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A newsletter for the members of JEFFERSON ENERGY COOPERATIVE

The Power Behind Your Power

Chris Dillard, President and CEO



As April arrives, it brings the showers that produce spring flowers. It also heralds the beginning of a potentially stormy season that can include power outages. At Jefferson Energy, we strive to provide reliable electricity to our members, but sometimes Mother Nature has other plans.

Most of us can ride out a storm from the comfort and convenience of our homes. However, there is a group of professionals who spring into action when the weather takes a turn for the worst—co-op lineworkers.

To help keep them safe on the job, they wear specialized protective clothing and equipment. This includes special fire-resistant clothing that will self-extinguish, limiting potential injuries from burns and sparks. Insulated and rubber gloves protect them from electrical shock. While the gear performs a critical function, it also adds weight and bulk, making the job more complex.

In addition to the highly visible tasks lineworkers perform, their job goes far beyond climbing to the top of a pole. They are also information experts who can pinpoint an outage from miles away and restore power remotely. Line crews use their laptops and cellphones to map outages, take pictures of the work they have done and troubleshoot problems.

In our community, Jefferson Energy lineworkers are responsible for keeping more than 4,000 miles of lines working across parts of 11 counties, in order to bring power to your home and our communities 24/7, regardless of the weather, holidays or personal considerations.

While some of the lineworkers' tools have changed over the years, namely the use of technology, the dedication to the job has not. Lineworker 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, anytime of the day or night. During hurricanes, tornadoes and ice storms, crews often work around the clock to restore power. While April is known for spring showers, there is also a day set aside to thank a lineworker.

Lineworker Appreciation Day is officially April 13. But throughout April, or anytime you see a lineworker, 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.



One of the most dangerous jobs

Braving stormy weather and other challenging (102750-001) conditions, lineworkers often must climb 40 or more feet in the air while carrying heavy equipment to restore power. Performing what is considered one of the 10 most dangerous jobs in the U.S., lineworkers must accomplish detailed tasks next to high-voltage power lines.

Summer Rates in Effect May 1

MAY-OCTOBER

Jefferson Energy Cooperative's summer electric rates take effect May 1, 2020. Summer rates are charged through the warmer weather periods and are slightly higher than winter rates. This is because of the peak demand for electricity on warmer days, which increases the cost of providing power during this time of year.

Residential Electric Rates

	November–April	May–October
Customer charge	\$30 per month	\$30 per month
First 750 kwh	9.97 cents per kwh	9.97 cents per kwh
More than 750 kwh	8.49 cents per kwh	9.97 cents per kwh



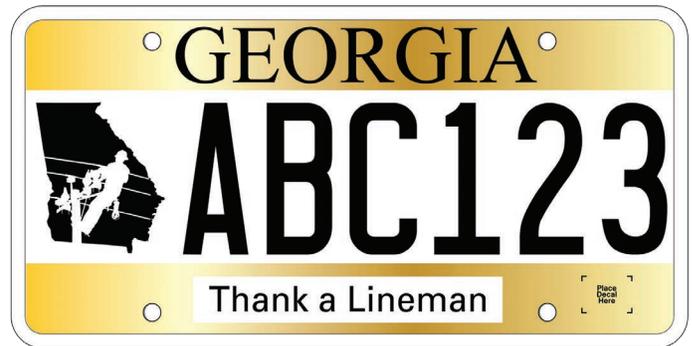
Minimum Monthly Bill

- The minimum monthly bill shall be the greater of the following:
- A. \$30, plus 75 cents per kVA of installed transformer capacity supplied by the cooperative in excess of 37.5 kVA per consumer service.
 - B. Such other minimum as may be established by the special nature of the particular load, as provided for in the cooperative's Service Rules and Regulations.

Thank a Lineman!

Jefferson Energy Cooperative, along with Georgia's electric membership corporations (EMCs), continues to recognize electric lineworkers for their hard work and dedication to the job with the Thank a Lineman specialty license plate. "We're proud to be associated with this special license plate for linemen. They work hard, often in adverse conditions, and are deserving of this great recognition," says Jefferson Energy President and CEO Chris Dillard.

Georgia's EMCs, Georgia Power (10061385-001) Co. and the Electric Cities of Georgia came together in 2017 to create the license plate to honor electric lineworkers across the state. Proceeds from the sale of each plate are donated to the Burn Foundation of America in Augusta, which helps families of burn patients.



All Georgians can purchase these plates to show their appreciation for electric lineworkers while supporting a worthy cause. For more information about how to purchase a plate, visit burnfoundation.net/Thank-A-Lineman-License-Plate.

Annual Meeting



Please join us for the 83rd Annual Meeting of the membership on Tuesday, July 21, at the Jefferson County High School auditorium. Entertainment will be provided, followed immediately by the business meeting.

All registered members will receive a registration gift and door-prize ticket. We hope to see you there!

