

# Financial Records

The Cooperative's financial records for 2023 were audited by Kelso Lynch, Certified Public Accountants, and were reported to the Rural Utilities Service. If anyone has questions about the financial reports or the operations of the Cooperative, please contact the Cooperative's business office at 1(800) 392-0567 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Business hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

The Cooperative's statement of operations and balance sheet for the year 2023 are included in this annual report to the members. The Cooperative ended 2023 with an operating loss of \$189,804.

Ozark Border Electric Cooperative was organized in 1938 and since then has grown to an efficient cooperative with over \$266 million in assets while providing over 713 million kWh annually to its members. In the early years, affordability was more important than reliability. Today, the Cooperative provides service to more than 40,000 meters, and maintains over 6,000 miles of power line. We understand that both affordable and reliable power are very important to today's members.

Like most other electric cooperatives, Ozark Border Electric Cooperative struggled in its early years. Over the years, cooperation of members, hard work by employees and prudent decisions by boards of directors have helped make the cooperative financially stable. In 2023, Ozark Border's annual operating expense was \$439 per consumer. In addition, OBEC serves 455 consumers per full-time employee. OBEC has one of the lowest annual operating costs of electric cooperatives in Missouri as well as one of the highest consumers per full-time employee in the state.

Due to significant increases in power costs and other operating costs, the Cooperative implemented a \$5 increase in the monthly availability charge in April 2023 and then had to implement a full rate increase in April 2024. These were the first increases in the Cooperative's rates since 2016.

We would like to thank the members for making 2023 a successful year. We appreciate the opportunity to provide your electric service and we look forward to working with you in the future.

David Schremp, CPA  
General Manager

<b>Balance Sheet</b>			
As of December 31,			
	2023	2022	2021
<b>Assets</b>			
Net utility plant	\$ 198,157,337	\$ 189,270,780	\$ 183,975,607
organizations	51,044,889	48,110,958	48,096,403
Cash on hand	662,082	1,563,455	1,031,139
Temporary investments	-	2,639,765	1,540,437
Accounts receivable	7,757,951	7,287,265	7,626,379
Inventory	6,099,188	5,072,846	4,085,268
Other assets	2,840,618	5,203,485	5,233,418
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$266,562,065</b>	<b>\$259,148,554</b>	<b>\$251,588,651</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Members' Equity</b>			
<b>Memberships</b>	<b>\$ 703,340</b>	<b>\$ 716,349</b>	<b>\$ 731,600</b>
Patronage Capital	98,431,949	98,385,470	95,007,345
Total Margins	4,989,469	2,080,092	4,903,753
<b>Total margins &amp; equities</b>	<b>\$104,124,758</b>	<b>\$101,181,911</b>	<b>\$100,642,698</b>
Long-term Debt to RUS & CFC	\$ 142,120,212	\$ 140,116,945	\$ 133,422,842
Accounts payable	5,652,993	5,477,219	5,760,738
Consumer deposits	4,555,523	4,459,883	4,344,343
Other current liabilities	10,108,579	7,912,596	7,418,030
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$162,437,307</b>	<b>\$157,966,643</b>	<b>\$150,945,953</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equities</b>	<b>\$266,562,065</b>	<b>\$259,148,554</b>	<b>\$251,588,651</b>
<b>Statement of Operations</b>			
As of December 31,			
	2023	2022	2021
Operating Revenue	\$ 77,444,673	\$ 74,999,971	\$ 72,626,208
Cost of purchased power	47,022,167	44,438,692	42,273,950
Distribution expense	12,163,643	12,361,201	10,694,479
Customer accts and service exp	3,024,350	3,142,654	3,179,239
Administrative and general expense	2,748,924	2,629,707	2,444,157
Depreciation expense	7,694,898	7,496,481	7,309,383
Interest Expense	4,980,495	4,606,470	4,597,537
<b>Total Cost of Electric Service</b>	<b>\$ 77,634,477</b>	<b>\$ 74,675,205</b>	<b>\$70,498,745</b>
<b>Operating Margins (LOSS)</b>	<b>(\$189,804)</b>	<b>\$324,766</b>	<b>\$2,127,463</b>
<b>Nonoperating Margins</b>	<b>\$822,923</b>	<b>\$586,036</b>	<b>\$499,211</b>
<b>G&amp;T Capital Credits</b>	<b>\$3,999,498</b>	<b>\$1,169,289</b>	<b>\$2,277,079</b>