



Mission Statement

Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. is a member owned organization providing competitive rates and reliable service while enhancing the quality of life of our neighbors in the Suwannee River Valley.

SUWANNEE VALLEY ELECTRIC BOARD MEETINGS

4th Tuesday each month @ 6:00 P.M., 7:00 P.M. daylight savings time at Suwannee Valley Electric Headquarters 11340 100th Street - Live Oak, Florida

ELECTRIC RATES

Residential Service Rate

Customer charge\$12.00/month
Energy charge 9.920 cents per kwh
Plus or Minus Wholesale Power Adjustment
MINIMUM CHARGE \$20.00

General Service (demand under 50 kw)

Customer charge\$12.00/month
Energy charge 10.40 cents per kwh
Plus or Minus Wholesale Power Adjustment
MINIMUM CHARGE \$20.00

Time of Use

Customer charge\$12.00/month
On Peak energy charge12.50 cents per kw
Off Peak energy charge 8.00 cents per kwh
Plus or Minus Wholesale Power Adjustment
MINIMUM CHARGE \$20.00
(Not Applicable for Residential Services)

Demand (50 kw or more)

Customer charge\$41.05/month
Demand charge\$6.16 per kw
Energy charge 7.80 cents per kwh
Plus or Minus Wholesale Power Adjustment
MINIMUM DEMAND OF 50 kw

Large Demand (500 kw or more)

Customer charge\$41.05/month
Demand charge\$8.40 per kw
Energy charge \$3.500 cents per kwh
Plus or minus Wholesale Power Adjustment
MINIMUM DEMAND 500 kw

2% interest per annum is paid on security deposit.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting is just around the corner. This year's meeting will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2010, at the Suwannee County Coliseum, 224 Pine Avenue, Live Oak, Florida.

Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. and close promptly at 10:00 a.m. with the official Business Meeting to immediately follow. Please plan on registering prior to the 10:00 a.m. deadline.

The prize drawing will be held immediately following the Business Meeting and the election of Trustees for Districts 7, 8 and 9. Members must be present to win a prize.

This year's musical entertainment will be provided by the gospel and blue grass group, "Lost Dogs Found" from Hahira, Georgia.

Plan on bringing your family, and meet and greet your friends and neighbors at the 73rd Annual Meeting of your Cooperative.

We're looking forward to seeing you there.

STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. is the recipient of Federal financial assistance from the Rural Utilities Service, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and is subject to the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Agriculture which provide that no person in the United States on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability shall be excluded from participation in, admission or access to, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any of this organization's programs or activities.

The person responsible for coordinating this organization's nondiscrimination compliance efforts is the Executive V.P./CEO. Any individual, or specific class of individuals, who feels that this organization has subjected them to discrimination may obtain further information about the statutes and regulations listed above from and/or file a written complaint with this organization; or write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, or call (202)720-5964 (voice or TDD). "USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer." Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible.

COOPERATIVE HELP NUMBERS

8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Monday - Friday

Business Office(386)362-2226

Business (long distance)1-800-447-4509

(Lobby Hours: 8:00 A.M.-4:30 P.M.-Mon.-Fri.)

(Drive-In & Telephone Hours: 8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.-Mon.-Fri.)

except on approved holidays

Power Outage Reporting

(DAY, NIGHT, WEEKENDS & HOLIDAYS)

Live Oak Service Area(386)364-5200

Hamilton/Columbia Co.1-800-752-0025

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REGISTRY OF PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

According to Chapter 252.355 Florida Statutes, "in order to meet the special needs of persons who would need assistance during evacuations and sheltering because of physical, mental or sensory disabilities, each local emergency management agency in the state shall maintain a registry of persons with special needs located within the jurisdiction of the local agency."

This registration helps the local Emergency Management Agency to identify those persons in need of assistance and to plan for resource allocation to meet those needs. This program gives persons with special needs the option of preauthorizing emergency response personnel to enter their homes during search and rescue operations if necessary to assure their safety and welfare following disasters.

If you or someone you know has a special condition affecting eyesight, hearing, speech, walking, breathing or has an emotional condition and would need assistance during evacuations and sheltering, please contact your local emergency management agency. The level of care given in special needs shelters goes above the basic first aid care available to shelters open to the general population.

All information given will be kept strictly confidential.

Local Emergency Management Office Phone Numbers:

Suwannee County Emergency Management Office
(386)364-3405

Lafayette County Emergency Management Office
(386)294-1950

Hamilton County Emergency Management Office
(386)792-6647

Columbia County Emergency Management Office
(386)758-1125

SUWANNEE VALLEY ELECTRIC NOW OFFERING



MARATHON WATER HEATERS AND WHOLE HOME SURGE PROTECTION CALL (386)362-2226 FOR DETAILS





MANAGER'S MEMO

By John Martz
Executive V.P./CEO

Weathering the 'Perfect Storm'

Our nation's electric utility industry is heading into a "perfect storm." While the amount of electricity we use everyday steadily increases, the capacity to generate and transmit that power is running short. In the past fossil fuel-fired power plants were the go-to option to meet growing new demand with proven technology, but looming federal regulations on carbon dioxide emissions is changing that. The cost of complying with new regulations could make electricity less affordable for everyone—a concern Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative is fighting to voice.

In December, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), a part of the executive branch, declared that six key greenhouse gases from auto emissions, including carbon dioxide, are "endangering public health and welfare" of current and future generations. Emissions from motor vehicles of four of those greenhouse gases, including carbon dioxide, were also said to contribute to dangerous air pollution.

The endangerment finding puts a foot in the door for EPA to issue sweeping new rules that could impose strict limits on carbon emissions, including those from power plants. The cost of generating electricity would go up, and in the end those costs would hit consumer pocketbooks.

