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Capital Credit Returns Are On the Way

At the March 28th meeting of the Board of Trustees, it was decided that a Capital Credit refund/retirement totaling \$858,742.08 would be distributed back to the Members of Southeastern Electric.



The checks will be in the mail by the anticipated date of May 27th. The years included in this annual refund are 1986 and 1987. Members who were receiving electricity from the Co-op during those years should expect to see a check in the mail.

Southeastern Electric is a non-profit organization. The rates are set to bring in enough revenue for the Co-op to operate. When the operating expenses are subtracted from the total amount of revenue collected during the year, the result is referred to as a "margin."

When the Co-op has margins they are then allocated, or assigned, in the form of a Capital Credit Allocation to Member-Owners who purchased electricity from the Co-op during the years in which the margins were generated.

This allocation is based on the proportion of electrical sales for the given year(s). Capital Credits are "retired" and refunded at the discretion of the Board of Trustees whenever it is determined that the financial condition of the Co-op will not be jeopardized.

This is a huge task that SEC's Accounting, Billing and Cashier departments oversee. Hundreds of checks will be mailed during this distribution.

James Fox, SEC's Assistant General Manager said, "Members should have started seeing checks in their mailboxes around the end of May. Once you receive your check, you may cash it right away. If you do not recognize the name on the check, please return the check to the Co-op so that the rightful person will get their refund."

Please note that Members do not receive a lump-sum Capital Credit refund check upon discontinuing service with the Co-op. Only those who were Members during the 1986 and 1987 years will receive a refund check at this time.***

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Last Month for PMRP Rebate

One of our most popular annual rebates, the Preventative Maintenance Rebate Program (PMRP) will be officially closed on June 30th.

The program is open to Members of the Cooperative who did not participate in the 2014 or 2015 calendar year. If you need to find out your eligibility, please give our office a call at 580-745-9463.

This rebate of *up to \$70* can assist in absorbing part of or in some cases, all of the cost associated with having a yearly maintenance service performed on your heating and cooling system (HVAC).

During the extreme summer temperatures, and HVAC system is put to the test. The Department of Energy recommends that at the beginning of cooler or warmer weather, you should have your HVAC system inspected to help ensure proper operation.

Please call our office at 580-745-9463 before you schedule your service with a licensed technician so that we can ensure you will qualify for the rebate. Upon approval you will be given an application that will need to be IN HAND at the time of the service. Submit the application along with an invoice dated between the dates of April 1st-June 30th so that we may begin your rebate process!***

OAEC Launches Outage Map

The Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives (OAEC) has launched a new statewide outage map for Oklahoma. The map features real-time outage updates from several electric cooperatives in the state.

Refreshed every 15 minutes with new data, the map provides a breakdown of outages per county as well as per co-op service territory. Powered by Google Maps, it also includes a weather radar layer that can be turned on or off at the user's choice.

"This technology enables OAEC to efficiently communicate outage information and restoration efforts within co-op circles and to entities such as the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, Oklahoma Emergency Management, emergency response organizations as well as to Oklahoma legislators, media professionals and the general public," said Chris Meyers, OAEC General Manager.

SEC's outages can be tracked as well. This map will show totals by counties for high volume outages only-not individual outages. To see the map, visit outages.oaec.coop. You can also go to www.se-coop.com and click on the link in the center of the page. ***



Smartphone users can access the map by scanning this QR Code!

Be Prepared For When Severe Weather Occurs



The threat of severe weather during the Spring and Summer can be enough to send some people into a panic. Rightly so, when you live in Tornado Alley and can see first hand what kind of impact high winds and large hail can do to an area. You should always be prepared and plan for the worst case scenario. Below are some tips that will help you prep for the chance of inclement weather.

Have an emergency bag ready to go. Keep this bag stocked with items that would be needed in the event of a severe storm. It is smart to keep the bag in a location that is easily accessible and quick to grab in a dire situation. See the checklist for tips on what to pack in your bag.

