B&K Bait House \* Foss Lake**  
**Butcher's Clothing Company \* Weatherford**  
**Clinton Daily News \* Clinton**  
**Dean's Greenhouses \* Cordell, Elk City and Weatherford**  
**The Country Store \*Weatherford**  
**Fletcher's Auto \* Cordell**  
**Jack's Flowers and Gifts \* Cordell**  
**Kathy's Kottage \* Thomas**  
**Lindley Farm Equipment, Inc. \* Cordell**  
**Oklahoma Route 66 Museum \* Clinton**  
**Panther Hills Winery and Vineyard \* Bessie**  
**Petals and Blooms \* Cordell**  
**Standifer House B&B \* Elk City**  
**Starvin Marvins – \*Cordell \*Hinton**  
**The Small Gift Shop \* Clinton**  
**Taufest Furniture & Appliance \* Weatherford**  
**Total Expressions \* Cordell**

Please visit our website at [www.kiwash.coop](http://www.kiwash.coop) for a complete list of participating local, state wide and national businesses.

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The person responsible for coordinating this organization's nondiscrimination compliance efforts is Dennis Krueger, General Manager. Any individual, or specific class of individuals who feels that this organization has subjected them to discrimination may obtain further information about the statutes and regulations listed above and/or file a written complaint with this organization; or the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20050; or the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Washington, D.C. 20250.

Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible.

Signed: Dennis Krueger  
Kiwash Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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Signed: Gene Smith, Office Manager

## Change a light, change the world

Lighting our homes can represent 20 percent of home electricity bills and is one of the easiest places to start saving energy.

If you replace five most frequently used lights or the bulbs in them with ones that have earned the ENERGY STAR rating, you will save more than \$60 a year in energy costs.

ENERGY STAR qualified compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) use 66 percent less energy than standard incandescent bulbs and last up to 10 times longer. Replacing a 100-watt incandescent with 32-watt CFL can save you at least \$30 in energy costs over the life of the bulb.

ENERGY STAR qualified CFLs operate at less than 100 degrees F and are also safer than typical halogen bulbs, which are frequently used in floor lamps or torchieres and burn at 1,000 degrees F. Due to their high heat output, halogens can cause burns and fires.

CFLs are cool to the touch. ENERGY STAR qualified CFLs provide the same amount of light (lumens) as standard incandescent bulbs, but have lower wattage ratings. This means they use less energy and cause less pollution.

If you are unfamiliar with the best CFL wattage to use for your lighting needs, always refer to the lumen, or light output on the product packaging as your guide. For example, most 60-watt incandescent provides around 800 lumens, so look for ENERGY STAR qualified CFLs that provide 800 lumens or more.

If every U.S. home changed just one light to an ENERGY STAR rated bulb, we could save enough energy to light seven million homes and prevent greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those from eight million cars.

During the month of October, residents and businesses across the nation will be seeing things in a new light, and Kiwash Electric is asking its members to do the same. Kiwash Electric Cooperative is promoting the ENERGY STAR Change a Light campaign, a nationwide effort to make the public aware of the tremendous impact that is made when hundreds of thousands of consumers switch one regular light bulb for a compact fluorescent bulb.

Every light changed is a step in the right direction.



### BULLETIN BOARD

#### What's Happening In Your Community

October 7 – Cordell Chamber of Commerce Pumpkin Festival

October 7 – Quartz Mountain Nostalgic Railroad Excursion. – Train loads at 9:30 a.m. and departs at 10:00 a.m. For more information, please contact 580.846.9078.

October 13 – Western Oklahoma Christian School Hamburger Fry at the Custer County Fairgrounds. 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm

November 12 - Sorority Crafts Fair – Fairgrounds in Hobart

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To report the events in your community, or for more information, call Kiwash Electric Cooperative.  
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