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## *Smart Savers Program!*

We have always known our members are aware of the latest trends in technology... but some of them have gone “over and above” by purchasing a smart thermostat, which allows them to remotely adjust their thermostat using a smart phone or tablet. This helps keep their home’s HVAC system operating as efficiently as possible. In an effort to assist members with their smart thermostat purchase, we offer our “Smart Savers” program – an energy-saving, load management program specifically for members with certain internet-enabled thermostats.



So, how does Smart Savers work? By enrolling their smart or internet-enabled thermostat into the program, a member agrees to allow Sawnee to make brief, limited adjustments to the thermostat’s settings during times of peak demand. In the past, you have heard us refer to these peak periods as “load management” periods, which are generally limited to fifteen days (15) or less per summer.

The best part? Each enrolled thermostat comes with a one-time \$50 bill credit and additional bill credits for each summer that they remain enrolled going forward. Below are all of the details you need to know about this exciting program!

- **Participant must have a residential account with Sawnee EMC;**
- **Must have, or purchase and install, at least one (1) internet-connected HVAC thermostat which controls either a central air conditioner or heat pump; and**
- **Must enroll at least one (1) thermostat, from the approved thermostat list, into the Sawnee EMC Smart Savers Program**

For additional information, to verify your eligibility status, or to sign up for this program, please visit [www.sawnee.com/smartsavers](http://www.sawnee.com/smartsavers) or call us at (770) 887-2363 or email us at [marketing@sawnee.com](mailto:marketing@sawnee.com).

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### QUOTABLE QUOTE

Friends show their love  
 in times of trouble, not in  
 happiness.”

— Euripides

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# KEEPING COOL

## TIPS FOR BEATING THE SUMMER HEAT AND POTENTIAL HIGH ENERGY BILLS

### Questions?

Contact a member of Sawnee's Energy Services Team at 770-887-2363 or via email at [marketing@sawnee.com](mailto:marketing@sawnee.com).

Summer is coming soon... but the nice, warm weather doesn't have to cause the "summertime blues" just because your monthly electric bill arrives. Here are some helpful tips on keeping your electric bill in check this summer:

**ADJUST THE THERMOSTAT.** During warmer months, raise the thermostat a few degrees. Energy experts recommend a setting of 78 degrees or higher. Remember, programmable thermostats make it easy to save by offering pre-programmed settings to automatically regulate a home's temperature, even when the home is empty, as explained in the Smart Saver article on page 1.

**BE A "FAN-ATIC".** While they cannot completely replace an AC unit, fans do circulate air, which creates "wind chill" and makes the space feel more comfortable. On milder days, fans can save a great deal on your electricity consumption. Remember, fans cool people, not homes, so turn them off when you are not around.

**REGULAR MAINTENANCE IS ESSENTIAL.** Sawnee recommends having your HVAC system serviced annually by a certified technician. The HVAC professional will check the entire system to make sure it is running efficiently. Don't forget – we offer a rebate for having your AC or heat pump tuned up. Visit [www.sawnee.com/rebates](http://www.sawnee.com/rebates) for full details.

**LOOK FOR ENERGY STAR EQUIPMENT.** When it's time to replace that cooling system, replace it with an ENERGY STAR qualified model. This could reduce energy costs by as much as 30 percent.

**LET YOUR SYSTEM BREATHE EASY.** Too often, we forget to clean or change the air filter on our HVAC system. It is absolutely essential for healthier inside air, better air flow, and less strain on your air conditioner.

**BE AWARE OF YOUR USAGE.** Sawnee offers many ways for you to monitor your hourly and daily energy usage, as well as receive "alerts" from us when your usage is high, or when you cross certain billing thresholds within the billing period. Being aware of your usage is the best way to control your energy bill.

Sawnee EMC wants to be your trusted partner with regard to helping you use energy wisely at your home or business. Our energy experts are ready to assist you whenever you need us.



# Notice of 2016 Patronage Capital ALLOCATION

As a non-profit electric cooperative, all monies in excess of operating costs that Sawnee EMC receives from the furnishing of electric energy and ancillary goods and services to its patrons, are allocated annually to those patrons who provided it. These amounts are referred to as “Patronage Capital” and is used as equity. The funds are invested in the assets of the Corporation – which includes poles, wire, transformers and other necessities to operate the Cooperative.