Have fresh batteries in flashlights and radios.

Make sure that all of your flashlights and weather radios have fresh batteries. In the case of a power outage, you want to have all battery powered items charged up and ready to go at a moment's notice.

Consider a generator. Generators can be very helpful in the instance of a power outage. Remember, SEC requests that you notify us if you have a generator in use. This is for the safety of you and our linemen.

Have a plan. Discuss with everyone in the home what to do in case of severe weather. Have a plan that everyone understands and practice that plan beforehand.

You can use the checklist to the right as a guide for prepping your own emergency bag. ***

SEVERE WEATHER CHECKLIST

Bag Contents

Bottled Water

Non-Perishable Snacks

Extra Batteries

First-Aid Kit

Blankets and/or Jackets

Whistle or Air Horn

Work Gloves

Change of Clothes

Toilet Paper

First-Aid Kit

Band-aids

Antiseptic

Tylenol/Aspirin

Medical Tape

Gauze

Eye Drops

Things to consider

***If you have a pet, remember to pack food and water for them as well.**

***Keep some good shoes handy that are easy to put on if you need to get out quick.**

SEC Receives RESAP Safety Achievement

Every three years, Cooperatives around the state must be certified through the Rural Electric Safety Achievement Program (RESAP).

RESAP is a tool that enables each Cooperative to provide a safer and healthier workplace for employees. An inspection, or audit, is performed by Kenny Guffey, the Director of Loss Control and Co-op Services from Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives (OAEC), along with two other inspectors.

“Kenny and two other qualified inspectors will walk around our Co-op. Then they will go to a job site to monitor our crews while they work,” says Trevor Matlock, SEC’s Safety Coordinator.

The RESAP is a National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) program which is done through the Statewide office. Safety is a priority at SEC and we are honored to be granted this certification.



SEC Board President, Jeff Willingham, accepting the safety award at the OAEC Annual Meeting.



Member Pledge

Effective dates: June 20-August 31, 2016

By signing and returning this form, I am pledging to make a conscious effort to shift my energy usage from the “Peak Times” to either earlier or later periods of the day in order to reduce the overall system demand and the possibility for construction of costly new power plants.

I will strive to shift my usage time of tasks such as laundry, using the dishwasher or showering, to earlier than 2 p.m. or later than 8 p.m. to help minimize the load usage for my household.

I understand that by participating in Beat the Peak I am not only helping myself manage my monthly electricity bill, I am a part of a group working together to reduce the overall system demand for neighbors as well as my Cooperative.

Please select how you would like to be notified for a “Peak Day”:

Text: _____

Phone Call: _____

Signature: _____ Account #: _____

****PLEASE NOTE:** Please print. An account number **MUST BE** provided in order to receive the credit. This pledge **MUST BE** postmarked no later than June 20th, 2016 in order to receive your \$10 Energy Credit. Pledges that do not have at least one notification selected above will **NOT** be accepted.

Member Pledge Deadline is June 20th

Your Cooperative needs your help again in 2016 to Beat the Peak!

The Peak Season runs from June 20th to August 31st. Between these dates, members who have signed up by using the form below are encouraged to shift their energy usage from the hottest parts of the day (the hours between 2:00 and 7:00 p.m.) to either earlier or later times when the temperatures aren’t as extreme.

To participate, please fill out the form below and return it to the Cooperative. You may include it in your monthly bill, mail it separately, bring it to the office or even leave it in the drop box in the drive thru. Those who return their form and take the Peak Pledge no later than JUNE 20TH will receive a \$10 Energy Credit on their August 2016 bill.

Participants need to provide a phone number that has the ability to receive text messages OR phone calls in order to get the Energy Credit. Pledges received that do not have a notification option checked or that are not legible will not be put into the system. When the Cooperative is made aware of a Peak Day, the alerts will then be sent out to the registered Members.***