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Changes Proposed for Net Metering Tariff

At the May 2024 Sumner-Cowley Board of Trustees meeting the SCEC staff requested the board's support to amend the current **NET METERING** TARIFF FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY **INTERCONNECTIONS.** The board of directors voted to bring this proposed change to the member-owners of the cooperative.

"We're proposing changes to our net metering tariff to encourage rightsized solar installations to protect the integrity and reliability of our distribution system and broaden the participation by our member owners in renewable energy interconnections." CEO Coni Adams said. "This initiative aims to empower more members to embrace sustainable energy solutions while ensuring fair and equitable benefits for all."

Notable changes include: updating the calculation to determine the size of renewable installations and

NOTICE OF RATE MEETING

The Board of Directors of Sumner-Cowley Electric Cooperative, Inc. will meet on **WEDNESDAY**.



discuss the proposed net metering rider. This meeting will be held at the cooperative's headquarters located at 2223 N. A Street, Wellington, Kansas, and will be open to any member of the cooperative who wishes to attend.

Action on the retail rates (ONLY THE NET **METERING RIDER)** may be taken at that time. Members have the right to request review by the Kansas Corporation Commission of any rate change approved by the cooperative as provided by K.S.A. 66-104d(g).

the disallowance of interconnected battery energy storage systems. A full rendition of the net metering tariff with proposed changes can be found at www.sucocoop.com.

SAFETY TIP

All thunderstorms contain lightning. If a thunderstorm approaches when you're swimming or near water, get out of the water and stay away from it. If you are golfing, put down your clubs, get away from metal





2024 4th Annual Robotics Challenge

Sumner-Cowley is proud to co-sponsor youth robotic opportunities in our service territory, emphasizing our commitment to nurturing talent and innovation. By investing in these programs, we're shaping the next generation of rural leaders, empowering our youth to excel in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields and beyond.

> Original robots, especially those from early science fiction and industrial applications, often had limited functionality and were primarily designed for repetitive tasks in controlled environments. They were typically large, rigid, and required precise programming for operation. Examples include robotic arms in manufacturing plants or early humanoid robots like the ones depicted in classic science fiction.

> > Modern robots, on the other hand, have advanced significantly in terms of capabilities, versatility and intelligence. They are more adaptable to various tasks and environments, thanks to advancements in artificial intelligence. sensors and materials science. Modern robots can perceive and interact with their

surroundings, make decisions autonomously, and even learn from their experiences. They come in various forms, from human-like robots to drones, and are used across a wide range of fields, including healthcare, agriculture, construction and entertainment. The precision with which these machines operate begins with education and hands-on learning — a mission that Cowley College in Wellington has embraced.

At Cowley College, students diligently work between assembly days and events to program and code their robots. These budding engineers arrive at the competition ready to demonstrate their skills and put their knowledge to the test.

Judged by local professionals and community members, the tasks they undertake vary in complexity, reflecting the diverse skill levels of the participants.

Students have complete autonomy over their projects, from naming their teams to coding and even decorating their robots. Their creativity and technical prowess are evident, showcasing the bright future of our community's youth.

The Robotics Challenge aims to spark the curiosity of our youth in the STEM fields of education. STEM is a dynamic and increasingly complex field. Its influence is evident everywhere today, from agricultural machinery to artificial intelligence. STEM research and education is integral to everyday life.

Sumner-Cowley Electric is thrilled to participate in this exciting and interactive event for our youth. We invite you to join us next year and check out all of the robots!

This year's event featured a variety of schools, split into basic and advanced teams. On the first day, the teams from the following schools participated:

- Arkansas City
- Attica
- Caldwell
- Clearwater
- (home school) Wellington

Wellington Christian

Wellington Eagles

Advanced teams competed on the second day, representing schools in:

- Arkansas City
- Anthony
- Caldwell
- Clearwater South Haven
- Wellington

Through this challenge, Sumner-Cowley supports healthy competition, while investing in the future leaders and innovators of our rural communities. These youth robotic opportunities ensure youth have the skills and confidence to thrive in an increasingly STEM-oriented world.



Eisenhower Elementary fourth graders, Nyah Ratliff and Charley Wilmoth, have fun with Sumner-Cowley's hard hats.



An Arkansas City Middle School student flies her drone through the ring challenge.



A South Haven Middle School student concentrates on balancing her robot through the maze without it falling off.



Arkansas City Middle School students celebrate a long day of challenges with SCEC balloons.

Help Us Locate Former Members

Below is a list of former Sumner-Cowley Electric Cooperative members who have unclaimed capital credit refunds from the December 2023 retirement. The cooperative's bylaws require that SCEC notify members and former members of retired capital credits. After one year, any unclaimed capital credits will be contributed to the cooperative and accepted as permanent, non-allocated capital. IF YOU KNOW ANY OF THESE FORMER MEMBERS, PLEASE HAVE THEM CALL 888-326-3356.

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