

THE CIRCUIT!

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*Atoka • Bryan • Choctaw
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Youth Programs for 2024

HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS: Are you ready for the trip of a lifetime? If you answered YES, then you need to enter SEC's Youth Tour Contest! Youth Tour is an all-expense paid, week long trip to Washington, D.C.! The contest is open to all High School Juniors in SEC's service territory.

To enter, students will need to submit a three to four minute multi-media presentation covering the topic of "What Makes An Electric Cooperative Unique?". Video or slide presentations must be submitted to the Co-op no later than February 23, 2024. The Co-op will then choose two lucky Juniors to attend Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. from June 14-20, 2024!



Chance Krueger, Atoka and James Clark, Silo-SEC's 2023 Youth Tour Delegates



8th Graders get hands-on experiences at Energy Camp!

EIGHTH GRADERS: Do you love summer camps? Energy Camp is a FREE all-expense paid adventure to Red Rock Canyon near Hinton, OK. It's a summer camp that is designed to help students develop leadership skills, have summer-time fun, and at the same time be educated on one of rural America's most important industries – rural electrification. The 2024 Energy Camp is set for May 28-31 and is open to all eighth grade students in SEC's service territory.

SEC will select two students to enjoy fun filled days that include all kinds of activities! Campers can expect pizza parties, dances, volleyball, hiking, swimming, basketball, football and learning about electric co-ops! To enter, students must submit a 200-300 word essay on "How I Can Have an Impact on Energy Conservation". The essay will need to be submitted to the Co-op no later than April 12, 2024.



Official Notice to the Membership

To inform the Membership of the upcoming \$1.50 increase in the Customer Charge

By Jim Coleman

The Southeastern Electric Cooperative (SEC) Board of Trustees is responsible for adopting rate policies that allow the Co-op to collect the revenue necessary to ensure safe, dependable electric service and to maintain all financial ratios as required by the Rural Utility Services (RUS). Based on the August 2021 approval of the Cost of Service study, SEC will implement the last stage of the rate increase for September billing. [See paragraph 4]

SEC's last Cost of Service Study and Rate Revision was conducted in 2013. The Board of Trustees working closely with Management has managed the revenues and expenses of the Co-op these past eight (8) years in a very responsible and efficient manner.

SEC Board of Trustees called upon C. H. Guernsey & Company of Oklahoma City to conduct this "Cost of Service Study." This study provides an in-depth analysis of the Cooperative's power costs, revenues and expenses associated with each rate class. A full report was presented to the Trustees at the February 2021 Board meeting and again at the August 2021 meeting, detailing Guernsey's analysis and recommendation of fair and equitable rate treatment of each rate class.

SEC's Residential members will notice only a moderate adjustment to the kilowatt hour billing rate. The most noticeable increase is that of the Customer Charge (currently \$23.00), moving up a \$1.50. The increases were set to repeat each year until the 3rd year-ending in 2023 with the Monthly Customer Charge being \$24.50.

Your Cooperative leaders made a thorough evaluation into all the financial and human factors involved before making their recommendation. SEC will continue to do everything possible to hold down costs while delivering you safe and reliable electric service.

A side by side comparison of the rate revision for each Rate Class is listed below of this OFFICIAL NOTICE. If you have any questions concerning the rate revision, please contact us at (580) 745-9463 or e-mail our office at jcoleman@se-coop.com.

2021 Cost of Service Study (COSS) – Rate Revision

Board of Trustees Approved August 24, 2021

Implementation Date: October Billing (September Usage)

RESIDENTIAL RATE CLASS:

	2013 <u>Existing Rate</u>	2021 <u>Year 1</u>	2022 <u>Year 2</u>	2023 <u>Year 3</u>
Monthly Customer Charge -	\$20.00	\$21.50	\$23.00	\$24.50
Energy Charge Summer -	\$0.093596	\$0.091768	\$0.091768	\$0.091768
Winter -	\$0.087569	\$0.091768	\$0.091768	\$0.091768
Power Cost Adjustment -	*-/+	*As applicable	*As applicable	*As applicable
*Customer Charge increases \$1.50 each year for the first 3 years only.				

Solar Vendors Door-to-Door?

Have they
been by to
visit you?

•SEC DOES NOT ENDORSE SOLAR VENDORS OR SOLAR PROJECTS

It has been brought to our attention that there MAY be solar vendors in our service area going door-to-door offering estimates. They claim that Southeastern Electric endorses them.

We want to let our Members know that SEC does not endorse or support these efforts. We do not endorse any solar vendor or solar project.

