



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.

SVEC Electric Service 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.

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

SUWANNEE VALLEY ELECTRIC NOW OFFERING

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



CAN A SPACE HEATER SAVE MONEY?

Every winter, the cooperative receives calls from Members concerned with higher bills. Most of these have one thing in common: the homeowners are using electric space heaters.

Many of the promotional materials featuring space heaters claim to cut heating bills. It's quite evident that this isn't always the case.

Space heaters aren't necessarily going to save you money. It depends greatly on where you use them, how many you use and how long you let them run.

Take, for example, an ad that claims a space heater uses the same electricity as a coffee pot. This is essentially true – they both operate at 1500 watts. However, it's misleading because the coffee pot will operate for a few minutes while it's reasonable that a space heater will run for a few hours.

Let's compare a coffee pot, which runs for 15 minutes, with a space heater that runs for 8 hours.

Cost Comparison: Coffee Maker vs. Space Heater

	Coffee Pot	Space Heater
Wattage (How much electricity it uses)	1500W	1500W
Hours of Operation	0.25	8.0
Kilowatts (watts/1000)	1.5kW	1.5kW
Kilowatt Hours (kW x Hours of Operation)	0.375kWh	12.0 kWh
Cost to Operate Per Day (\$9.920 cents per kWh Residential)	\$.04 cents	\$1.19
Cost to Operate Per Month (31 days)	\$1.24	\$36.89

So while technically the coffee pot uses the same amount of electricity as the space heater – 1500 watts – the amount of time it's used makes the space heater substantially more expensive to operate.

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!

It is important to call the Sunshine One Call number before beginning any deep digging projects, like planting trees or installing an in-ground pool or pond. After you call, utility companies (electric, water, gas) that have underground lines in the areas where you will be working will identify the line locations for you so that you can avoid digging them up.

Sunshine State One Call: 1-800-432-4770
Call 48 hours before you dig!

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

We Strive To Make Life Easier For Our Members



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IN CELEBRATION OF PRESIDENTS DAY PRESIDENTIAL QUOTES

George Washington (1789-1797)

"Few men have virtue to withstand the highest bidder."

Thomas Jefferson (1801-1809)

"One man with courage is a majority."

William Henry Harrison (1841)

"A decent and manly examination of the acts of the Government should be not only tolerated, but encouraged."

James Buchanan (1857-1861)

"The ballot box is the surest arbiter of disputes among freemen."

Andrew Johnson (1865-1869)

"Honest conviction is my courage; the Constitution is my guide."

John Tyler (1841-1845)

"Wealth can only be accumulated by the earnings of industry and the savings of frugality."

James Abram Garfield (1881)

"Whoever controls the volume of money in any country is absolute master of all industry and commerce."

Herbert Clark Hoover (1929-1933)

"A splendid storehouse of integrity and freedom has been bequeathed to us by our forefathers. In this day of confusion, of peril to liberty, our high duty is to see that this storehouse is not robbed of its contents."

Harry S. Truman (1945-1953)

"You can not stop the spread of an idea by passing a law against it."

Ronald Wilson Reagan (1981-1989)

"We are a nation that has a government-not the other way around. And that makes us special among the nations of the earth."



MANAGER'S UPDATE

By John Martz
Executive V.P./CEO

Regulation on horizon for carbon, with or without congressional action

Likely increases in electric bills will result

Federal curbs on emissions of carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas blamed as a principal cause of climate change, are quickly becoming a reality. It's just a matter of which government branch gets there first: legislative, executive—or both.

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

"This action puts a 'foot in the door' for EPA to promulgate sweeping new regulations that could impose strict limits on carbon emissions from power plants, driving up electric bills," warns Glenn English, CEO of the Arlington, Va.-based National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), which represents the interests of the nation's 900-plus consumer-owned and governed electric cooperatives.

The concern is that with carbon dioxide emissions from vehicles falling under federal Clean Air Act regulation, other emitters of carbon dioxide—fossil fuel-fired power plants included—may also soon be subject to EPA oversight.

"The Clean Air Act as written was never designed to deal with carbon, and it would be awkward at best and probably a disaster at worst," English adds.

Electric co-ops believe that any controls on carbon dioxide should be established by Congress, where the impact of these proposals can have a full public debate. Unfortunately, a climate change bill passed by the U.S. House last summer (H.R. 2454) and another reported by the U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee in November (S. 1733) include unachievable goals and timelines for reducing carbon dioxide emissions, inadequate technology development incentives, and no guarantee that electric bills will remain affordable. Current proposals will unfairly penalize consumers in fossil fuel-dependant states by saddling them with higher bills to essentially subsidize and lower electric bills for those in other regions.

What's more, Senate leaders have admitted that climate change legislation has stalled and will likely be picked up sometime in the spring. This legislative logjam makes it all the more important for co-ops and consumers to pay careful attention to EPA's current efforts.

English insists that any climate change legislation should protect consumers and preempt use of the federal Clean Air Act and any other existing laws. Otherwise, utilities and businesses could be burdened with the task of trying to comply with more than one set of regulations.

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"Regulation of carbon dioxide as a pollutant will occur with or without congressional input," English explains. "But Congress must not simply add new legislation on top of old regulations. Any climate change bill should become the roadmap—the single strategy—for reducing carbon dioxide emissions at federal, state, and local levels."

He continues: "By staying engaged in the process, electric co-ops can have a measureable impact on the outcome."

Electric co-ops are fighting to ensure that any climate change policy goals adopted are fair, affordable, and achievable. To make your voice heard in this debate, join NRECA's Our Energy, Our Future™ grassroots awareness campaign at www.ourenergy.coop. To date, more than 600,000 of your fellow co-op consumers across the country have already done so.

Absolutely Useless Trivia!

On average, 12 newborns will be given to the wrong parents daily.

A rat can last longer without water than a camel.

Celery has negative calories! It takes more calories to digest a piece of celery than the celery has in it to begin with.

You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television.

Barbie's full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts.

Walt Disney was afraid of mice.

The almond is a member of the peach family.

The first product to have a bar code was Wrigley's gum.

Your stomach has to produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks, otherwise it will digest itself.

Leonardo da Vinci could write with one hand and draw with the other at the same time.

The Declaration of Independence (the very official copy in the Rotunda of the National Archives) is written on parchment, not paper.

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
www.svec-coop.com

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To Pay Online:

Go to SVEC's website, www.svec-coop.com, and click on the link view or pay your bill. The first time, you will need your meter number, your billing account number, your name, 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 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.)



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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.