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TAKE ACTION NOW, BEFORE LOAD MANAGEMENT SEASON

Summertime is just around the corner, which means Load Management season is almost here. This is when the demand for electricity peaks on the hottest summer days, and Sawnee EMC pays a premium for the energy that our members need. But our Load Management Program helps reduce the demand for energy during these times, and helps lower the cost for everyone.

Load Management season typically begins on June 1st, and runs through August 31st. Sawnee generally only operates our Load Management switches on the hottest weekday afternoons, between 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., when demand for electricity is at its highest. Historically, that has occurred approximately 15 days per season.

On those days when electricity demand is peaking, Sawnee sends a radio signal to the Load Management switch that temporarily cycles the outside AC compressor off for approximately seven (7) minutes, every 30 minutes. The system fan inside your home will continue to run, which circulates the air and helps keep a constant temperature in your home. Minutes later, the switch will turn the compressor back on, and normal air conditioning will resume, all without any noticeable change in the

level of comfort in your home. Many Sawnee members who participate in this program tell us they actually forget that the Load Management switch is connected. Since there is usually no change in the home's comfort level, they often don't even know when we are operating Load Management.

Sign up for Load Management today! It's easy. Simply call one of our Customer Service Representatives at 770-887-2363 or sign up online at www.sawnee.com/switch.

REBATE AVAILABLE

You can receive a rebate for your participation in load management. For each switch installed, Sawnee will credit your account \$36. This is applied as a \$12, per switch credit, on your June, July and August billing statements.

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QUOTABLE QUOTE

Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.

~ Thomas A. Edison

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Sawnee EMC's GREEN POWER PROGRAM

As part of Sawnee EMC's commitment to support the environment, while still meeting the energy needs of all members, SEMC offers electric energy from certified earth-friendly sources, which are commonly referred to as "Green Power."

Sawnee EMC's Green Power resources are helping to lessen the demand for electricity that is produced by conventional sources such as coal, natural gas and nuclear.

Green Power is available to Sawnee members on a "first come, first served" basis and is available in two (2) different size "blocks". A 100 kWh block at a cost of \$3.00 per month and 150 kWh block for \$4.50 per month. Members can purchase as many blocks as they desire, while supplies last. Sawnee's program is Green-e Certified by the Center for Resources Solutions (CRS). Please see the certified Product Content Label below which displays the types of renewable resources used in our Green Power program.

PRODUCT CONTENT LABEL

The product is sold in blocks of 150 kilowatt-hours (kWh).
The product will be made up of the following renewable resources.

Green-e Energy Certified New ³ Renewables in Sawnee EMC Green Power Program	Generation Location		
	2015 ¹	2016 ²	
-Biomass	100%	100%	Georgia
-Geothermal	0%	0%	
-Eligible hydroelectric	0%	0%	
-Solar	0%	0%	
-Wind	0%	0%	
TOTAL	100%	100%	

1. The 2015 figures reflect the resources that were supplied for the year ending December 31, 2015.
 2. The 2016 figures are prospective and reflect the power that we have contracted to provide. Actual figures may vary according to resource availability. We will annually report to you before August 1 of next year in the form of a Historic Product Content Label the actual resource mix of the electricity you purchased.
 3. New Renewables come from generation facilities that first began commercial operation within the past 15 years. This product includes generation from a facility that is approved for extended use by Green-e Energy.

For comparison, the current average mix of resources supplying Sawnee EMC includes: Coal (27%), Nuclear (19%), Oil (0%), Natural Gas (53%), Hydroelectric (1%), and Other (1%).
 The average home in the United States uses 909 kWh per month. [Source: U.S. EIA, 2013]

For specific information about this electricity product, please contact Sawnee Electric Membership corporation, (770) 887-2363, <http://www.sawnee.com/greenpower.aspx>.

Green-e Energy certifies that Sawnee Electric Membership Corporation Green Power Program meets the minimum environmental and consumer protection standards established by the non-profit Center for Resource Solutions. For more information on Green-e Energy certification requirements, call 1-888-63-GREEN or log on to www.green-e.org.