•USE DUE DILIGENCE AND RESEARCH PROS & CONS PRIOR TO SIGNING A CONTRACT FOR SOLAR

While SEC will acknowledge in some cases the benefits of solar power, we stress to all of our Members to do their due diligence in finding out the pros and cons of having solar.

We would also like to stress that you should do your research on the company that is providing you the estimate and service.

•SEC WILL CONSULT WITH YOU ON SOLAR'S IMPACT ON YOUR ELECTRIC BILL

Lastly, please call to speak to our Member Services department at 580-745-9463 on how it may or may not provide a positive impact on your electric bill.



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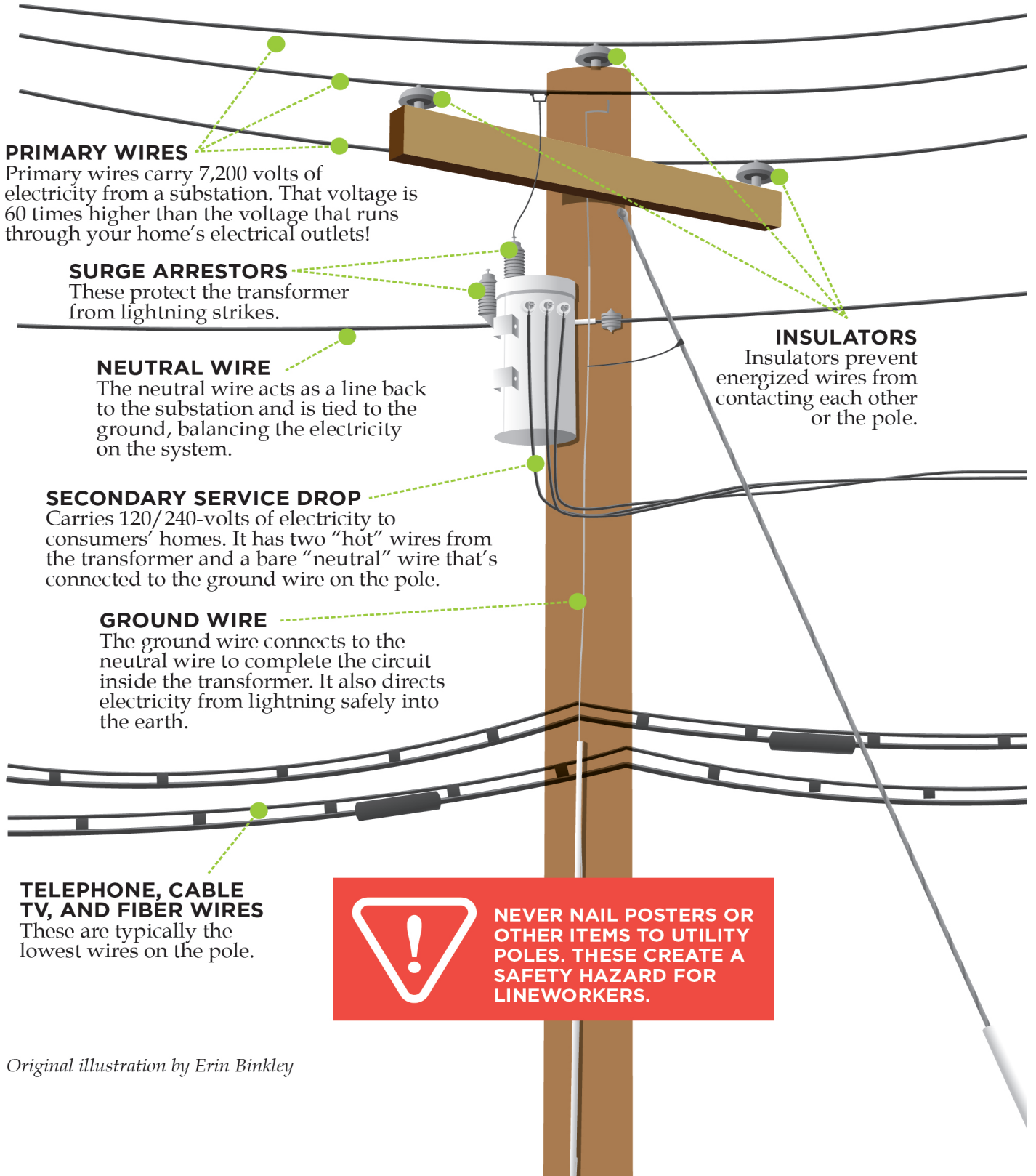
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WHAT'S ON THAT POLE?

This illustration shows the basic equipment found on electric utility poles. The equipment varies according to the location and the service they provide.



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