Congress is mulling over its own set of carbon dioxide regulations, and we must continue to ask that any resulting legislation be fair, affordable, and technologically achievable. If passed, Congressional legislation should also preempt use of any other existing laws, fixing a regulatory disaster that would only add to costs for consumers with a mess of overlapping regulatory red tape.

DID YOU KNOW?

It's all in the human body: enough iron to forge a nail three inches long; sufficient sulphur levels to drop all the fleas off a dog; enough carbon to construct nine hundred pencils; potassium enough to ignite a toy cannon, enough fat to mold seven bars of soap; phosphorous enough to make eight matches; enough water to fill 10 gallon jugs.

The human body will expend 17.5 calories warming up sixteen ounces of ice-cold water to 98 degrees. If a person were to drink their eight glasses of water per day (64 ounces total) as ice water, they would get rid of approximately seventy calories.

The human heart beats more than a hundred thousand times per day.

A caterpillar has more muscles in its body than a human.

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Whatever the political outcome, the honest truth is the change won't come overnight. Fossil fuels currently account for more than 70 percent of all electricity generated in the United States. New technology will be key to both keeping these traditional options up-to-date and refining new ways to affordably keep the lights on. Cleaner use of fossil fuels, an increased use of renewable energy, and a big commitment to energy efficiency will all be necessary.

Electric co-ops have a long history of providing safe, reliable, and affordable electricity to their members, and no "perfect storm" is going to keep us from continuing to do our job. Co-op research projects are already underway to expand the current limits of renewable energy, make coal- and natural gas-fired power plants cleaner and more efficient, and possibly even capture carbon dioxide from plant emissions before they go up a smokestack and store them deep underground to keep them out of the atmosphere.

The Arlington, Va.-based Cooperative Research Network, of which our co-op is a member, was recently awarded a \$33.9 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy, which will support a wide-ranging "smart grid" research project. The effort brings together 27 electric co-ops in 10 states, which will match the grant money awarded to create a pool of nearly \$68 million for ground-breaking technology development. With a smarter electric grid, we'll be able to deliver electricity to our consumers more efficiently—cutting the amount of emissions we'll need to generate as a result.

Co-ops have stepped up to challenges in the past, and I have no doubt our response to this challenge will be any different in the end. But we need your help in relaying to Congress just how important it is to keep climate change legislation fair, affordable, and technologically achievable. To make your voice heard, join the Our Energy, Our Future grassroots awareness campaign at www.ourenergy.coop.

Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. is cooperatively owned by 17,631 members and serves 26,853 meters in Suwannee, Hamilton, Lafayette and Columbia counties.

THE WINNER

If you think you are beaten, you are
If you think that you dare not, you don't
If you'd like to win, but you think you can't
It's almost certain you won't
If you think you'll lose, you've lost
For out in the world you'll find
Success begins with a fellow's will.
It's all in the state of mind.
If you think you are outclassed, you are
You've got to think high to rise
You've got to be sure of yourself before
You can ever win a prize.
Life's battles don't always go
To the stronger or faster man
But sooner or later the man who wins
Is the man who thinks he can.

-Author Unknown

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Choose the method that's best for you!

To Pay Online:

Go to SVEC's website, www.svec-coop.com, and click on View Bill/Pay Bill to pay your bill online. The first time, you will need your billing account number, your name or name of your business, the last 4 digits of your social security number or Federal tax ID number, your e-mail address and a password. To set up a payment account, you will need your bank routing and transit number and your bank account number. (Sorry, no debit or credit cards accepted.)

For electric accounts that are past due, to prevent disruption of your power, it is recommended that you call our office and let us know that you have initiated your payment electronically.

Your payment will take up to one business day to reach our office.

To Pay at Local Convenience Stores

Pay your electric bill at numerous convenience stores located throughout the service territory. For a complete listing of locations, please visit our website: www.svec-coop.com. When paying at one of these locations, you will be charged a convenience fee by the merchant for this service.

To Pay By Phone:

Call 1-866-862-9545. The first time you call you will need your meter number, your billing account number, your bank routing and transit number and a pin number. (Sorry, no debit or credit cards accepted.) Your payment will take one business day to reach our office.

To Pay By Draft:

Please contact our Member Services Department at 1-386-362-2226 or go to our website, www.svec-coop.com for information and an authorization sheet.

To Pay With a Check by Mail:

When paying by mail, to insure prompt and accurate payment posting, please enclose your bill stubs and use the return envelope enclosed with your bill. Please be sure to allow mailing time. (Sorry no two party checks and never send cash in the mail.)

To Pay At Our Office:

To insure prompt and accurate payment posting, please provide your bill stub with your payment. Pay inside our office at 11340 100th Street, Live Oak, FL from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. with cash, bank debit card, or check or at our drive-in from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. with cash, or check. Our night depository can be accessed after hours. (Please do not drop cash in the depository.)

To Pay at 1st Federal Bank:

Pay your current bill on or before the delinquent date at the Jasper, Mayo, Dowling Park or Lake City Offices. Please present your electric bill to the teller. Payments to your account may be in the form of cash, check or money orders payable to SVEC. When paying at one of these locations, you will be charged a convenience fee by the bank for this service. (Sorry no two party checks and never send cash in the mail.) When paying at one of 1st Federal Savings Bank's branch offices, you will be charged a convenience fee by the bank for this service.

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For a \$1.00 per payment fee, you may now pay your electric bill through Fidelity Express at any of the 49 convenience stores in our service area. For a complete list of these stores and locations, go to our website, www.svec-coop.com or call our office at (386) 362-2226 and a member service representatives will assist you.