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## Southeastern Electric Welcomes CHEEP Rebate Program



Your Cooperative knows that those high energy bills during the Summer and Winter are no fun and can be very taxing on a pocketbook. Southeastern Electric is here to help! We want to give our Members the ability to make the energy improvements on their homes and keep those high peak bills at bay. The Cooperative Home Energy Efficiency Program (CHEEP) is breaking ground at SEC and provides Members with the resources to do just that.

### WHAT DOES THE HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM OFFER?

A home energy efficiency expert will conduct a FREE (\$275.00 value) whole-home energy audit. The audit tests your home's ability to seal in heat during the winter and cool air during the summer, checks for potential duct leakage and ensures an adequate amount of attic insulation. Members will receive a detailed report on site along with projected retrofit costs and return-on-investment of the project if the member decides to move forward.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM?

The Home Energy Efficiency Program is available only to residential members living in a traditional single-family house who meet the qualifications of the program. This information can also be viewed at [www.se-coop.com](http://www.se-coop.com) under the Rebates tab.

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## **PMRP Begins April 1st**

One of the most anticipated rebate programs is back for 2017. The Preventative Maintenance Rebate Program (PMRP) begins April 1st and will run through June 30th.

The program is open to Members of the Cooperative who did not participate in the 2015 or 2016 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-June30th so that we may begin your rebate process!\*\*\*

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### **CHEEP**

#### **HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?**

After a member enrolls and an energy audit is performed on the residence, a Cooperative representative will approve the home for the program. Once the home is approved, the Cooperative representative will sit down with the Member and explain what upgrades are recommended and how the CHEEP rebates are structured.

#### **WHAT ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS?**

In order to be eligible for the program, a residence cannot be a manufactured home, cannot have combustion safety issues, and the existence of knob and tube wiring may not be present in the attic space. Members who are on PrePay Metering are also eligible to participate in the program. More detailed qualifications can be found online by visiting [www.se-coop.com](http://www.se-coop.com) and clicking on the "Rebates" tab.

#### **I MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS. WHEN AND HOW DO I ENROLL?**

Beginning April 1, members may visit [www.OKNM.coop](http://www.OKNM.coop) and fill out some basic information including their account number and select SEC from the list of Co-ops. A member of Precise Building Performance will contact you to schedule your audit-which will take place in May or June. Members can also find do-it-yourself efficiency projects at [www.OKNM.coop](http://www.OKNM.coop), as well as a link to other valuable information and a list of resources. \*\*\*

# National Lineman Appreciation Day

They are the ones who get the call during any given hour of the night. They are the ones who crawl out of their comfy beds, put on their stiff boots, and tell their families “good-bye” for a seemingly unknown amount of time. They are **Linemen**.

Each day they put their lives on the line to provide SEC Members with safe and reliable electricity.

April 18th is National Lineman Appreciation Day. In 2013, it was decided that linemen all across the nation should be recognized for their hard work and dedication. Without their bravery, Co-ops would not be able to exist.

Trevor Matlock, Safety Director, said, “The job that the linemen provide and are expected to perform is dangerous, yet rewarding. In the times of storms and restoring power and also in the routine jobs, they exemplify safety for themselves and are always looking out for the lineman standing next to them.”

Linemen always deserve to get appreciation for their hard work. Especially during the month of April, if you happen to see a lineman out take a moment and give a shout or maybe even a “thank you.” Without them, the world would be a dark place.

*A huge Thank You to all of our  
hard working linemen!*

You've got friends in  
**HIGH** places.

The U.S. Senate declared April 18 National  
Lineman's Appreciation Day. Pass it on!



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# Beat the Peak Returns for 2017

Your Cooperative needs your help again in 2017 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.

By shifting usage from "peak-times" during the day will help reduce the chance of having to build costly new power plants that would be required to generate enough electricity to meet the demand during the Peak Season.

One of the easiest and most helpful ways that you can save during these hours is by setting your thermostat to 78 degrees between the Peak Hours.

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 2017 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.



## Member Pledge

Effective dates: June 20-August 31, 2017

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 print.** An account number ***MUST BE*** provided in order to receive the credit.

This pledge ***MUST BE*** postmarked no later than June 20th, 2017 in order to receive your \$10 Energy Credit. ***Pledges that do not have at least one type of notification selected above will NOT be accepted.***