July 21, 2020

Jefferson Energy Cooperative, Planters EMC and Oglethorpe Power Present Large Burke County Tax Payment

Officials from Jefferson Energy Cooperative, Planters EMC and Oglethorpe Power Corp. (OPC) recently presented Oglethorpe Power's 2019 ad-valorem tax payment of \$23,381,397.66 to the Burke County Tax Commissioner's Office. Joining in on the presentation were several Burke County Board of Education members.

The payment represents OPC's 30 percent ownership in Units 1 and 2 of the Alvin W. Vogtle nuclear plant now operating in Burke County, and its 30 percent ownership of Vogtle Units 3 and 4, which are under construction.

Oglethorpe Power is a wholesale electric power (10015045-004) cooperative owned by and serving 38 electric membership corporations in Georgia, including Jefferson Energy Cooperative and Planters EMC, which provide electric service in Burke County and other area counties.

Around the state, Oglethorpe Power will pay more than \$43 million in 2019 ad-valorem taxes for power-generating facilities that it owns or co-owns on behalf of its member EMCs. OPC is one of the nation's largest power supply cooperatives, with more than \$12 billion in assets.

A proponent of conscientious energy development and use, Oglethorpe Power balances reliable and affordable energy with environmental responsibility and has an outstanding record of regulatory compliance. Its diverse energy portfolio includes natural gas, hydro-electric, coal and nuclear generating plants with a combined capacity of approximately 7,800 megawatts. Established in 1974, Oglethorpe Power's headquarters is located in Tucker, Georgia, an Atlanta suburb.

Jefferson Energy Cooperative is a member-owned electric cooperative providing electricity and related services to over 28,000 members in



Representatives from Planters EMC, Jefferson Energy Cooperative and Oglethorpe Power Corp. present OPC's 2019 tax payment to the Burke County Tax Commissioner's Office joined by Burke County Board of Education members. From right are Planters EMC Assistant General Manager Norman Williams, Jefferson Energy Cooperative Vice President of Energy Services William Irwin, OPC Director of Community and External Relations Diane McClearn, Burke County Tax Commissioner Marian Jackson and Burke County BOE members Jackie Payton, Lynn Crews, Johnny Jenkins and Greg Chandler.

parts of 11 counties in the Central Savannah River Area.

Planters EMC is an electric cooperative providing electricity and related services to 12,700 member-owners in Burke, Bulloch, Effingham, Emanuel, Jenkins, Screven and Richmond counties.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



This spring, consider using a rain barrel to save energy. Rain barrels capture rain water from a roof that can be used later for watering your lawn, garden or indoor plants.





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KEEP INFORMED AND WIN \$25

It pays to keep informed about JEC's business. Read and find your account number in "CONNECT." Call our Member Services Department to claim your award—a \$25 credit on your bill.

WITH YOUR CORRECT PHONE NUMBER, WE CAN GET THE LIGHTS ON FASTER

During large outages, Jefferson Energy Cooperative receives thousands of calls at once. Having your correct phone number helps our Outage Call Answering System retrieve your information faster.

Please check the phone number and service address listed on your electric bill. If they are incorrect, please call 877-JEFFERSON (877-533-3377) with the correct information so we can better serve you.

Jefferson Energy Cooperative is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Make Sure You're Counted!

Remember to do your part and participate in the 2020 U.S. census. An accurate snapshot means that communities across the nation receive the funding, services and business support they deserve and need.

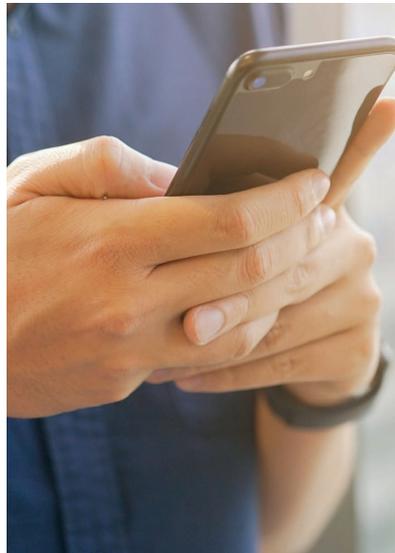
By April 1, 2020, every home should have received an invitation to participate in the census. There are three ways to respond—online, by phone and by mail. For more information, please visit 2020census.gov.



Text Power

Sign up for JEC's Text Power service and enjoy the convenience of texting outages, receiving important information about what's going on at JEC and more. For outage reporting (10071294-001) and updates, text JECOUTAGE to 1 (877) JEFFERSON, or 1 (877) 533-3377.

For other general updates, text JECCONNECT to 1 (877) JEFFERSON. Or simply provide your cellphone number to a Member Services Representative and let them know you'd like to join the program. Call (706) 547-2167 for details.



MEMORIAL DAY CLOSING

Please note that all Jefferson Energy offices will be closed Monday, May 25, for Memorial Day. Please have a safe and happy holiday.

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