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10 Things You Might Not Know About Power Restoration

By **Tony Tucker**, President and CEO

Have you ever watched a video or TV show where a person is cooking a meal, then suddenly, they snap their fingers, and the meal is plated and ready to eat? That's called a jump cut.

While we wish we could "jump cut" from a power outage to power restoration, it can often take a lot more effort and people to make it happen.

As the President/CEO of Mitchell EMC, I'm accustomed to members' questions about power outages and why it can take time to get the lights back on. Given our reliance on electricity, there's simply never a good time to be without it.

This month, I'd like to shed light on our restoration process to help our members understand what may be happening behind the scenes. Here are 10 things you might not know about restoration:

1. We need you. When your power goes out, it might be just at your home or small section of a neighborhood. There is a chance we may not know about it, and no one has reported it. We rely on you to let us know if your power is out.

2. Our employees might be affected too. Because Mitchell EMC is a local electric cooperative owned by the members we serve, our employees are local too. They are your neighbors, friends and familiar community volunteers. When you're without power, our people might be too.

3. It's a team effort. Every one of Mitchell EMC's employees are working to get your power restored as soon as possible. Our member services representatives are taking your calls, engineers and field staff are surveying damage, our vegetation management team is clearing hazards, dispatchers are organizing crews, and communicators are keeping everyone informed of progress or potential dangers. When your power goes out, we all work together as quickly and safely as possible to get you back to normal.

4. We assess the situation first. Every outage is different, and we don't know how dangerous it is or what equipment might need to be replaced. When responding to outages, we first need to see what happened, then figure out what materials we need and a plan for how to fix the problem(s) without compromising electric flow for the rest of our members.

5. Restoration is normally prioritized by the largest number of members we can get back on in the shortest amount of time. Our crews focus on responding first to public safety issues and critical services like

COMMON CAUSES OF POWER OUTAGES

There is never a good time for the power to go out, but if it happens on a sunny day, you might be left wondering why. Here are the most common causes of a power outage.

WEATHER

High winds, snow and ice can cause tree limbs to fall on power lines. Other weather effects, like wildfires and lightning strikes, can cause major damage to equipment.

CRITTERS

Squirrels, birds, snakes and other animals can inadvertently contact power lines, causing short circuits and disruptions to electrical supply.

ACCIDENTS

Vehicles can crash into utility poles, bringing down power lines. Construction and excavation work can also result in disruptions to underground lines.

Scheduled MAINTENANCE

Occasionally, we plan outages to perform upgrades or repairs to parts of the local grid.

hospitals. Then we complete work that impacts the largest of number of people first.

6. Our employees face many dangers. Besides working around high voltage electricity, our crews are on alert for wild animals, weather elements, falling trees and fast-moving cars. (If you ever drive past one of our vehicles, please do so slowly.)

7. Flickering lights are a good thing. Some folks mistake flickering lights for outages, but these "blinks" are important because they indicate our equipment worked and prevented a possible outage likely caused by wayward animals or stray tree limbs on the lines.

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Financial Report 2023

MEMBERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES

Members' Equity and Liabilities

Patronage Capital	\$83,136,662
Other Equities	\$17,017,542
	\$100,154,204

Long-Term Liabilities

Long-Term Debt	\$84,719,596
Accumulated Provision for Post-retirement & Other Long-Term Liabilities	\$13,600,162
	\$98,319,758

Current Liabilities

Mortgage Notes-Current Portion	\$4,296,145
Accumulated Provision for Post-retirement	\$702,000
Short Term Loans	\$5,000,000
Accounts Payable	\$3,674,297
Consumers' Deposits	\$1,301,695
Accrued and Withheld Taxes	\$5,903,289
Other	\$3,261,393
	\$24,138,819

Total Members' Equity and Liabilities **\$222,612,781**

ASSETS

UTILITY PLANT

Electric Plant in Service-At Cost	\$206,811,038
Construction Work in Progress	\$6,461,178
Gross Utility Plant	\$213,272,216
Accumulated Provision for Depreciation	(\$46,316,116)
	\$166,956,100

Investments in Associated Organizations

	\$34,763,558
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Current Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$1,823,661
Accounts Receivable	\$6,879,522
Materials and Supplies	\$11,999,445
Other	\$89,975
	\$20,792,603

Deferred Debits

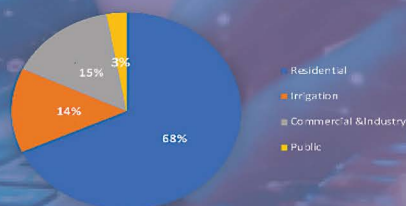
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Total Assets **\$222,612,781**

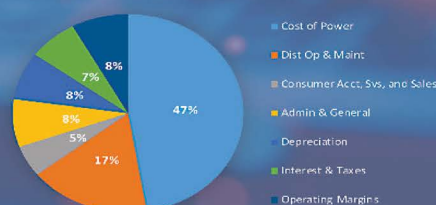
REVENUE & PATRONAGE CAPITAL

Operating Revenues	\$67,307,346
Operating Expenses — Source: Consumer Reports —	
Cost of Power	\$31,913,625
Distribution Operation	\$4,707,212
Distribution Maintenance	\$6,727,632
Consumer Accounts	\$2,861,456
Consumer Service and Sales Information	\$246,890
Sales	\$305,572
Administrative and General	\$5,258,010
Depreciation	\$5,260,074
Taxes	\$4,667,793
Total Expenses	\$61,948,264
Operating Margins After Interest Expense	\$5,359,082
Non-operating Loss	(\$4,203)
Generation and Transmission	
Patronage Capital Allocations	\$1,265,425
Other Capital Credits and Patronage Capital Allocations	\$1,312,980

Total Sales 2023



How Your Revenue Was Used in 2023



NATIONAL GRILLING MONTH WORD SEARCH

July is National Grilling Month! Can you find all the words associated with grilling in the puzzle below? Use the word bank as a guide.



