

# THE SAWNEE HIGHLINER

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## Sawnee Offers Load Management Options

Over the years, thousands of Sawnee EMC members have participated in the Load Management Program, which involves a radio-controlled switch located at the outside HVAC unit. This program works perfectly for most members and remains very popular. In 2016, we introduced another load management option called "Smart Savers." This innovative program utilizes a participant's "smart thermostat" to serve as the load control device 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 are the details of each program.

### 1 LOAD MANAGEMENT SWITCH PROGRAM

This is a traditional HVAC switch program, which has over 43,000 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 every 30 minutes. The system's fan inside the home continues to run and circulate air, which helps keep a constant temperature in the home. Participants receive a total credit of \$36 per summer, per HVAC unit. The \$12, per switch, credits are applied on the June, July and

August billing statements. You can sign up online at [www.sawnee.com/switch](http://www.sawnee.com/switch).

### 2 SAWNEE SMART SAVERS PROGRAM

This is the smart thermostat program. During days of peak demand, Sawnee will communicate with the Wi-Fi connected thermostat to adjust the HVAC setting to a more conservative setting for a brief period. Participants will receive a \$36 credit per thermostat, per year. The \$12 credits are applied on the July, August and September billing statements. Enrollment details are available at [www.sawnee.com/smartsavers](http://www.sawnee.com/smartsavers).

Questions? Contact our Customer Call Center at 770-887-2363, via email at [customerservice@sawnee.com](mailto:customerservice@sawnee.com) or text 678-999-8124. We will be glad to help you decide which program fits you best.

### CONTACT US

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### QUOTABLE QUOTE

**All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt. "**

**— Charles M. Schulz**

*This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.*

# NOTICE of 2018 Patronage Capital Assignment

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 assigned annually 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, for 2018, is hereby notified that they have received a Patronage Capital assignment from Sawnee's operations equaling **10.7019%** of the

amount they were billed for electric service during 2018. Additionally, those members have also received an assignment equaling **0.4739%** of the amount they were billed during 2018 for other cooperatives that furnished electric energy and ancillary goods and services to Sawnee in 2018. Both assignments equal a total assignment of **11.1758%** of billed electric service.

Each member may calculate the amount of assigned 2018 Patronage Capital by multiplying the total amount billed for electric service in 2018, by the factors shown herein.

A sample calculation is shown below.

## 2018 PATRONAGE CAPITAL ASSIGNMENT SAMPLE CALCULATION

Sources	Percentage	Annual Amount Billed for Electric Service		
		\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500
Sawnee EMC Operations	10.7019%	\$53.51	\$107.02	\$160.53
Other Cooperative's Margins	0.4739%	\$2.37	\$4.74	\$7.11
<b>YOUR TOTAL ASSIGNED FOR 2018</b>		<b>\$55.88</b>	<b>\$111.76</b>	<b>\$167.64</b>

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

If you have any questions about the 2018 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).



## Highest in Customer Satisfaction Among Cooperatives" —J.D. Power

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[//jdpower.com/awards](http://jdpower.com/awards).

# Committee on Nominations for the BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**YOUR VOTE COUNTS**

For  
information  
about director  
election activities  
and district meeting  
events, visit  
[www.sawnee.com/  
elections](http://www.sawnee.com/elections)

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 Bylaws specify that certain activities are reserved only for the members of the Cooperative; the election of members 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 Corporation, 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 the office of Director in the districts with expiring terms in 2019.

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

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 2019, Sawnee EMC has three (3) directorate districts which have terms that are expiring, and they are:

- District #2 (Chestatee),
- District #7 (Italy), and
- District #9 (Webb)

Sawnee EMC has developed a website to provide members with information about director election activities and district meeting events. Interested members should visit [www.sawnee.com/elections](http://www.sawnee.com/elections) to review the items relative to this year's activities.

If you have questions about the 2019 Committee on Nominations or the upcoming 2019 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).



## MAY is Electrical Safety Month

Electricity plays a major role in our lives; from powering lifesaving equipment, cell phones and lighting, to

running HVAC systems, appliances and manufacturing equipment. May is **National Electrical Safety Month**, and it's a great time to look around your home or business and check for potential safety hazards.

Every electrical device has a purpose and a service lifespan. While we can extend their useful life with maintenance and care; none of them are designed to last or work forever. When electricity is involved, failures can present electrical hazards that might be avoided with periodic inspections and replacement.

### Loose or Damaged Outlets or Switches

Electrical outlets or wall switches with signs of heat damage or discoloration can offer early warnings of potential hazards. If you see these warning signs, it may be time to contact a licensed electrician.

### Breakers that Trip Frequently

This is a sign that something is not working properly, and it is warning you of a potential hazard. Have it fixed ASAP.

### Surge Protectors

Power strips with surge protectors can help safeguard expensive equipment like televisions, home entertainment systems and computer components from power surges. Voltage spikes are measured in joules, and surge protectors are rated for the number of joules they can effectively absorb.

### Extension Cords

If an extension cord gets noticeably warm when in use, it could be undersized. If it shows any signs of frayed, cracked or heat-damaged insulation, it should be replaced. Always make sure that extension cords used outdoors are rated for exterior use.

Electricity is an essential necessity for modern living, and Sawnee EMC is committed to providing safe, reliable and affordable electricity to our members. We hope you'll keep these electrical safety tips in mind and avoid potential hazards before damage occurs.



## Here's WATTS Cookin'

### Key Lime Pie

#### Ingredients:

1 (14 oz.) can sweetened condensed milk,  
chilled

½ cup lime juice, chilled

1 (8 oz. ) container Cool Whip, thawed

1 (8 inch) graham cracker pie crust

#### Instructions:

In a large bowl, use mixer to combine condensed milk and juice. Mix for approximately three (3) minutes. Fold in Cool Whip. Spoon into pie crust and chill until set.

👉 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).