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SAWNEE OFFERS LOAD MANAGEMENT OPTIONS



For many years, thousands of Sawnee EMC members have participated in the Load Management Program, a load control program that involves a radio-controlled switch located at the outside HVAC unit. This program works perfectly for most members and remains very popular. Then in 2016, Sawnee introduced a new option called “Sawnee Smart Savers”. This innovative program utilizes a participant’s “smart thermostat” to serve as the load control switch during times of peak energy demand, when wholesale electricity prices are the highest. A residential member may participate in either of

these programs, but **may not participate in both**. Below (and continues on page 2) are the details of each program.

Load Management Switch Program

This is the traditional HVAC switch program, which has over 40,000 participants. During days of peak energy demand (usually about 12 days per summer), Sawnee sends a radio signal to the HVAC switch that temporarily cycles off the outside AC compressor for approximately seven (7) minutes out of thirty (30) minutes. The HVAC system fan inside the home continues to run and circulate air, which helps keep a constant temperature in the home. Participants receive a credit of \$36 per summer, per qualifying HVAC unit. The credits are applied on the June, July and August billing statements. You can sign up online at www.sawnee.com/switch.

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QUOTABLE QUOTE

Electricity is really just
organized lightning. "

— George Carlin

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Load Management Options (cont.)

Sawnee Smart Savers Program

This is the new smart thermostat program. During days of peak demand, Sawnee will communicate with the qualifying wi-fi connected thermostat to adjust the HVAC setting to "conservation" mode. Participants will receive a \$36 credit per thermostat, per year. Enrollment details are available at www.sawnee.com/smartsavers. The deadline to enroll in the Smart Savers Program is June 15, 2018.

Questions? Contact the Customer Call Center at 770-887-2363, customerservice@sawnee.com or text 678-999-8124. We will be glad to help you decide which program fits you best.

Committee on Nominations for the Board of Directors

Sawnee EMC is an electric cooperative governed by its Bylaws, its Charter, Georgia law, and the service rules and regulations established by its Board of Directors. The Corporation's Bylaws specify that certain activities be reserved only for the members of the Corporation; the election of "directors" to serve on the Cooperative's Board of Directors is one such activity.

The 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 qualifications, to seek the office of Director for the terms that are expiring.

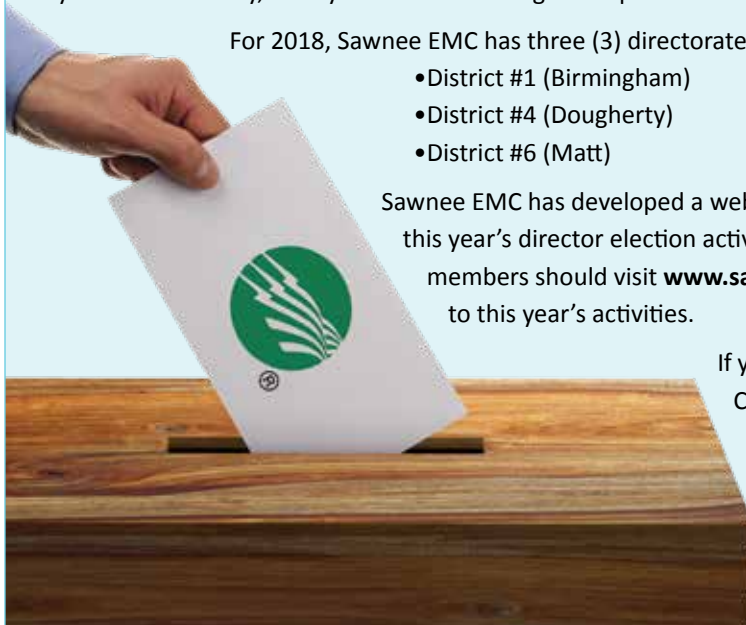
The Bylaws, in Article 4, Sections 4.02, 4.04, 4.05, and 4.09, outline the director election process, specifically as it relates to the Committee on Nominations as well as provides for a separate process, outside of the Committee, known as the "Petition Process." Information on the Petition Process may be found in Article 4, Section 4.09 of the Bylaws. Additionally, the Bylaws describe the general powers of the office of Director.

For 2018, Sawnee EMC has three (3) directorate districts, which have terms that are expiring:

- District #1 (Birmingham)
- District #4 (Dougherty)
- District #6 (Matt)

Sawnee EMC has developed a web site to provide members with information about this year's director election activities and district meeting events. Interested members should visit www.sawnee.com/elections to review the items relative to this year's activities.

If you have additional questions about the 2018 Committee on Nominations or the upcoming 2018 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.



*Notice of 2017***PATRONAGE CAPITAL ALLOCATION**

As a non-profit electric cooperative, all monies in excess of operating expenses, which Sawnee EMC receives from furnishing electric energy and ancillary goods and services to its patrons, are allocated annually back to those patrons who provided it. These amounts are referred to as “Patronage Capital” and are 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 2017, they have received a Patronage Capital allocation equaling **9.2696%** of the amount each member was billed for electric service during 2017 from Sawnee EMC operations. Additionally, those members have also received an allocation from other cooperatives that furnished electric energy and ancillary goods and services to Sawnee in 2017 equaling **0.5138%** of the amount each member was billed during 2017. Both assignments equal a total assignment of **9.7834%** of billed electric service.

Each member may calculate the amount of assigned 2017 Patronage Capital by multiplying the total amount billed for electric service in 2017, by the factors shown herein. A sample calculation is shown below.

**2017 CAPITAL CREDIT ALLOCATION**

Sources	ANNUAL AMOUNT BILLED FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE			
	Percentage	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500
Sawnee EMC Operations	9.2696%	\$46.35	\$92.70	\$139.04
Other Cooperative's Margins	0.5138%	\$2.57	\$5.14	\$7.71
YOUR TOTAL ASSIGNED FOR 2017	9.7834%	\$48.92	\$97.84	\$146.75

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

If you have any questions about the 2017 Patronage Capital assignment or this notice, please contact our Customer Call Center at (770) 887-2363 or via email at customerservice@sawnee.com.

Can You Dig it?

CALL 811 TO FIND OUT.



If you are planning to dig a hole or trench for any reason, please call Georgia 811 at least 48 hours in advance so that all underground utilities can be marked. Even if you are “almost positive” that there are no underground lines in your area, it is always best to call. Remember, the service is FREE, it only takes a minute, and it is the law.

Be safe, not sorry. Always call 811 for your safety and to prevent environmental damage and utility outages, as well as avoid fines and penalties. A few home projects to keep in mind are landscaping, trenching, fence installation, planting trees, or anchoring supports for decks and swing sets.

Always call 811 before you dig. Allow up to 48 hours for marking. Respect and protect the marks and then excavate carefully. For more information or to make an online request, visit www.georgia811.com.

Know what's below. Call before you dig.

Here's WATTS Cookin' Fried Green Beans

Ingredients:

1 (14.5 oz.) can green beans	Garlic powder, to taste
¼ cup cornmeal	Salt and pepper, to taste
¼ cup panko bread crumbs	3 tbsp. oil

Instructions:

Drain green beans and put in zip lock bag. Add remaining ingredients to bag. Shake bag and turn over until all beans are coated in dry mixture. Heat oil in skillet over medium heat. Add contents to oil and stir until brown and crispy.



👉 Thanks to Rebecca Vanderbilt 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.