

Snapping Shoals EMC Illuminator



A Monthly Newsletter for Snapping Shoals EMC Members

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SSEMC Rates Some of Best in State

Your co-op at top of those with lowest electrical rates in Georgia

Snapping Shoals EMC members continue to pay less for their electricity than most other Georgians, according to the most recent Georgia Public Service Commission (PSC) winter survey.

Among all EMCs in Georgia, your co-op has the lowest residential rates at 2,000 kwh and 1,500 kwh, the second lowest at 1,000 kwh and the third lowest at the 500 kwh level. 4569589

Among 94 electric providers in Georgia, your co-op's rates are the lowest at 2,000 kwh and 1,500 kwh, third lowest at 1,000 kwh and 19th lowest at 500 kwh.

PSC residential rate surveys are

done twice a year during the summer and winter. For the winter 2018 survey, residential rates in effect for the month of January from Georgia's EMCs, government-owned utilities and Georgia Power are utilized.

The survey looks at four different electricity levels: 500, 1,000, 1,500 and 2,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh). A kilowatt-hour is the unit used to determine the amount of electric power consumed. One kilowatt-hour is the electric power required to run one 100-watt light bulb for ten hours. For more information about the survey and the PSC visit <http://www.psc.state.ga.us>.



SNAPPING SHOALS EMC SURGE PROTECTION

Guard Your Expensive Electronics, Appliances

Thunderstorms and lightning strikes are known to cause power surges, but they can happen at any moment. While power surges are typically caused by lightning strikes, tripped circuit breakers and short circuits can also cause them.

Power surges can wreak havoc on the appliances and electronics inside your home, but fortunately there's a way to protect your household items so you won't have to replace them.

Avert Surge Protection provides a combination of meter-base and point-of-use protection to guard appliances and electronics from the damaging effects of power surges. When you sign up for Avert, we install a meter socket adapter (MSA) at your meter base to protect motor-driven appliances such as your refrigerator, air conditioner, washer and dryer. There is a one-time fee of \$19.99 for installation of the MSA.

We also provide five plug-in surge protectors for you to use inside your home to give sensitive electronics (TVs, computers, audio systems, etc.) the additional protection they need. Two of these plug-in devices will protect up to eight items each, and the other three are single-plug units. Some also provide telephone and/or coaxial (cable/satellite) protection as well. A warranty of up to \$50,000 per surge occurrence is included. Some exclusions apply. 1511484

Summer Rates Effective May 1

Summer rates are effective from May through October, and winter rates are billed from November through April. In areas such as ours where summers are hot, the peak demand for electricity occurs during the months when air conditioners are working hard to keep everybody cool. The higher demand for electricity on these hot summer days makes the cost of providing power greater at this time of year, and that is reflected in our rate structure. 1453554

SSEMC RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC RATES

Summer

(May through October)

Base Charge: \$28.00 per month
First 1,000 kwh: 8.53¢ per kwh
Over 1,000 kwh: 11.52¢ per kwh

Winter

(November through April)

Base Charge: \$28.00 per month
First 1,000 kwh: 8.20¢ per kwh
Over 1,000 kwh: 7.95¢ per kwh

Together, we save you money.

It's the neighborly thing to do.



SNAPPING SHOALS



As a member of Snapping Shoals EMC, get exclusive benefits with Gas South. Sign up and start saving today.

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Thank A Lineman



Snapping Shoals EMC
Lineman Russell Nelms

Lineman Appreciation Day is April 18

As April arrives, it brings with it the showers that produce spring flowers. It also heralds the beginning of a potentially stormy season that can inherently include power outages. While Snapping Shoals EMC strives to provide reliable electricity to our members, there are times when Mother Nature has other plans. Most of our members can ride out a storm from the comfort and convenience of their homes; however, there is a group of professionals that spring into action when the weather takes a turn for the worst — co-op linemen.

Braving stormy weather and other challenging conditions, linemen often must climb 40 or more feet in the air, carrying heaving equipment to restore power. Listed as one of the 10 most dangerous jobs in the U.S., linemen must perform detailed tasks next to high voltage power lines. To help keep them safe, linemen wear specialized protective clothing and equipment at all times when on the job. This includes special fire-resistant clothing that will self-extinguish, limiting potential injuries from burns and sparks. Insulated and rubber gloves are worn in tandem to protect them from electrical shock. While the gear performs a critical function, it also adds additional weight and bulk, making the job more complex.

In addition to the highly visible tasks

linemen perform, their job today goes far beyond climbing to the top of a pole to repair a wire. They are also experts at leveraging technology to pinpoint outages and restore power from remote locations. Line crews use their laptops and cell phones to map outages, take pictures of the work they have done and troubleshoot problems.

Snapping Shoals EMC linemen are responsible for keeping more than 6,200 miles of lines across eight counties working in order to bring power to your home and our local community 24/7, regardless of the weather, holidays or personal considerations.

While some of the tools that linemen use have changed over the years, the dedication to the job has not. Being a linemen is not a glamorous profession. At its essence, it is inherently dangerous, requiring them to work near high voltage lines in the worst of conditions, at any times of the day or night. During storms, crews often work around the clock to restore power. 4411665

Lineman Appreciation Day is April 18. So during the month of April, if you see a lineman, please pause to say thank you to the power behind your power. Let them know you appreciate the hard work they do to keep the lights on, regardless of the conditions.

Apply for Education Assistance

Applications are currently available for education assistance from Snapping Shoals EMC's Operation

Round Up. Applicants must live in a household receiving electric service from Snapping Shoals, and total household income may not exceed \$50,000. This



assistance may be used to attend an accredited college, university or trade school in Georgia only. Applicants must be enrolled or accepted at the school they are seeking funds to attend. We will be accepting completed applications March 1-May 15. 4535518

Visit www.ssemc.com to download an application, or call our Operation Round Up line at 770-385-2737.



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