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Sawnee Launches Its New Smart Savers Program!

Being energy smart is the key to keeping your monthly bill low. With this in mind, many Sawnee EMC members have purchased a smart thermostat, which allows them to remotely adjust it with their smart phone or tablet and keep their home's HVAC system operating as efficiently as possible.

Sawnee EMC wants to support the use and deployment of these smart thermostats by offering our "new" Smart Savers Program.

This is a new load management program specifically for Sawnee EMC members with a wi-fi enabled smart thermostat.

So, how does the Smart Savers Program work? By enrolling a wi-fi enabled smart thermostat into the program, a member agrees to allow Sawnee to make brief, limited adjustments to their thermostat 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 approximately fifteen (15) days or less per summer season.

The best part is for each thermostat you enroll, you will receive a one-time \$50 bill credit. Below are a few details about this exciting new Smart Savers Program!

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



For more information, and to find out if you're eligible to sign up, visit www.sawnee.com/smartsavers.

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QUOTABLE QUOTE

If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door."

~ Milton Berle

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Notice of 2015 Patronage Capital Assignments

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

Each member of record is hereby notified that for fiscal year 2015, they are to receive in the records of the Corporation, a Patronage Capital assignment equaling 8.45% of the amount each member was billed for electric service during 2015. Additionally, those members have received an assignment from other cooperatives that furnished goods or services to Sawnee in 2015, totaling 0.42% of the amount each member was billed during 2015.

Each member can calculate the amount of assigned Patronage Capital for 2015 by multiplying the total amount billed for electric service in 2015, by the factors shown herein.

A sample calculation is shown below.

2015 CAPITAL CREDIT ASSIGNMENT

Sources:	Percentage	Annual Electric Service		
		\$500	\$1000	\$1500
Sawnee EMC Operations	8.45%	\$42.25	\$84.50	\$126.75
Other Cooperative's Margins	0.42%	\$2.10	\$4.20	\$6.30
	TOTAL	\$44.35	\$88.70	\$133.05

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

Also, remember that upon approval of Sawnee’s Board, Patronage Capital has historically been retired to Sawnee’s members under two (2) scenarios. First, when the Board declares a “general retirement” for all or a portion of a year’s assigned Patronage Capital. A general retirement will only occur once the Board, in its sole discretion, determines that such action will not impair the financial condition of the Cooperative. In recent years, Sawnee’s Board has approved general retirements annually, with capital being returned on a regular basis.

Second, the Board also approves Patronage Capital retirements to the estates of deceased members. Since these retirements are made earlier than “general retirements”, the Board has required that the recipient agree to accept such retirements on a present value basis.

If you have any questions about the 2015 Patronage Capital assignment, our retirement process or this notice, please contact our Customer Call Center at (770) 887-2363 or via email at customerservice@sawnee.com.

5 SIMPLE TIPS TO SAVE ENERGY *This Spring & Summer*



1

ADJUST YOUR THERMOSTAT SETTINGS.

Sawnee EMC's Energy Services Team recommends a thermostat setting of 78 degrees in the summer. The lower the setting, the more energy the AC uses.

REPLACE THAT SPARE REFRIGERATOR OR FREEZER.

2

If the refrigerator or freezer in your basement or garage is at least 10 years old, consider replacing it with a new ENERGY STAR rated appliance. You may even qualify for a rebate and free haul away from Sawnee EMC. Details can be found at www.sawnee.com/rebates.



3

GET AN HVAC TUNE UP.

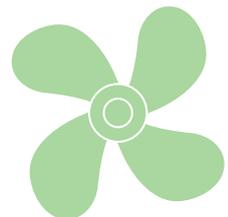
Generally, the air conditioner at your home is the biggest user of electricity in the summer. Make sure that it is doing its best work for you... and your electric bill. Use the rebate Web site listed above to see if you qualify for a credit to your electric bill for a 2016 tune up.



USE A CEILING FAN.

4

Fans make it feel cooler by creating wind chill and are much less expensive to operate than air conditioners. Remember to turn off the ceiling fan when you leave your home. Fans cool people, not rooms.



5

STAY COOL ON HOT DAYS.

Heat producing activities such as cooking, dishwashing and drying laundry during the hottest part of the day can potentially cause your AC to cycle more frequently. If possible, consider saving these items for the late evening or morning hours.



Committee on Nominations for the Board of Directors

Sawnee EMC is an electric cooperative that is governed by its Bylaws, its Charter, the laws of the State of Georgia, as well as the rules and regulations established by its Board of Directors. The Bylaws of the Corporation specify certain activities that are reserved for the members of the Cooperative and the election of “representatives” to serve on Sawnee’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 criteria to seek the office of Director for the term(s) which 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 and also 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 2016, Sawnee EMC has three (3) director positions that have terms expiring for the following directorate districts:

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

The staff of Sawnee EMC has developed a web site to provide interested members with information about this year’s director election process 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 2016 Committee on Nominations or the upcoming 2016 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.



Here’s WATTS Cookin’ Ginger Lime Roasted Shrimp

Ingredients:

1 oz. olive oil

1 tsp. lime zest

1 oz. fresh lime juice

1 tsp. ground ginger

½ tsp. garlic powder

¼ tsp. salt

¼ tsp. black pepper

*1 ½ lbs. large (31-35 count) shrimp,
peeled and deveined*

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Whisk together all ingredients, except for shrimp, in large bowl. Toss shrimp in mixture until coated. Spread evenly on a baking sheet and bake for 4-6 minutes until shrimp are done.



👉 Thanks to Sue Gray 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.