GA House Resolution Commends Sawnee EMC

On February 8, 2016, during a regular session of the Georgia House of Representatives, state leaders adopted H.R. 1308, which commended Sawnee EMC and several other Georgia electric cooperatives (EMCs) for their partnership with Green Power EMC to develop a solar project in southeast GA.

The 20 megawatt (MW) solar project is being built and operated by Silicon Ranch Corporation for Green Power EMC and is located in Jeff Davis County, near Hazelhurst, GA.

The House Resolution was sponsored by Representatives Mike Dudgeon (25th District), Karla Drenner (85th District), and Sam Teasley (37th District). The Resolution states that the Hazelhurst solar facility, which took months to build, employed 230 skilled workers and tradesman and is expected to generate more than 43 million kWh of clean, renewable electricity annually, and that the participating EMCs – Sawnee EMC and others – should be recognized for their efforts.

Additionally, the Resolution recognizes that Georgia’s EMCs and Green Power EMC, of which Sawnee EMC is a founding member, have collectively invested more in solar power than the cooperatives in any other state, with a total of 220 MW expected to be online by December, 2016.

Blake House, Vice President of Member Services at Sawnee EMC, states “We are humbled and proud to be one of the EMCs mentioned in the Georgia House of Representatives’ Resolution; and we are also excited to see the Hazelhurst solar facility come online later this year, to provide our members with clean, renewable electricity for at least the next 25 years”.

You can view the full resolution at <http://www.legis.ga.gov/Legislation/20152016/156829.pdf>. To learn more about these and the other efforts underway at Sawnee EMC, please visit our web site, www.sawnee.com.





Thank a Lineman in April

We have always said that one of the greatest assets of this great cooperative is the loyalty and dedication of the men and women who work here. Along those lines, and in conjunction with

electric cooperatives across America who are celebrating National Lineman Appreciation Day, Sawnee EMC's Board of Directors has designated April 19th as "Sawnee EMC Lineman Appreciation Day."

On April 19th, Sawnee EMC will honor its dedicated line workers who often work in challenging conditions to keep the lights on, and keep our homes and businesses running smoothly.

"Our linemen are the first responders of our electric

distribution system, and they work around the clock on our system's distributions lines when bad weather and emergencies strike," said Michael Goodroe, President and CEO of Sawnee EMC. Mr. Goodroe further stated, "Conditions can be challenging, but our staff always pushes through to ensure reliable service for our members."

Sawnee EMC's dedicated linemen maintain over 10,600 miles of line throughout the cooperative's seven county service territory. The dedicated team of men and women that make up the entire Sawnee EMC family of professional staff embody what has made Sawnee EMC the great electric cooperative that it is today.

The staff of Sawnee EMC invites its members to take a moment and thank an electric co-op lineman for the work they do each and every day. Use the hashtag **#thankalineman** in your social media outlet(s) to show your support for the men and women who light our lives.

Here's WATTS Cookin' Chocolate-Dipped Peanut Butter Cookies

Ingredients:

<i>1 cup peanut butter</i>	<i>1/2 tsp. vanilla extract</i>
<i>1 cup brown sugar</i>	<i>1 tbsp. cornstarch</i>
<i>2 eggs</i>	<i>1 cup chocolate chips</i>

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper. In bowl, add peanut butter, brown sugar, eggs and vanilla extract. Beat until combined. Beat in cornstarch.

Roll about a tablespoon size of dough and place on a prepared cookie sheet. Gently flatten with your hand. Repeat with the rest of dough, spacing cookies about two inches apart. Bake 7-9 minutes, until lightly golden

on the bottom. Let cookies cool two minutes and then remove to rack to cool completely.

In a microwave-safe bowl, add chocolate chips and microwave for 20 seconds. Stir and microwave in additional 10 second increments until chocolate is melted.

Once the cookie is cool, dip half of the cookie in melted chocolate and place back on baking sheet. Let cookies sit until chocolate hardens. Makes 36 cookies.



👉 Thanks to Suzette Williams 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.