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Year-round energy savings



Got cabin fever this winter? Spend time making your home more energy efficient and start saving for your summer vacation!

You can trim your electric bill all year long by taking a few simple steps. Here's a list of Central Electric Power Association's recommendations for year-round energy and money savings!

February: Adjust your water heater. Turning down the temperature gauge to below 120 degrees F can heat up your savings.

March: Stop air from escaping your home and money from escaping your wallet! Head down to your home's basement and seal those leaky ducts.

April: A little caulk can go a long way. Air leaks in your home add up. Caulking cracks and openings to the outside could save more than \$200 a year.

May: Make sure your refrigerator is on your spring cleaning to-do list. Throw out expired items, clean the refrigerator inside and out, and check the temperature gauge.

For maximum operating efficiency, a refrigerator's temperature should be between 37 and 40 degrees F.

June: When was the last time you changed a filter? Replacing furnace and air conditioner filters regularly can have a big impact on a home's energy use. Dirty filters can

restrict air flow and reduce the overall efficiency of your cooling system, forcing it to work harder on hot summer days.

July: Your home's cooling costs can skyrocket—right along with the temperature outside—during summer months. Keeping your thermostat set between 78 and 80 degrees F can save up to 8 percent on monthly cooling bills.

August: Heading out of town on vacation? Be sure to unplug all of your electronic devices, such as computers, monitors, printers, TV and cable boxes, DVD players and microwaves. Electronics with digital displays and instant-on features consume energy even if they're not in use.

September: Be a "fan-atic." While they don't replace an air conditioner or a heat pump, fans move the air so everyone feels more comfortable. On a milder day, a fan is a much more energy-efficient choice than cranking up the air conditioning. Fans cool people, not rooms, so turn them off when you leave.

October: Get ready for winter by insulating your attic. Adding 9 or more inches of insulation could save you more than \$150 a year.

November: As the weather cools down, pull up your window shades. Keeping blinds open during cold weather lets heat from sunlight in, reducing the need to turn up your home's thermostat.

December: Put a new ENERGY STAR appliance at the top of your Christmas wish list. Upgrading appliances like



washing machines to ENERGY STAR-rated models can save up to \$140 per year.

January: Lowering your thermostat just a few degrees during winter months can save as much as \$85 per year. Programmable thermostats make it easy to save by offering pre-programmed settings to regulate a home's temperature throughout the year.

Central Electric is dedicated to being an energy efficiency resource for its members. To learn more about how you can save money through energy efficiency practices, call us at 601-267-5671.

For even more information, check out energyright.com, an online portal to energy saving tips to help motivate small changes in behavior that add up to big savings.



TVA Fuel Cost Adjustment to decrease Feb. 1

The Tennessee Valley Authority will decrease the fuel cost adjustment effective February 1, 2012. The total amount Central Electric members will decrease depends on their energy usage because fuel cost adjustments are charged per kilowatt hour. A typical residence using 1,250 kWh per month will see a \$3.45 decrease in their power bill. Residential members will see decreases on their monthly power bill depending upon usage.

The FCA is calculated monthly as generation fuel costs and the cost of power TVA purchase from other suppliers rise and fall. The FCA calculation works by capturing the difference between the amount that TVA forecasts to pay for fuel during a given month and the amount that is collected through rates. This formula has two main components: the first is a forecast of anticipated fuel and purchased power costs; the second is a reconciliation of any fuel costs TVA under or over collected. The FCA is used to determine energy charges that are shown on member's bills.

Annual meeting set for March 20 in Carthage

Central Electric Power Association will hold its Annual Meeting of the Membership on March 20 at the Carthage Coliseum, Hwy. 16 East in Carthage.

In accordance with the laws of the State of Mississippi and the bylaws of the Association, three directors will be elected for three year terms. Members will elect one director from Neshoba County, one director from Rankin County, and one director from Scott County.

Committee on Nominations:

A summary of Section 4.04, Committee on Nominations, of the association bylaws states:

It shall be the duty of the Board to appoint not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days before the date of a meeting of the Members at which the Board members are to be

elected, a Committee of Nominations consisting of three (3) members who shall be selected from the given areas from which the Board members are to be elected as to ensure equitable representation. No existing Cooperative employees, agents, officers, directors or known candidates for director, and close relatives (as hereinafter defined) or members of the same household of existing Cooperative employees, agents, officers, directors of known candidates for director may serve on such committees.

The committee shall receive and consider any suggestion as to nominees submitted by members of the Cooperative. The committee, keeping in mind the principle of equitable representation, shall prepare and post at the principle office of the Cooperative at least twenty (20) days before the meeting a list of

nominations for Board members.

The secretary shall be responsible for mailing with the notice of the meeting or separately, but at least ten (10) days before the date of the meeting, a statement of the number of Board members to be elected from and represent and the name and address of the candidates nominated by the Committee of Nominations.

Any fifty (50) or more members acting together may make other nominations by petition and the secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted. Nominations by petition shall be treated as nominations from the floor.

Any petition of nomination shall be submitted on a form designated and provided by the Cooperative. Each member signing such petition shall place

thereon the date of signing, address, account number and service location of the member. Nominations made by the petition if any, shall be received no later than 9 a.m. on the Thursday before the date of the annual meeting. The chairman shall call for additional nominations from the floor. No member may nominate more than one candidate.

A report from the Committee of Nominations, along with proxies, ballots and other annual meeting information will appear in the March issue of Today in Mississippi. As a member-owner of Central Electric Power Association, you have a right to participate in the annual meeting to hear the latest cooperative news and to elect the board of directors.

Mark your calendar for March 20 and plan to attend Central Electric's annual meeting at the Carthage Coliseum on Hwy. 16 in Carthage.

Local students selected for 2012 Youth Leadership

Two area high school juniors were recently selected through an interview process to represent Central Electric Power Association during an upcoming statewide leadership workshop in Jackson, MS, and the annual National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. this summer.

Courtney Elizabeth Moore is the daughter of Phil & Candace Moore of Carthage. She attends Leake Central High School where she is a cheerleader. Courtney is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Beta Club, and National FFA Organization. She attends Faith Independent Methodist Church

where she teaches Sunday School. After high school, Courtney plans to attend the University of Mississippi and later attend Vanderbilt University for law school.

Whitney Allison McCoy is the daughter of Glen and Lisa McCoy of Pelahatchie. She attends Pisgah High School where she is a cheerleader. Whitney is a member of the Beta Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD). She is also a member of the tennis team and yearbook staff. After high school, Whitney plans to attend Mississippi College majoring in Biological Sciences (pre-med) and later

attend the University of Mississippi Medical School.

Central Electric Power Association congratulates these students!



Whitney McCoy



Courtney Moore



Past youth participant receives scholarship to Stanford University

Central Electric would like to congratulate Erica McCoy, a 2011 participant of the Youth Leadership Program, for her recent acceptance to Stanford University. Because of Erica's determination and many accomplishments, she was offered a financial aid award to Stanford. She will study Chemical Engineering while attending Stanford.

Erica represented Central Electric while attending the 2011 Youth Leadership Workshop and Youth Tour. She will graduate from the Mississippi School of Mathematics and Science in May. Erica is the daughter of Jeanette Mahlow of Carthage.

Central Electric congratulates Erica on this incredible accomplishment!



Erica McCoy