Each member of record is hereby notified that for fiscal year 2016, they have received a Patronage Capital allocation equaling **7.4247%** of the amount each member was billed for electric service during 2016. Additionally, those members have also received an allocation from other cooperatives that furnished electric energy and ancillary goods and services to Sawnee in 2016 equaling **0.4564%** of the amount each member was billed during 2016. Both assignments equal a total assignment of 7.8811% of billed electric service.

Each member can calculate the amount of assigned 2016 Patronage Capital by multiplying the total amount billed for electric service in 2016, by the factors shown herein. A sample calculation is shown below.



## 2016 CAPITAL CREDIT ALLOCATION

Sources	ANNUAL AMOUNT BILLED FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE			
	Percentage	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500
Sawnee EMC Operations	7.4247%	\$37.12	\$74.25	\$111.37
Other Cooperative’s Margins	0.4564%	\$2.28	\$4.56	\$6.85
<b>YOUR TOTAL ASSIGNED FOR 2016</b>	<b>7.8811%</b>	<b>\$39.40</b>	<b>\$78.81</b>	<b>\$118.22</b>

*Note: Actual allocation could vary slightly due to rounding and other factors.*

If you have any questions about the 2016 Patronage Capital assignment or this notice, please contact our Customer Call Center at (770) 887-2363 or via email at [customerservice@sawnee.com](mailto:customerservice@sawnee.com).

## 2017 Committee on Nominations for the Board of Directors



Sawnee EMC is an electric cooperative that is governed by its Bylaws, its Charter, Georgia law, as well as the rules and regulations established by its Board of Directors. The Bylaws of the Corporation specify certain activities that are reserved

only for the members of the Cooperative, and the election of “representatives” to serve on the Cooperative’s Board of Directors is one such activity.

The 2017 Committee on Nominations (“Committee”), which serves a vital role in the affairs of the Cooperative, will soon be appointed by the Board of Directors. This Committee will receive input from the membership and determine, as provided for in the Bylaws of the Corporation, the name(s) that shall be placed before the membership, from those members who have met the necessary criteria, to seek election for the office of Director for the terms that are soon expiring.

The Bylaws, in Article 4, Sections 4.02, 4.04, 4.05, and 4.09, outline the director election process, specifically as it

relates to the Committee on Nominations and provides for a separate process, outside of the Committee, known as the “Petition Process.” Information on the Petition Process can be found in Article 4, Section 4.09 of the Bylaws. Additionally, the Bylaws describe the general powers of the office of Director.

For 2017, Sawnee EMC has three (3) directorate districts, which have terms that are expiring, and they are:

- District #3 (Cumming);
- District #5 (Ducktown); and
- District #8 (Ocee)

SEMC members who have an interest in obtaining information about this year’s director election activities and the upcoming district meeting events should visit [www.sawnee.com/elections](http://www.sawnee.com/elections) to review the items relative to this year’s activities.

If you have additional questions about the 2017 Committee on Nominations or the upcoming 2017 director election process, please feel free to contact the Office of the President and Chief Executive Officer by calling 770-887-2363, ext. 7387, or via email at [kristi.sheriff@sawnee.com](mailto:kristi.sheriff@sawnee.com).

### Here’s WATTS Cookin’ Pineapple Casserole

#### Ingredients:

<i>1 (20 oz.) can of pineapple tidbits, drained (reserve 3 tbsp.)</i>	<i>3 tbsp. flour</i>
<i>½ cup sugar</i>	<i>1 cup cheddar cheese, finely shredded</i>
	<i>3 tbsp. butter, melted</i>
	<i>18 Townhouse Crackers, crushed</i>

#### Instructions:

Mix flour, pineapple juice and sugar. Place pineapple tidbits into a larger bowl and combine with flour mixture. Mix in cheese. Pour into greased casserole dish. Combine crushed crackers and butter and spread on top of pineapple mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes until golden brown.



👉 Thanks to Barbara Howard for the recipe! Do you have a recipe to share with us? If we print it, we’ll credit your account \$5.00. Send your favorite recipe to [marketing@sawnee.com](mailto:marketing@sawnee.com).