

THE CIRCUIT!

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May Storms Damage Large Areas of SEC Infrastructure

The spring storm season sure made its debut during May with a sudden destructive event in Bryan and Atoka Counties. During the late evening hours of April 30th, parts of SEC's service area near Blue and Bokchito including Bentley and Lane were wiped out from a tornado, destroying homes, businesses, trees and power lines.

For the remainder of that week, SEC linemen, Fanin Co. Electric Co-op and contractor crews worked around the clock to make repairs as quickly as possible while keeping safety a priority. The damage was so severe in the path of the storm that gaining access to restore the power was not possible until the county and volunteer fire departments could clear the roads.

One of our own employees, Kathleen Weller, lost her entire home during the storm. "I had been watching the news as the storms were coming through and they were saying at that time that a tornado was unlikely. Then the power went out. My friend, Tony Dollar, called me and asked 'are you watching the news?' I said that the power had gone out and he warned me that there was a tornado on the

ground between me and Blue and was headed right for us. I ran across to my mom's house. No sooner had I gotten there, it started to shatter windows in her house and lifted the roof allowing the wind to swirl all around us. I could hear glass shattering and metal tearing. I have never been so scared in my life. We just held each other and prayed unceasingly. Thankfully, my mom's house where we were taking shelter at wasn't unlivable afterwards. By the time we were ready for bed Wednesday evening, SEC had restored our power. I cannot tell you how reassuring it was to have that little bit of "normal" restored when so much around us was in disarray."

SEC would like to thank our Members for their patience during the repair process and the kindness shown to our linemen while they were working around the clock to safely restore the damaged infrastructure.***



Davey Resource Group (DRG) Progress



DRG is making great progress on the inventory project for SEC utility poles. Everything is on schedule and resumed the process on May 13th. DRG is currently at the Yuba Substation, working on the West circuit which includes the Kemp, Hendrix, and Liberty areas. Once that phase is complete, progress will then move on to the Colbert Substation. These two areas are estimated to be complete in July 2019.

The project is leading the way for Outage Management Systems (OMS), Computer Aided Dispatch, Field Automation as well as Mobile Workforce Management. Currently, jobs that are in the system for maintenance, repairs and new construction, are all done on paper. This new system will replace this method with a much faster electronic method. This will be a huge step for SEC for system management and maintenance.

Preventative Maintenance & Energy Star Window Unit Rebates

Preventative Maintenance Rebate Program (PMRP):

June is the last month that you can take advantage of the PMRP Rebate Program! The PMRP began *April 1st* and will run through *June 30th*.

The program is open to Members of the Cooperative who did not participate in the 2017 or 2018 calendar year. 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 tune-up performed on your heating and cooling system (HVAC).

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.

Energy Star Window Unit Rebate:

Another new rebate program that was introduced in 2018 and is available again for 2019 is the Energy Star Window Unit Rebate. Members who purchase an **Energy Star Certified** window unit and submit the application along with a proof of purchase may be eligible for a rebate of 30% of the net cost of the unit.

Members may only claim **ONE** unit rebate per every **THREE** years. *New homes are not eligible for this particular rebate.* Please call the Co-op to request an application or you can print one directly off of our website at www.se-coop.com under the rebates tab. ***



LIKE and SHARE Our Facebook Page!

We need your help getting the word out to your friends and neighbors. Any time that you see a post from Southeastern Electric pop up on your newsfeed, simply LIKE and SHARE it so that we can reach the largest audience possible!



Why is it so important to follow our page?

Since we know that our demographics are constantly changing and that the Cooperative is getting involved in more community and youth projects, we want to make sure that we reach all age groups of our Members.

PLEASE NOTE: YOU CANNOT REPORT AN OUTAGE VIA OUR FACEBOOK MESSENGER. YOU MUST STILL CALL THE OFFICE TO REPORT AN OUTAGE.

We will be using Facebook more in the upcoming months as a social “news” outlet to announce items such as scheduled line maintenance, updates on severe weather outages, area school involvement, Annual Meeting updates and other events happening at the Cooperative!***

Right-Of-Way Spray Update

SEC has begun it’s annual Right-Of-Way Spray Program.

The areas being treated include: Bennington, Yuba, Boswell, Bokchito, Kemp, Liberty and Achille.

The purpose of this program is extremely important for our rural electric Members to receive quality service. Brush and shrubs that are in SEC’s right-of-ways are the target for the spray. This will help prevent growth up into the power lines.

This year, Apex ROW LLC out of Arkansas will be doing the service. The Vice-President of Apex ROW, Jeremiah Thomas, was with the previous company that SEC contracted with for many years.

For any questions, please contact the Cooperative at 580-924-2170 and “LIKE” and follow our

Facebook page for the latest updates. ***

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Last Month To Sign Up!

Your Cooperative needs your help again in 2019 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 3:00 and 7:00 p.m.) to either earlier or later times when the temperatures aren't as extreme.

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 2019 bill. Pledges received that do not have a notification option checked or that are not legible will not be put into the system. ***



Member Pledge

Effective dates: June 20-August 31, 2019

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 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 # (required): _____

Can SEC also notify you with Annual Meeting Updates? Yes No (circle one)

****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, 2019.

Pledges that do not have at least one type of notification selected above will NOT be accepted.