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NEWSLETTER



Balancing Electricity Supply and Demand

Electricity powers nearly every aspect of daily life, yet we rarely think about how it's generated and delivered to our homes. Behind the scenes, experts work around the clock to anticipate our energy needs before we even use it.

At Upshur Rural Electric Co-op, we collaborate with partners like Northeast Texas Electric Cooperative, East Texas Electric Cooperative, SWEPCO, and Harrison County Power Plant to secure enough power for our communities. We rely on a diverse mix of energy sources—wind, hydro, solar, gas, and coal—to ensure reliable and affordable electricity.

Across the country, electricity supply and demand are managed by regional transmission organizations (RTOs) and independent system operators (ISOs), similar to air traffic controllers for the grid. These entities monitor and forecast energy needs to maintain balance across the grid.

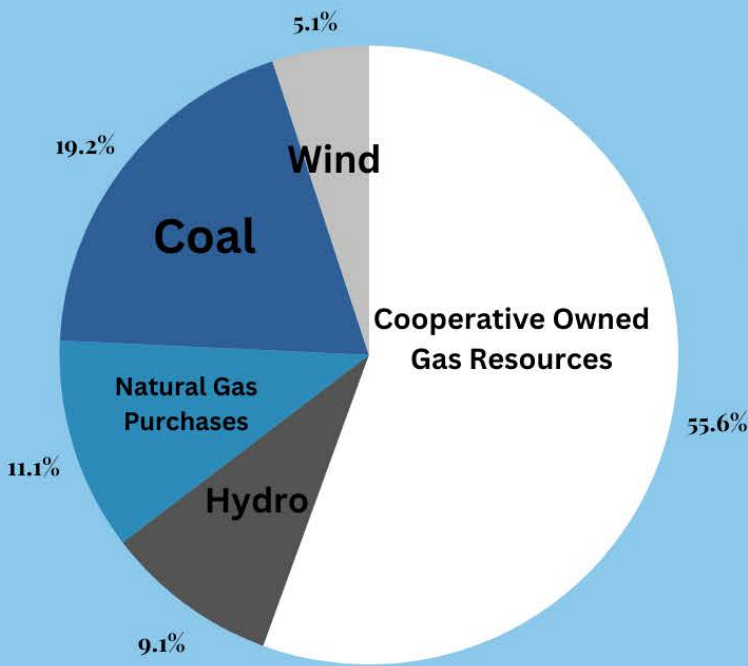
As demand for electricity in the U.S. is expected to rise significantly by 2050, URECC is preparing for future challenges to continue providing affordable, reliable power. Our network of utilities, power plant operators, and grid managers are working together to keep the electricity supply steady and meet growing demand.

For more information on URECC's power supply, visit urecc.coop/urecc-power-suppliers.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Taking steps to help your home heating system run more efficiently can reduce energy use and lower your winter bills. Check to see if any air vents around your home are blocked by furniture, curtains or other items. Obstructed vents force your heating system to work harder than necessary and can increase pressure in the ductwork, causing cracks and leaks to form. If necessary, consider purchasing a vent extender, which can be placed over a vent to redirect air flow from underneath furniture or other obstructions.





URECC Resource Mix

55% Cooperative Owned Gas Resources

5% Wind

19% Coal

11% Natural Gas Purchases

9% Hydro



SAVE THE DATE

URECC 2025 Annual Meeting set for Thursday, April 3rd

We are excited to share that the URECC Board of Directors has scheduled the URECC Annual Meeting for 2025 on Thursday, April 3, at 1:00 PM, in the URECC auditorium! An official meeting notice will be sent to each URECC member, as stipulated by the Bylaws.



Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon butter
- ½ cup chopped onion
- ½ cup chopped celery
- 4 (14.5 ounce) cans chicken broth
- 1 (14.5 ounce) can vegetable broth
- ½ pound chopped cooked chicken breast
- 1 ½ cups egg noodles
- 1 cup sliced carrots
- ½ teaspoon dried basil
- ½ teaspoon dried oregano
- salt and ground black pepper to taste



Instructions:

- Melt butter in a large pot over medium heat. Add onion and celery and cook until just tender, about 5 minutes.
- Add chicken broth, vegetable broth, chicken, egg noodles, carrots, basil, oregano, salt, and pepper. Stir to combine and bring to a boil.
- Reduce heat and simmer for 20 minutes.

