

# Blue Grass Living

The official newsletter of  
**Blue Grass Energy**  
A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative   
*Making life better, the cooperative way*

## 2017: Helping wishes come true



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chronic myelogenous leukemia

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racehorse Zenyatta

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### Message from the President

## Working together for our Communities

At Blue Grass Energy, we want the communities we serve to succeed. Why? The answer is simple: we live here and we care about our neighbors. When our communities thrive, we know life is better for our members.

We are local people working to improve our 23-county service area. That's the essence of the Seventh Cooperative Principle, "Concern for Community," one of seven guidelines that governs electric cooperatives.

We strengthen our communities by doing what we do best: providing safe, reliable, affordable energy services, while improving the quality of life for our members. We support policies and projects that are good for the communities we serve because what's

good for our communities is good for our members. Our efforts to grow economic development in our area is just one example. As we partner with local industrial parks, we are using our technology to aid them in surveying sites so potential new businesses can evaluate properties.

We also have strong community roots. Blue Grass Energy has been in business for 80 years—we're not going anywhere. Our business was founded by members just like you.

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Michael I. Williams  
President & CEO

Our offices will be closed Feb. 20, 2017.

## Tiana's Wish Comes True

Nine-year-old Tiana is battling chronic myelogenous leukemia and loves everything about horses and horse racing. Watching the races on TV and learning more about them is something that helps distract Tiana from the daily struggles of her medical condition. So it was no surprise when she wished to meet champion Thoroughbred racehorse Zenyatta.

Tiana's wish took place on World Wish Day (April 29), the annual global celebration of the wish that inspired the founding of Make-A-Wish. In 1980, 7 year-old Chris Greicius was battling leukemia when friends and family learned it was his dream to be a police officer. The community sprang into action, giving Chris an unforgettable experience. He

received his very own uniform and was made the first and only honorary patrolman in Arizona state history.

Since then, hundreds of thousands of wishes have been granted to children battling life-threatening medical conditions all over the world. Tiana's wish exemplifies the true meaning of World Wish Day – a community coming together to bring hope, strength, and joy to children and their families at a time when it is truly needed.

Local farms came together to give Tiana and her family an

experience they'll never forget – a day where they were able to get away from the stress of doctor's appointments, tests, and hospital visits, and focus on the joy of being a family.



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## The Power of a Wish

**98%**

of parents feel the Wish experience gave them the opportunity to be a "normal" family again.

**81%**

of parents observe an increased willingness by their Wish kids to comply with treatment protocols.

**96%**

of healthcare referral sources observe increases in Wish kids' emotional health.

**89%**

of nurses, doctors, social workers, and child-life specialists say they believe the Wish experience can influence Wish kids' physical health.

\* Results from national wish impact study

## NOTICE OF FILING

Pursuant to the Kentucky Public Service Commission's ("Commission") regulation 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8, Blue Grass Energy Cooperative Corporation gives notice that a tariff requesting approval to implement a low income weatherization assistance program called Community Assistance Resources for Energy Savings ("CARES") Program was submitted to the Commission on January 4, 2017. If Blue Grass Energy Cooperative Corporation's request is approved, the tariff will be effective March 6, 2017 at which time qualified residential end-use members of Blue Grass Energy Cooperative Corporation receiving efficiency upgrades from their local Community Action Agency ("CAA") weatherization program will be able to receive up to \$2,000 in weatherization assistance provided through the CAA, subject to detailed eligibility requirements. A person may examine this tariff filing at Blue Grass Energy Cooperative Corporation's offices located at 1201 Lexington Rd. Nicholasville, Ky. A person may also examine this tariff filing at the Commission's office located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission's Web site at <http://psc.ky.gov>. Comments regarding this tariff filing may be submitted to the Commission through its Web site at <http://psc.ky.gov>, or by mail to Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. The incentive contained in this tariff filing is the incentive proposed by Blue Grass Energy Cooperative Corporation, but the Commission may order an incentive that differs from the proposed incentive contained in this tariff filing. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention in this tariff filing to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request and including the status and interest of the person requesting intervention. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of this notice, the Commission may take final action on the tariff filing.



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Tiana's wish began with a visit to Lane's End Farm, where she toured the facility and received a behind-the-scenes look at the farm. While on the tour, her dream of meeting Zenyatta came true! Tiana smiled from ear to ear as she had her up-close and personal visit with the champion horse, who even gave her a few 'nose kisses.'

After meeting Zenyatta, Tiana was off to Keeneland, where she toured the facility and enjoyed watching the races. The excitement for Tiana continued as she met horses in the winner's circle. And her afternoon was a horse enthusiast's dream, visiting Rachel Alexandra at Stonestreet Farms, Silver Charm at Old Friend, and Bayern at Hill 'n' Dale Farms.

Tiana's wish to meet Zenyatta was everything she hoped it would be and more.

Tiana's story is just one of many from Make-A-Wish. However, there are many other chronically ill children waiting for their wish. As our 2017 charity, we will work all year to help raise money to fund some of those wishes. Watch for ways you can assist us in helping our young members' wishes come true.

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## President's message (continued)

One of the ways we are engaged in our communities is by supporting our corporate charity each year. I'm pleased to announce that our 2017 charity is Make-A-Wish Foundation. With our purpose of making life better, the cooperative way, they were a great fit for us. In this edition, you will read how they are making life better for our young members. We are excited to be a part of their great work. Throughout this year, you will see opportunities where you can help us raise money to grant the wishes of children who have been diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition.

We put our members and our communities first. Whether it is helping our young members or old, we are committed to our purpose of making life better, the cooperative way. That's the cooperative difference.

## NOTICE OF FILING

On January 31, 2017, Blue Grass Energy Cooperative Corporation ("Blue Grass Energy") filed a Community Solar Tariff. Under the Community Solar Tariff, Blue Grass Energy's Members will be able to voluntarily license solar panels within East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc.'s ("EKPC") eight and a half (8.5) MW community solar facility on the premises of EKPC's headquarters in Clark County, Kentucky ("Project"). Under the Community Solar Tariff each participating Member will effectively pay the initial capital cost of the Project through a one-time, \$460 license fee for each licensed panel. A participating Member may offset up to one hundred percent (100%) of his or her average annual consumption of electricity from the previous three (3) years. Participating retail customers will receive a monthly credit on their electric bill which will return the value of their licensed solar generation capacity as well as the value of the generated energy associated with said capacity. Depending upon the Member's preference, they may also receive the value of the solar renewable energy credits (SRECs) associated with their licensed panel(s). A monthly operations and maintenance expense debit will be deducted from the sum of the credits listed above. The average effect upon a participating Member's average bill will vary depending on the Member's usage patterns and the pricing applicable to the Project capacity, energy and SRECs during a billing period.

This is a new service offered by Blue Grass Energy, is strictly voluntary and open to all retail member classes. There currently is no other Blue Grass Energy tariff in effect for community solar. The proposed effective date for the Community Solar Tariff will be March 2, 2017.

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