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Keep This Number

When reporting an outage, an automated outage reporting system may answer your call. It may ask for your 12-digit account number to help locate the outage site. This number is found on your monthly bill. It's handy to write it down and keep it near the phone.

Suggestions

Please send your *Country Living* story ideas or comments to the attention of Lisa R. Hooker at South Central's Lancaster office.

SOUTH CENTRAL POWER COMPANY

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Our Energy, Our Future enrolls 500,000 participants

Electric cooperative members across the country continue to respond to the grassroots political call to communicate with their elected officials regarding various iterations of federal climate change regulation and legislation.

In April, the two-year-old Our Energy, Our Future™ campaign eclipsed a threshold of 500,000 participants.

Those participants have generated nearly 3.3 million e-mails, postcards, letters and other correspondence to U.S. senators and representatives.

More than 1,200 South Central Power members have sent 6,200 messages to Congress.

Those messages ask lawmakers to address affordability in their legislative deliberations. Other critical issues to co-op members include technological viability of any legislative mandates and geographic fairness for residents in different regions of the country.

NRECA CEO Glenn English said the still-growing participation numbers show that co-op members intend to hold their elected representatives accountable for their actions on climate change legislation.

Current e-mail activity. The Our Energy campaign has been enlisting co-sponsors for measures to prevent the Environmental Protection Agency from regulating greenhouse gases from stationary sources under the Clean Air Act.

It's also likely that Our Energy, Our Future members will become engaged again once U.S. Senators John Kerry (D-Mass), Joe Lieberman (I-Conn.) and Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) unveil their approach to climate change.

Sign up today. Electric cooperatives have developed a Web site, www.ourenergy.coop, that will send your legislators a pre-written email on your behalf. It's quick and easy to register. The e-mail messages are updated according to the current status of energy-related legislation.

Once you're signed up, check in often to make your voice is heard on Capitol Hill.



Our Energy, Our Future A Dialogue With America

Co-op returns capital credits for 31st year

For 31 consecutive years, South Central Power members have received capital credits from their electric cooperative. Capital credits are your share of the margins. Annually, the cooperative determines its margins (revenue less expenses) and allocates them to each consumer's capital credit account. Your allocation is based on the dollar amount of electricity you purchased during a particular year.

For customers served by South Central Power in 2009, capital credit allocations totaled nearly \$4 million

The 2009 allocation notice appeared as a detachable section on the April 2010 electric bill of approximately 86,000 consumers who were co-op customers last year.

Former consumers received a notification letter.

After 20 years, allocated capital credits are returned, or retired, to consumers provided the co-op's financial position is not jeopardized. Capital credits also are paid to the estates of deceased consumers. In the meantime, South Central Power uses the capital credit money as operating capital.

In 2009, about \$5.2 million in capital credits is eligible for retirement from allocations made in 1989.

If you are still a cooperative consumer receiving electric service from South Central Power, the amount of your capital credit appeared as a credit on your June 2010 electric bill.

If you have more than five electric accounts or are a large power consumer, please complete the notice that was sent to you in May so we may process your capital credits.

Former consumers who were due a refund of at least \$10 received a capital credit refund notification in May. A check will be sent when the notice is returned. For lesser amounts, a capital credit refund check will be sent once the accumulated amount exceeds \$10. Former customers still receive their refund, but it is more efficient and economical if South Central Power doesn't issue checks for just a few dollars.

Contact South Central Power with any questions about capital credits.

Reduce the cost of central air conditioning

Mother Nature may have another hot and humid summer in store for us. Start saving by using low-cost Mcooling measures like pulling the shades or drapes in the mornings to prevent the sun from pouring in the windows and heating up the house. Close the windows and doors in the morning, but open them at night when it cools down.

If the house is empty through the day, turn the air conditioner thermostat up slightly to save energy. Many families find it's useful to invest in a programmable thermostat to automatically adjust the temperature.

Routine maintenance also affects efficiency. The difference in energy consumption between a well-maintained air conditioning system and one that is neglected ranges from 10 to 40 percent.

Clean or replace the air filter every few months, depending on the manufacturer's recommendations. That's a simple do-it-yourself job.

While some homeowners may feel competent to clean the fan blades of the indoor blower, others may choose to call a cooling professional.

If the unit's blower is dirty, then the indoor evaporator coil probably is dirty, too. Look for the blower by removing a panel of the furnace or air handler cabinet. Clean the indoor evaporator coil and condensation pan every few years. Straighten any bent fins to improve air flow. Clean the room supply and return registers.

Remove plants and debris from around the outdoor condenser. Clean the outdoor condenser coils every few years to remove dirt that robs efficiency. Straighten any bent fins.

Air conditioning efficiency also is improved by maintaining the proper refrigerant charge. Contact your cooling professional for this task.

Co-op awards college scholarships

Jayce Born of Liberty Union High School and Gregory Kasson of Fisher Catholic High School are the 2010 recipients of South Central Power's \$600 first-place college scholarships. The co-op has awarded scholarships for 50 years.