B H C D F T N U Z R B J R Q G
O A U F O N H R K Q S H E F V
M A R N X U J O R W Z N M B L
W M G B F B X L F P O K M V Z
X S J A E Z K M O R F S U B T
E S R P N Q I V P H P R S H V
X C D L L F U A L A C B K P J
V K J N A E B E T M E V K V X
J X O Y E K D U T B C H N I J
W N P T B I L C P U T Y T Y F
N C C N J A R O C R C G C D A
Y T W V C Z A F W G M E W B M
O D G R I L L A R E O U X W I
U L T K U S Q N V R S Q U B L
L E T K S O Q R G O D T O H Y

WORD BANK

Hamburger
Spatula
Hot Dog
Friends
Summer
Apron
Grill
Barbeque
Family
Tongs



Cooking outdoors is a fun way to spend time with friends and family! By cooking outside, you can save energy indoors and keep your home cooler.

Power Restoration

8. **You need a backup plan.** We do our best to help those who need it, but if you depend on electricity for life support purposes, you must have a back-up plan—remember, we don't always know how long restoration efforts will take. If you're unsure what to do, call us so we can help you prepare an emergency location.

9. **Our employees have to plan, and eat.** If you ever see our trucks in a restaurant parking lot while your power is out, know that sometimes our employees huddle in a safe, common area to map out their plan for getting your power back on. Also, our crews work long hard hours during outages and need to take time for meals just like everyone else.

10. **Sometimes it's a waiting game.** Our portion of

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the power grid is connected to other electric utilities, and we maintain positive relationships with power providers interconnected to our system. If our outage is due to an issue from their feed into our system, we must let them do their repairs and be mindful of what they're going through to fix it.

We do our best to avoid power disruptions, but they are inevitable from time to time. If the lights go out, know that your co-op team is working as quickly and safely as possible to restore power. If you experience an outage, please let us know by reporting it through our outage center on the website, outage app, calling the office, or by texting "out" to 83137.

Attention Farmers Just a reminder...

Time of Use (TOU) rates for irrigation systems begin on June 1. The TOU kWh cost is based on the time of day in which it is used. The rate will distinguish between ON-PEAK and OFF-PEAK usage. **TOU rates apply from June 1 through September 30.* If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 229-336-5221 or 1-800-479-6034.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Electricity used to operate major appliances accounts for a significant portion of your home energy use. Here's an easy way to lighten the load on your clothes dryer. Before you dry a load of damp clothing, toss in a clean, dry towel. The towel will absorb excess water, shortening the drying time. If your dryer does not include an autosense feature, reduce the timer to about half of what you normally would. Remove the towel about 15 minutes after the cycle begins. Shorter drying times will extend the life of your dryer and save energy.

Source: [homesandgardens.com](https://www.homesandgardens.com)



Mitchell EMC Awards 10 Scholarships, Introduces 2024 Washington Youth Tour Winners

Part of Mitchell EMC's dedication to our communities is making an investment in the Outstanding Youth in our Communities. Funded through the Operation Round-Up Program, Mitchell EMC awarded 10 Scholarships to deserving students in our service area. Mitchell EMC also introduced the 2 winners of the 2024 Washington Youth Tour. We are proud of these high-achieving students and honored to assist them as they pursue their field of choice in college.

Jaden Hodges/Miller County High School; Alyssa Renee Renaud/Baconton Community Charter School; David Garfield Mullins/Deerfield-Windsor School; Jett Josef Hinteregger/Westwood Schools; David Glynn West/Westwood Schools; Weston Miller Fears/Westwood Schools; Brian Jones/Westover Comprehensive High; Austin Michael Hatcher/Baconton Community Charter

School; Alexis Rainey Cannon/Baconton Community Charter School; Jolie Marissa McLeod/Baconton Community Charter School; Samantha Jennings/Thomas County Central High School

2024 Washington Youth Tour Delegates: Sam Summerlin Westwood Schools; Bryant Collins, Southwest GA Academy



Note: If you move or no longer have electric service with Mitchell EMC, it is important that members keep their address current, so that future disbursements can be properly mailed. Capital credits are reserved for members even if they move out of the Mitchell EMC service area. Mitchell EMC will make a diligent effort to send a check by mail.

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Old Fashioned Tea Cakes

Ingredients

3 eggs
1/2 cup oil
1-1/2 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
2-1/2 cup self-rising flour

Directions

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
Mix in order egg, oil, sugar, vanilla, and flour. Drop teaspoon on greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 8 minutes.

Submitted by:
Larry Hudson, Baker County

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