

New facility brightens TCEC's future

As with any organization, TCEC has evolved to meet many changes since it was founded 70 years ago in 1945. One thing that hasn't changed much in the past 50 years is the cooperative's main location on Glaydas Street in Hooker.

Since being purchased in 1961, the building has been remodeled once nearly 30 years ago — in 1986. In the last decade, the cooperative has seen unprecedented growth. Kilowatt-hours sold in 2013 were five times more than in 2003, surpassing one billion kilowatt-hours in 2013 alone.

To meet the growing needs of members and the demands of new technologies, TCEC has 60 more employees today than it did in 1986. Many of those employees are in the field and some are in the office. To accommodate the larger employee base, cubicles became smaller and rooms previously used for storage or breaks were converted to office space. Modular buildings were leased for additional offices. Employees and assets became spread out in six locations around Hooker. The current office does not meet standards set forth in the Americans with Disabilities Act.

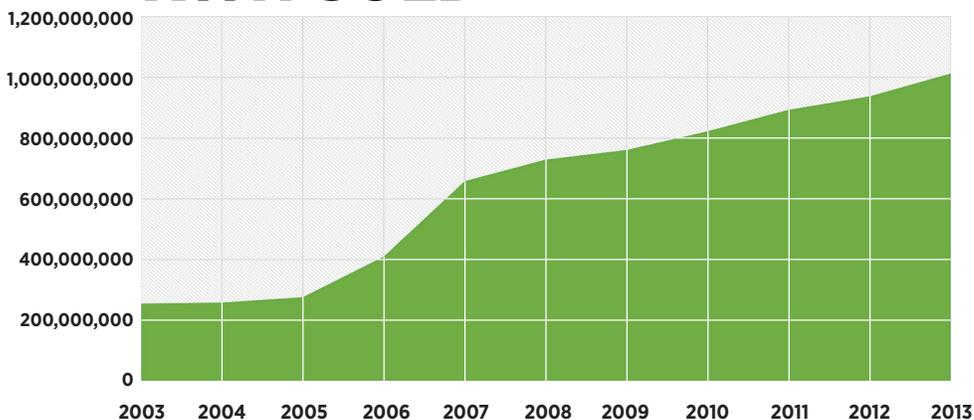
TCEC's trustees and leadership team examined several options and sought expert guidance before breaking ground

on the new facility. They investigated expansion of the current office and found it wasn't feasible. They took advantage of the opportunity to refinance debt at substantial savings that will help cover much of the cost of the new facility. The financial forecast shows the cost of the new facility will not require an increase in rates, although other factors may impact them.

TCEC's new facility is being built to meet the cooperative's needs for at least the next 50 years. It has options for expansion of offices and cubicles built into its design. Having all employees in a single location will improve efficiency and increase productivity. Internal relationships will be strengthened and morale will improve. People will get to know each other better and be able to work more closely on projects to help deliver safe, reliable and affordable power to TCEC members.

TCEC aims to improve the quality of life for its members and the new facility will help ensure the cooperative is able to do that efficiently and safely. Members are the cooperative's owners with a vested interest in its performance. The new facility will improve the performance of the cooperative, increasing response time in times of widespread outages and enhancing the day-to-day service members receive. ■

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Another way we educate members regarding safety is by including a safety tip in every issue of this LiveWire newsletter. We also offer brochures on safety topics.

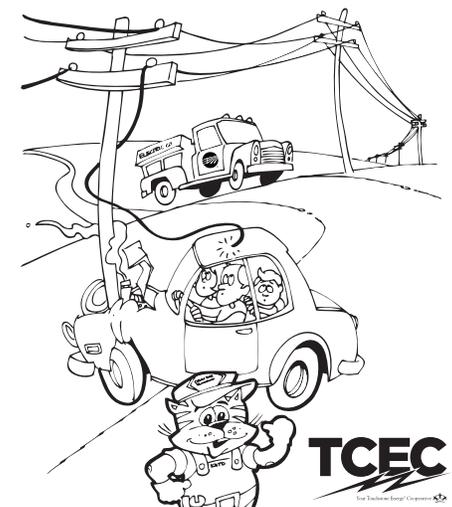
From performing regular system inspections to tree trimming, our employees are always on the lookout for safety concerns.

If you see any safety concerns on our lines, whether plants are too close to pad mount transformers or tree houses are near power lines, please call us to investigate the issue.

Internally, TCEC has a professional dedicated to safety and loss control. Her name is Shellie Shorb and she coordinates a safety meeting monthly. She also facilitates an employee safety committee meeting every other month to discuss safety in the workplace and prevent incidents. TCEC also talks about safety every month in our employee newsletter.

Your safety and ours is our main priority at TCEC. Stay safe! ■

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