Students were judged on their academic performance, school and community activities, as well as their knowledge of electric cooperatives. South Central Power awards scholarships to the first-, second- and third-place girl and boy. Educators Jim Davis and Ed James served as judges. They interviewed 41 students representing 29 high schools. And the winners are:

FIRST PLACE: \$600 for each student

Jayce Born

Liberty Union H.S., Baltimore

Jayce ranked first in her class with a 4.1 weighted GPA. A National Honor Society member, she was a Wendy's High School Heisman state finalist. Jayce was captain and named most valuable player for both the varsity volleyball and softball teams. She also was a youth clinic coach. She will attend Ohio Northern University to study psychology and criminology. Jayce is the daughter of John and Kathy Born of Lancaster.



Gregory Kasson

Fisher Catholic H.S., Lancaster

With a 3.974 GPA, Greg was National Honor Society vice president and a Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Scholarship runner-up. The indoor/outdoor track team member was captain his senior year. He also was an Academic All-Ohio Athlete. Accepted at The Ohio State University, he'll study nursing. Greg, a Lancaster resident, is the son of Gregory and Theresa Kasson.



SECOND PLACE: \$500 for each student

Brandi Kay Bahmer Barnesville High School

Brandi earned a 4.32 weighted GPA and was National Honor Society president. She also served as president of Key Club and Future Educators of America. Brandi also was senior class secretary and yearbook editor, as well as co-captain of the varsity swim and volleyball teams. She'll study biology (pre-physical therapy) at Wheeling Jesuit University. A Senacaville resident, Brandi is the daughter of Greg and Angie Bahmer.

Anders Bengtson Peebles High School

Anders had a 3.95 GPA and was a National Honor Society member. He was captain of both the basketball and academic teams. A National Beta Club member, he served as state president. He also achieved Eagle Scout status through the Boy Scouts. He'll study pre-law at Liberty University in Virginia. Anders is the son of Keith and Lynn Bengtson of Hillsboro.

THIRD PLACE: \$400 for each student

Erin Pigott Adena High School, Frankfort

Erin achieved a 4.0 GPA and ranked first in her class. She was National Honor Society treasurer and attended Buckeye Girls State. A 10-year participant in 4-H, she was active in several rabbit-related organizations, too. Erin also spent 15 years pursuing dance. She will study animal science/pre-veterinary medicine at The Ohio State University. Erin is the daughter of Michael and Katherine Pigott of Clarksburg.

Kurt Zimmer Monroe Central High School, Woodsfield

Kurt earned a 4.0 GPA, ranked first in his class and was National Honor Society treasurer. He played soccer and was captain in his senior year. He also was Science Olympiad captain. A 13-year 4-H member, he also was club president and camp counselor. Kurt will study civil engineering at The Ohio State University. Kurt lives in Woodsfield and is the son of Bruce and Shari Zimmer.

In May, Jayce and Gregory represented South Central Power in the Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives' state scholarship contest. They each competed for a top prize of a \$2,755 cash scholarship. During the last 50 years, South Central Power has helped nearly 300 students (and parents) with college expenses. This commitment to our members' children is one example of why your electric cooperative is more than just an electric utility. South Central Power is proud of all the scholarship applicants through the years. Congratulations and all the best to the entire Class of 2010, and the 2010 cooperative college scholarship candidates and winners!

NEWS CURRENTS

Most common cancer

Skin cancer is the most common type of cancer in the United States.

The best strategy for protection? Minimize sun exposure. The American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) suggests limiting time in the strongest sunlight, generally between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Wearing a hat with a brim helps protect your face, ears and neck.

In the heat of the summer, it is easy to forget about sunscreen once your skin begins to tan somewhat. That's a mistake. AICR recommends using a sunscreen that protects against both UVB and UVA rays with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15.

Please don't post

It's tempting to post yard sale or lost pet signs on utility poles.

Nails, tacks and staples may be small, but they're dangerous. They prevent linemen from getting good footing. When South Central Power line crews climb utility poles, they depend on having solid structures under foot.

The sharp object also could catch on an article of clothing or a lineman's arm or leg.

Sharp objects puncture rubber gloves, boots and other safety equipment, putting workers at risk of electrocution.

And, remember, when a line crew must remove nails or staples from poles before climbing, it takes that much longer to restore power during outages.

Flag Day is June 14

Our nation's flag represents a living country and is considered to be a living thing emblematic of the respect and pride we have for our nation.

Colors. The red stands for hardiness and valor. The white represents purity and innocence. The blue stands for vigilance and justice.

Displaying the flag. When flying the flag from a staff that projects at an angle, the union, the blue field with the 50 stars, is at the peak.

The Stars and Stripes should be flown at the top of a flagpole. Other flags are flown beneath it.

When flown at half-mast, hoist it to the peak for a moment, then lower it to half-mast. Before removing it for the day, raise it again to the top.

If hung against a wall vertically or horizontally, the union should be to the observer's left.

Illuminate the flag if flown through the night.

The flag should never be drawn back, up or restricted in any way. It should always fall freely. It also should never touch the ground.

Disposal. When a flag becomes weather-worn and tattered, destroy it in a dignified way, preferably by burning. Some veterans groups dispose of flags for citizens.

Flag pins should be worn near the heart.

Parades. When Old Glory passes by, stand at attention and place your right hand over your heart. Hats should be removed. It is proper for military personnel in uniform to salute.

Flag Day also is an appropriate time to recall the moving words of the Pledge of Allegiance and all that Old Glory has stood for during the USA's 234-year history.



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