

Press Release

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KEC Energizes New Substation

Today, Kootenai Electric Cooperative's (KEC) Board of Directors and staff energized the company's newest substation, called Setters. It is located about 20 miles south of Coeur d'Alene.

The area's substantial growth over the past decade has prompted KEC to build two new substations in the last three years. The other substation, called Hayden, was completed in November 2005.

The Setters Substation will increase capacity and reliability in the area west of Lake Coeur d'Alene from Rockford Bay to Worley. The 25 megawatt substation will be able to power approximately 4,000 average homes. It was designed to add another 25 megawatts of capacity if needed in the future.

KEC has a total of 12 substations in its service territory – including Setters. Six are owned outright by KEC and the rest are owned by Avista Utilities from which KEC delivers power to some of its members.

KEC is located in Hayden, Idaho and serves members throughout the Idaho Panhandle including the Coeur d'Alene area, which has experienced explosive growth in recent years. KEC currently serves nearly 22,000 accounts and continues to grow at a moderate rate.

Photo attached: KEC Board of Directors and staff stand in front of the Setters Substation transformer on Thursday.

Back (from left): Robert Crump, KEC General Manager; Dale Pierce, KEC Board Member; Everett Gossett, KEC Board Member; Steven Anderson, KEC Board Member; David Pratt, KEC Board Member; Wally Jacobson, KEC Board Member; Ron Bockstruck, KEC Board Member; Shawn Dolan; KEC Chief Engineer. Front (from left): Donna Boekel, KEC Board Member; and Amber Orr, KEC Electrical Engineer.