



# ENERGY *edition*

## Paducah Power System

*Owned by the People of Paducah*

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### Message from the Manager



*By Gary Zheng, PPS General Manager*

Recently, I announced that I will be leaving Paducah Power System this summer. It is not a move I expected to make. However, balancing work and family is always a challenge, and there are times when most of us must make difficult decisions based upon the needs of our loved ones. My decision is based solely on the needs of my family at this time and does not involve a new job offer.

I am sad that I am leaving before I accomplished all that I wanted to at PPS, but I leave believing that the board and employees will finish the work I've started and achieve the goals that were set when I began my tenure here.

This company has come a long way since I arrived in February 2015. We have created \$93.9 million in savings and new revenue, allowing us to lower the Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) portion of our rate structure 66% to date. We hope to lower it again for the fiscal year that begins July 1st. That's a 16% drop in the overall bill for the average residential customer since their peak in 2014. During that time, we've managed to preserve our credit rating and greatly improve our finances.

The key to long term rate relief for our customers is shedding some of our power generating assets to better match our needs. For months now, we've explored a variety of ways to do this. We have numerous confidentiality agreements in place, and it is my personal belief that one of the options we are pursuing will yield the results we want. I am just one of 61 employees who work, one customer at a time, every day, to achieve rate relief and to regain the trust of this community. This outstanding workforce, and our strong board of directors, has the confidence and knowledge to achieve what it needs to after I am gone.

The board is working with Dowdy Recruiting, a utility recruiting firm, to find my replacement. The new general manager will likely arrive later this summer. I have pledged to assist all that I can with the transition.

I want to thank the board and the employees for their dedication to this company and their support during the past two years, and I am grateful to the people of this community for their patience and encouragement. I will miss Paducah Power System and the city of Paducah, but I am leaving this utility in good hands and believe the progress made in the past two-and-a-half-years will continue.

### management team

**Gary Zheng**

*General Manager*

**David C. Carroll**

*Director of Finance & Administration*

**Andrea Underwood**

*Director of Community Relations & Marketing*

**Rick Windhorst**

*Director of Engineering & Operations*

### board of directors

**Hardy Roberts** *Chairman*

**Mark Workman** *Vice Chair*

**Adolphus Jones** *Secretary/Treasurer*

**Jeff Pederson** *Member*

**Ed Hely** *Member*

### Benefits of Public Power

#### United Way Contributions

Each year, most Paducah Power employees contribute to Paducah-McCracken County United Way. PPS ranked #7 in the United Way's top 20 supporting companies during the most recent United Way campaign since employees pledged almost \$20,000.



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## PPS in the Schools



A student samples lineman equipment during the McCracken County High School Career Fair for junior and senior students last month.



Employees of Paducah Power and other local businesses prepare for the arrival of several hundred middle and high school students at the Reality Store event.

## Summer Cooling Tips

With summer just around the corner, now is the time to prepare for those hot temperatures that put your air conditioning into overdrive. Approximately 40-50% of your energy bill comes from cooling and heating your home, so any changes you make to this aspect of your energy usage can save you money. Here are some tips for keeping control of your electric bill this summer:



- Use our website, [paducahpower.com](http://paducahpower.com), to monitor your daily energy usage.
- Cleaning air conditioning filters every month and getting your system checked by a professional once a year will ensure that it's functioning as efficiently and inexpensively as possible.

- Leaking ductwork accounts for 25% of cooling costs in the average home, so have your ducts tested and have any leaks repaired by a qualified contractor. Duct cleaning is not the same as duct sealing.
- Set your air conditioner to 78 degrees or higher or the warmest setting you can tolerate.
- Use a programmable thermostat to automatically increase the temperature when no one is home during the day and to lower it right before everyone returns home.
- When you use a ceiling fan, you can raise your thermostat up a few degrees. Although a fan won't cool the air, it will circulate the air and create a breeze to make the room feel cooler.
- Conserve energy by running your dishwasher only when it is fully loaded. Turn off the dry cycle and air dry dishes instead. Wash only full loads in the washing machine, too.
- Use your grill as much as possible instead of heating up the house with the oven and forcing your air conditioner to work harder.
- Replace your incandescent light bulbs with energy efficient LED or compact fluorescent bulbs. Look for the Energy Star label when buying bulbs.

For more energy saving tips go to [paducahpower.com](http://paducahpower.com) > **ways to save**, or pick up an energy savings booklet at our offices at 1500 Broadway.

## Reminder



PPS will be closed Monday, May 29th for Memorial Day.

## Spring Clean-up Yields Bulbs

Many people took advantage of the chance to safely dispose of their old fluorescent light bulbs during the Paducah/McCracken Spring Clean Up Day, dropping off hundreds of pounds of bulbs at the Paducah Power System booth. If you missed the event, you may drop off your old fluorescent tubes and CFL's at Paducah Power during regular business hours. It's a free service of your public power provider.



## Pay as You Go



Our "Pay as You Go" program for residential customers is an alternative to traditional monthly billing that gives you flexibility and control over your electric usage and payment schedule. If your financial situation makes it easier for you to make several small payments throughout the month instead of one larger payment, contact our Customer Service Department at 270-575-4000 and ask about Pay as You Go.