

# Snapping Shoals EMC Illuminator

A Monthly Newsletter for Snapping Shoals EMC Members September 2022



Since Snapping Shoals EMC partnered with Walton Gas two years ago, we've received questions from our members about the partnership. Based on these questions, we thought it would be helpful to share more about our partner program.

**Why did SSEMC partner with Walton Gas?** We've always felt it is important to help our members navigate the natural gas business, which is very different from electricity and can be confusing. We partnered with Walton Gas because they are a lot like us; we share the same core values of putting the member first, providing ongoing value and supporting the communities they serve. No other provider is as well-aligned with our values and principles. Simply, we trust them to treat members right. 1345370

**Can Walton Gas be my natural gas provider?** Yes. If you are on Atlanta Gas Light (AGL) pipelines, Walton Gas can serve you. The Walton Gas name does not represent where it serves but how they operate. Like its parent company, Walton EMC, Walton Gas is focused on serving their members by providing straightforward rate plans and friendly, local customer service. That's why they have received the highest customer satisfaction ratings among Georgia's competitive natural gas providers.

**How can I switch to Walton Gas?** Switching is easy; visit [walgas.com/snappingshoals](http://walgas.com/snappingshoals) or call a Walton Gas representative at 678-639-3277. It only takes a few minutes to switch, and they are glad to walk you through it. 4381351

## 2023 Scholarship Applications Available

Applications are now available for the 2023 Snapping Shoals EMC J.E. Robinson Memorial Scholarships and the Bradley K. Thomas Scholarships. Each scholarship is worth \$2,500. Forms are available online at [www.ssemc.com](http://www.ssemc.com). Full details, instructions, deadlines and eligibility requirements for each scholarship are included with the application forms.

## PCA Benefits SSEMC Members

Power Cost Adjustment covers changes in our costs without impacting your rates

Snapping Shoals EMC is a not-for-profit electric utility. We're committed to delivering reliable, cost-effective power to our members. We purchase electricity each month from our power supplier at a wholesale cost to meet the needs of our members. The cost of wholesale power is a significant expense of providing electric service to the homes and businesses we serve.

**What is the PCA?** You may have noticed the Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) line item on your bill. The PCA provides a monthly adjustment dependent on any differences in the base cost of wholesale power. If the kilowatt-hour cost to Snapping Shoals EMC is lower than the base cost of power, the PCA is applied as a credit on your bill. If the kilowatt-hour cost is higher than the base cost of power, the PCA is applied as a charge. Having the PCA benefits our members by covering monthly power cost fluctuations without having to continually restructure electricity rates.

**What impacts the PCA?** The PCA changes based on the cost of wholesale power, which fluctuates for a variety of reasons. During hot summer months when the demand for electricity is much higher, power may need to be purchased from more expensive sources at market price, which includes additional generation costs. Increased costs for fuels like natural gas also impact the price of wholesale power. Due to the recent extreme heat and increased demand for electricity, coupled with rising prices for natural gas and other fuels, SSEMC's PCA will likely fluctuate over the next several months. 2117786

**What is SSEMC doing to help?** We know times are tough as the cost of gasoline, groceries and other essential needs are rising. Snapping Shoals EMC is doing everything possible to keep internal costs down, but we can't control rising fuel costs that are impacting the country. SSEMC uses a diverse mix of fuel sources for electricity, which helps reduce costs. Our electricity is generated from a mix of coal, natural gas, nuclear, solar and hydro. This balanced fuel mix helps reduce dramatic fluctuations in generation costs.

We have several programs and services to help members save on their energy bills, such as energy efficiency rebates and our home energy audit tool. Visit [www.ssemc.com](http://www.ssemc.com) for ways to save or to chat with us!



# Rewarding

Each fall, Snapping Shoals EMC awards grants to teachers from the schools that the electric co-op serves in Rockdale, Newton, Henry and DeKalb counties through the co-op's Bright Ideas program. The grants, which are allocated from the co-op's unclaimed capital credit funds, are designed to help teachers who wish to extend educational opportunities and activities for students by developing student interests and abilities. 4623164

Teachers have innovative ideas about how learning can be made more exciting, effective and interesting and how curriculum can be expanded to meet the needs of particular groups or individual students; however, resources are sometimes not available for special instructional opportunities. The Snapping Shoals EMC Bright Ideas grants are designed to assist teachers in the planning and implementation of these ideas.

Teachers interested in applying for a Snapping Shoals EMC Bright Ideas grant should contact their county's Board of Education. 2586816



## Grant winner's project helps our community

General Ray Davis Middle School teacher Kathleen King created the annual Empty Bowls program in Rockdale County with funds from Snapping Shoals EMC's Brights Ideas. Each year, the community is invited to attend the Empty Bowls spaghetti dinner and purchase a ceramic bowl made by King's students. The funds King received assisted students in creating the bowls for the dinner. All proceeds from the dinner go to Rockdale Emergency Relief to help fight hunger. Pictured here are SSEMC cashiers Traci Cronan, Janice Parker, Susan Moss and Kristen Biggs, who proudly display some of the ceramic bowls on their desks at our Brown Bridge Road office.



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## Electrical Safety Tips for Hunters

We encourage all members to be aware of electrical equipment while hunting. Keep these safety tips in mind as you enjoy the great outdoors.

- Keep clear of electrical equipment.
- Do not shoot at or near power lines or insulators.
- Know where power lines and equipment are located where you hunt.
- Be vigilant in wooded areas where power lines may not be as visible.
- Never place deer stands on utility poles.
- Never place decoys on power lines or other utility equipment.