



CENTRAL ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION

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CENTRAL ELECTRIC WILL HOLD ITS

Annual Meeting

MARCH 19, 2024 AT THE CARTHAGE COLISEUM

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.

SECTION 4.04. Nominations

(a) It shall be the duty of the Board to appoint, not less than sixty (60) days nor more than ninety (90) days before the date of a meeting of the members at which Board members are to be elected, a Committee on Nominations consisting of three (3) members who shall be selected from the given areas from which Board members are to be elected so as to insure 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 or known candidates for director may serve on such committees. The committee shall receive and consider any suggestion as to nominees submitted in writing by members of the Cooperative consistent with these bylaws. The committee, keeping in mind the principle of equitable representation, shall prepare a list of nominations for Board members, and submit its list to the Secretary not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days before the date of the annual meeting.

(b) Any fifty (50) or more members who are in good standing, are from the given area from which a Board member is to be elected, and acting together, may nominate a Director candidate for the area by petition. Any such petition for nomination must 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.

Such nominations made by petition, if any, shall be delivered to the Secretary not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than sixty (60) days before the date of the annual meeting. Such nominations shall be posted by the Secretary at the same place where the list of

nominations made by the Committee on Nominations is posted. A member may not make more than one (1) nomination by petition for each vacancy. If a member signs more than one petition for a director vacancy, then the signature of the member bearing the latest date of signing by the member will be considered and any previously dated signature by the member on any other petition(s) will be deemed invalid, null and void. If a member signs more than one petition on the same date, all signatures of the member bearing the same date of signing will be deemed invalid, null and void.

(c) The Secretary shall prepare and post at the principal 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 and the counties they will be elected from and represent, and the name and address of each of the candidates nominated by the Committee on Nominations or by petition.

A report from the Committee of Nominations, along with proxies, ballots and other annual meeting information will be mailed to members in February 2024. 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 19, 2024 and plan to attend Central Electric's annual meeting at the Carthage Coliseum on Highway 16 in Carthage.

Merry Christmas & HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM OUR CO-OP FAMILY TO YOURS,
WISHING YOU A HAPPY HOLIDAY
SEASON AND A JOYOUS NEW YEAR.

Central Electric Power Association will be closed
Dec. 22 and 25 for Christmas and Jan. 1 for New Years.

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on Report An Outage, call 601-267-3043, or text the word OUT
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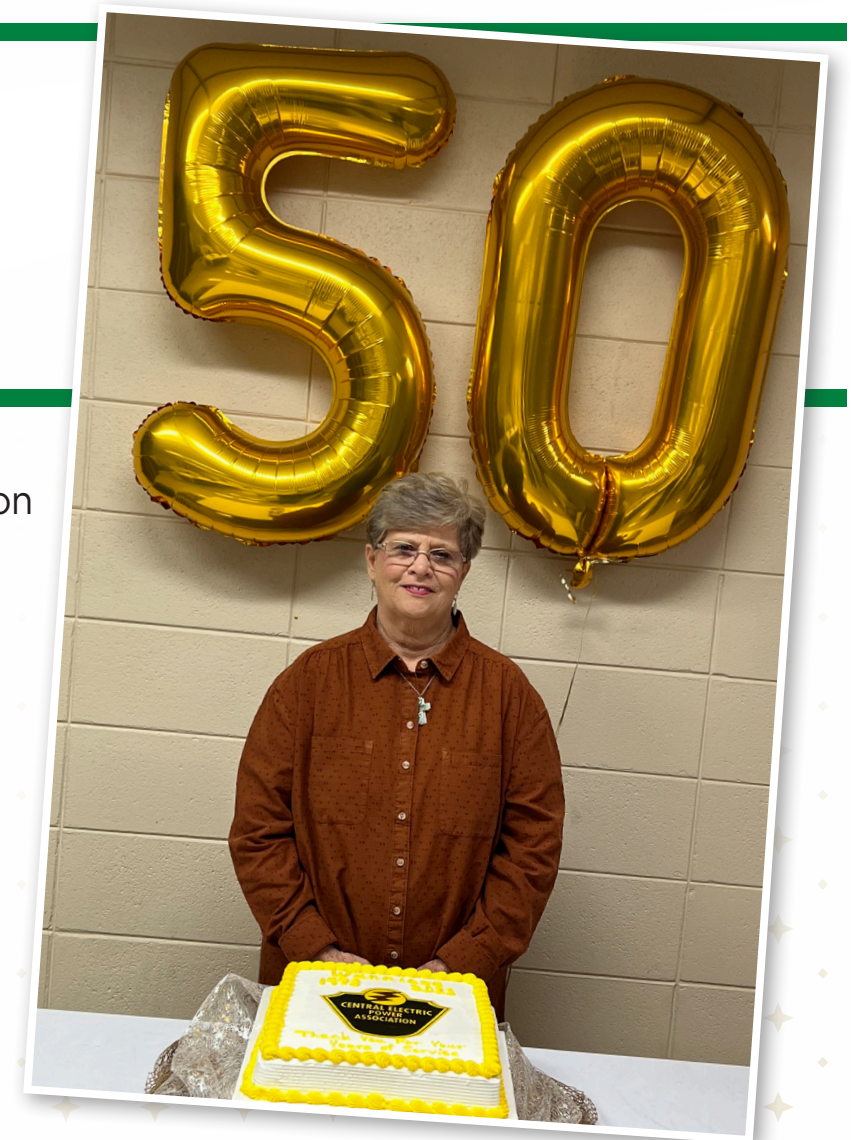
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Central Electric Power Association
congratulates you on 50 years
of dedicated service!

October 16, 1973
to
October 16, 2023





3 TIPS

FOR INTEGRATING SMART HOME TECH

by Michael Leitman

Once something pursued by only the most tech savvy of consumers, smart home technologies are becoming increasingly common to enhance home convenience, comfort, and safety.

Smart technologies have proliferated as the “internet of things” have grown to include home security and safety systems, lighting, entertainment, HVAC systems, and even appliances.

Consumers are interested in a variety of technology combinations and uses for their homes, but regardless of the applications, here are three key tips to keep in mind when integrating smart technologies into your home.



1 Ensure that various devices can talk to each other. This might seem like a no-brainer, but ensuring compatibility is vital to ensuring that convenience is not overcome by annoyance. One way of ensuring compatibility is choosing a single brand for as many applications as possible. Those pursuing several smart technologies might also look into investing in a central hub to coordinate and control various devices. Many of the hubs available today offer additional features of their own, doubling as speakers, routers, or displays. One major consideration for all these technologies is a fast and reliable internet and Wi-Fi connection.

2 Enable all security measures to prevent hacking. Adding smart devices to your home can increase the surface area that bad actors can use to hack equipment, increasing the importance of common-sense cybersecurity measures. Choosing smart devices with built in security features and ensuring that these features are all turned on is an important step to reduce these risks. It is also important to replace default usernames and passwords with strong unique versions, enabling dual and/or biometric authentication and keeping your device software up to date through patches. Finally, if you are controlling your home devices from your phone, tablet, or laptop, do not do so while using unsecured public Wi-Fi networks.

3 Look for technologies to help control and manage home energy use. Smart home technologies can be a great way to control and manage home energy use. If you are looking into home automation, devices like smart thermostats, grid controllable water heaters, and schedulable or motion-controlled indoor and outdoor lighting can be smart ways to save money on your electric bill.

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