

NEW FACILITY

Devil in the details

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NORTH WEBCAM IMAGE
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They say, "The devil is in the details." I know that's true for our contractors on TCEC's new facility project. They're all working well together and making excellent progress on the details.

The most visible, large parts of the project are in place. Now, they're working on the small details that take time but aren't as visible to folks driving by.

We've had quite a few people working on the job site since breaking ground in April and we've only had one minor accident to date. This has been a safe project and it's currently ahead of schedule, although the weather will determine if it remains that way.

We plan to move into the new facility by September of this year. All our employees will be in a single location for the first time in more than 50 years. That's exciting.

To keep up with the progress, you can see up-to-the-minute images of the construction project via the live image feeds from webcams at the site. Just go to www.tcec.coop and click on the new facility tab. ■

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Measure appliance energy use

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TCCEC members can get ahead of their energy use by taking advantage of some of the cooperative's free tools to analyze and reduce their energy consumption. One such free tool is the Kill A Watt power meters the cooperative distributed to public libraries throughout its service territory. The libraries loan the power meters to members upon request.

A Kill A Watt power meter is a simple device that members can plug various appliances and electrical devices into to measure the amount of electricity they consume. Measurements are provided in both dollars and in kilowatts.

Each device comes in a box with a booklet explaining how to use the power meter. The booklet also includes common ways to reduce energy use. It's best to leave a device plugged into the power meter for at least a week or so to get the most accurate measurement. Members may be surprised to learn how much their toaster or television costs to use.

Libraries participating in this program are:

- Guymon Public Library, Guymon
- Olive Warner Memorial Library, Hooker
- Marvin E. McKee Library, Goodwell
- Beaver County Public Library, Beaver
- Cimarron County Library, Boise City
- Texhoma City Library, Texhoma
- Morton County Library, Elkhart, Kan.

If the local library doesn't have any power meters left or doesn't have enough of them, the librarian can call or email TCEC's Member Solutions department to request replacement kits.

Members don't need a Kill A Watt power meter to obtain estimates of appliance energy use. They can access additional tools and resources by going online to www.tcec.coop and looking under the 'Account' tab for the 'Ways to Save' page. This page has information and links to learn ways to save energy and reduce costs. One valuable resource for TCEC members is the www.TogetherWeSave.com website, which offers free online energy use calculators for appliances, lighting, space heaters and televisions.

After using the power meter and reviewing the other free resources mentioned here, members can request a free energy survey of their home by one of TCEC's energy experts. These surveys are performed by a service technician who can help identify specific ways to reduce energy use in a member's home.

Any questions regarding these tools should be directed to TCEC at 580.652.2418 or via email to memberservice@tcec.coop. ■



A KILL A WATT POWER METER IS A SIMPLE DEVICE THAT MEMBERS CAN PLUG VARIOUS APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL DEVICES INTO TO MEASURE THE AMOUNT OF ELECTRICITY THEIR APPLIANCES USE. MEASUREMENTS ARE PROVIDED IN BOTH DOLLARS AND IN KILOWATTS. IMAGE SOURCE: TCEC