

The Circuit!

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E-Billing Available for SEC Members

Beginning 2011 with plenty of excitement, SEC is proud to announce that members now have the option of receiving an E-Bill!

E-Billing is where a member's bills gets sent to them via e-mail. The member will no longer receive a paper bill in the mail.

Randy Cloyd, Office Manager, said "There are quite a few people who say they receive all their bills that way. Now we can provide them with their electric bill the same way."

The benefit of getting an E-Bill is the many available options of payment. You can print off your bill and bring it to the co-op to pay it; you can go to the website to pay with the "Online Bill Pay" option; or you can call and make a payment over the phone using your debit or credit card.

Without the use of paper or postage, this cost-reducing method will save SEC's members money *and* time.

"If a member is interested in being set up for E-Billing, they need to contact the office. A working e-mail address will need to be provided." Cloyd added. "At this time, the member can also request that they get set up for the Online Bill Pay option as well." ***

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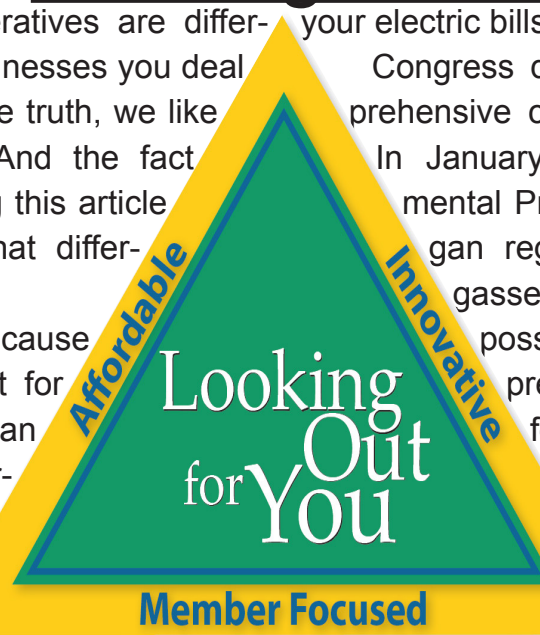
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The Cooperative Difference

We're Looking Out for You

Electric Cooperatives are different from other businesses you deal with. To tell you the truth, we like being different. And the fact that you're reading this article shows you like that difference, too. We're different because we're Looking Out for You. Now, more than ever, that's important because we need to work together to keep your electric bills affordable. Congress did not pass a comprehensive climate bill last year. In January the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency began regulating greenhouse gasses—an action made possible by a 2007 Supreme Court decision, followed by rulings allowing the EPA to use the Clean Air Act to curb carbon emis



Happy Valentine's Day!

Watts Up Around SEC?



2011 Heat-Pump Rebates are in full swing! Now is the perfect time to upgrade your old heating and cooling system to a better, more efficient unit. Call the co-op today to find out more information!



Check out the article on page 1 and the information on page 3 to learn about the billing formats now offered through SEC!



TWACS Meter conversion is making progress. The Colbert and Kiersey substations are now complete. Over 800 meters have been changed on the Coleman substation. The Lane substation is nearly finished and Bennington was started in January. The Durant and Yuba substations are set to launch in early spring. Keep reading "The Circuit" for more updates about the TWACS Metering System!



In keeping with our "Commitment to Community", SEC is proud to continue our efforts in sponsoring multiple youth events throughout our service area during the upcoming months.

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energystar.gov

2-1-1 is the number you can call during critical times of disaster, crisis, and recovery that services Southeastern Oklahoma. Just dial 2-1-1 to get connected to community information and services. This number provides 24/7 access to health and human services such as self-support groups, child and adult day care, donation of goods, and utility assistance. The best part about the service is IT'S FREE!

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Recipes From The Members

•Guaranteed To Satisfy!•

Pasta Salad

Submitted by Evelyn Engel-Berger

- 1 cup Rotini or other pasta, cooked and drained
- 1/2 cup red, yellow, or green peppers chopped
- 1/2 cup onion chopped
- 10 cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 zucchini cut into small pieces
- Fat-Free Italian dressing
- Garlic Powder (optional)

Mix all together in a large bowl. Cool and serve! Refrigerate leftovers.

Serves 4

Hearty Beef Stew

- 1 lb. cubed beef stew meat
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1/4 cup beef bouillon granules
- 1/4 tsp. dried parsley
- 1 pinch ground black pepper
- 1 cup chopped carrots
- 5 3/4 cups water
- 2 1/2 cups frozen egg noodles

In a large saucepan over medium high heat, saute the stew meat, onion and celery for 5 minutes, or until meat is browned on all sides.

Stir in the bouillon, parsley, ground black pepper, carrots, water and egg noodles. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to low and simmer for 30 minutes.

****If you would like to see your recipe featured in a future edition of "The Circuit", mail your entry to SEC, P.O. Box 1370, Durant, OK 74701 Attn: Kevin Ashley; or you can e-mail your entry to: kashley@se-coop.com!**

Ask SEC About the Many Ways to View & Pay your Bill!

SEC would like to remind our members that we offer many convenient ways to view and pay your bill.

- E-Billing
- Online Bill Pay
- Traditional Statement Billing
- Pay Over-the-Phone
- Bank Draft
- Pay at the Bank

Ask one of our friendly SEC Employees about how you can start saving stamps and switch to a new way to pay!

Straight Talk ALERT

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sions. Policies dealing with coal ash, even more stringent controls on other power plant emissions, and state renewable energy requirements could also lead to higher costs. It's hard to predict the future, but one thing seems certain: government regulations are going to increase the cost of doing business.

New regulations won't be the only culprit. Prices for fuel, materials, and equipment will continue to rise. Although the recent economic slump and corresponding drop in electricity use provided some much-needed breathing room, soon we will need to build new power plants, requiring a significant, long-term investment of time and money.

We're committed to keeping you informed about policy changes that will impact your electric bill through channels like The Circuit and our co-op website, www.se-coop.com. We're going to do everything we can to keep your electric bills affordable.

To accomplish that, we're controlling costs through innovation. Our energy efficiency programs like our Preventive Maintenance Program and our Heat-Pump Rebates help you manage your energy use. The website, TogetherWeSave.com shows how little changes like sealing your air ducts, replacing old appliances, or improving your home's insulation can add up to big savings on your electric bill. We also offer over-the-phone home energy audits to make sure you're getting the best value out of the energy you use every month.

Deploying state-of-the-art solutions like our meter conversions from TURTLE to TWACS helps us control operating costs and improve service reliability. Nationally, co-ops are meeting members' power needs with a diverse fuel mix, including renewable energy.

While we're affordable and innovative, above all else we're member focused. No matter what comes our way we'll continue to put you, our members, first. Southeastern Electric Cooperative is member controlled and locally operated. As a member, you have a voice in how your co-op operates. At our annual meeting each year you have the opportunity to elect fellow members to our board of directors to represent your best interests. Don't miss our next meeting on August 2, 2011!

Member control means we are accountable to those we serve, and are dedicated to assisting our communities—your money stays at work close to home. Costs are rising for all of us, but when it comes to your electric bill our rates are set simply to cover the cost of doing business, not to generate profits for distant stockholders.

In fact, as a not-for-profit organization, we give money back to you when our revenues exceed costs. We are proud to report that in 2010 we retired more than \$250,000.00 dollars to our members in the form of capital credits.

The bottom line? We exist only to serve you and meet your needs for safe, reliable, and affordable power.

As you can see, we're different. We're working together to keep your electric bills affordable. We're controlling costs through innovation. And we're continuing to put you, our members, first. No matter what the future brings, one thing is certain. We're Looking Out for You.

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