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A newsletter for the members of JEFFERSON ENERGY COOPERATIVE

Thank a Lineworker on April 12

Chris Dillard, President and CEO

If you were asked to associate an image or a person with Jefferson Energy Cooperative, I bet you would picture a lineworker. One of the most visible employees of the co-op, lineworkers work tirelessly to ensure our community receives uninterrupted power 24/7.

Lineworker is listed as one of the top 10 most dangerous jobs in the U.S. This is understandable, as they perform detailed tasks near high-voltage power lines. Regardless of the time of day, braving stormy weather and other challenging conditions, lineworkers must work 40 feet in the air, often carrying heavy equipment, to get the job done.

Being a lineworker is not glamorous or easy. It takes years of specialized training, ongoing education, dedication and equally important, a sense of service and commitment. How else can you explain the willingness to leave the comfort of home to tackle a challenging job in difficult conditions, when (10067768-001) most are sheltering comfortably at home?

That's why we set aside the second Monday in April to celebrate and recognize the men and women who work around the clock to keep the lights on. Our dedicated and beloved lineworkers are

proud to represent Jefferson Energy Cooperative, and they deserve all the appreciation and accolades that come their way on Lineworker Appreciation Day (April 12 this year).

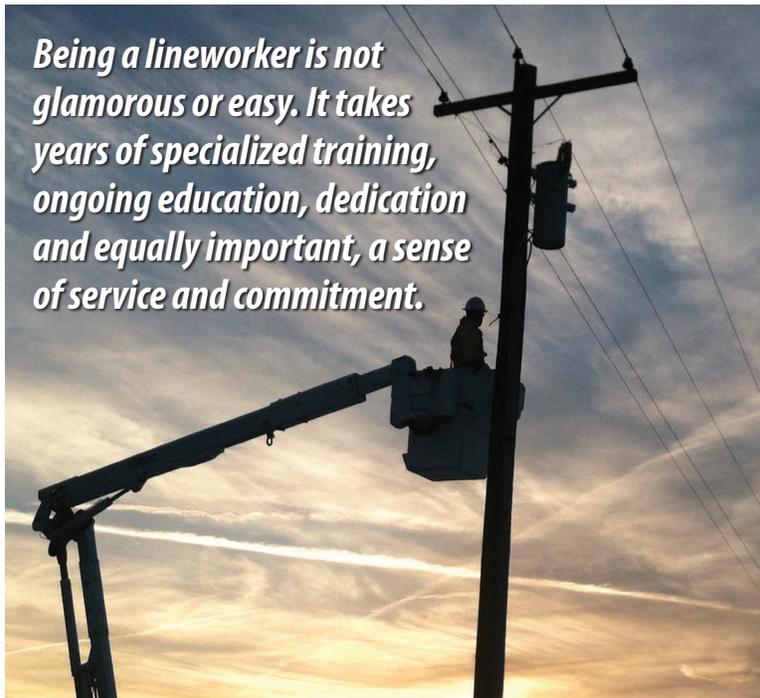
While lineworkers may be the most visible employees at Jefferson Energy, it's important to note that a team of highly skilled professionals is working behind the scenes. Engineers provide ongoing expertise and guidance on the operations side of the co-op, member service representatives are always standing by to take your calls and questions, and our information technology experts are continuously monitoring our system to help safeguard sensitive data.



These are just a few of the folks who work together to ensure we can deliver the service and reliability you expect and deserve. Without them, our lineworkers wouldn't be able to bring the light to our community.

On April 12, and any other time you see a lineworker, I hope you'll join me in thanking them for their exceptional service. I also hope you'll remember that you have a dedicated team of professionals working behind the scenes at the co-op whose commitment to service runs just as deep.

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Summer Rates in Effect May 1

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Jefferson Energy Cooperative's summer electric rates take effect May 1, 2021. 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

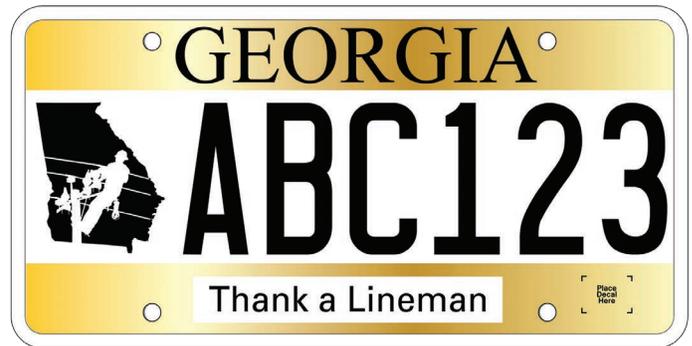
Minimum Monthly Bill

- 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 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 (10063425-002) 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 Date Set

Please join us July 20
for the 84th Annual
Meeting of the membership.
Details coming soon.

July 20, 2021

Jefferson Energy Employee of the Quarter— Quincy Thomas

Congratulations to Jefferson Energy Safety Coordinator Quincy Thomas on being named Employee of the Quarter.

Quincy, who started at Jefferson Energy more than five years ago, says, “I’m really stunned because I’ve never thought of being awarded anything like this. I just work to do my job to the best of my ability with the goal of helping everyone return home to their families.”

Quincy says one of the things he enjoys most about his job is getting out and working with everyone and meeting people throughout the system. “It’s been (10073080-001) nothing but a warm welcome of kindness since I began working here. I really appreciate that and enjoy what I do,” he says.

Safety and Loss Control Supervisor Gary Kitchens, who nominated Quincy, says, “Quincy is a valuable asset to the Safety Department and Jefferson Energy as a whole. Anytime you see Quincy, he always has a smile on his face and is ready to tackle any task thrown at him. Quincy is a genuine pleasure to have on our team.”

Quincy and his wife of 21 years, Erica, have three children. Tynisha is an insurance adjuster at Geico, Qun’Travis is a junior at the University of Georgia and 10-year-old Alyssa is currently head of household at the Thomas residence.

In addition to spending time with his family, Quincy enjoys working on antique cars and trucks and going to car shows. When asked if there was anything people might not know about him, he says, “Contrary to what everyone thinks of my stunning gray hair, I’m only 42 years old!”

In closing, Quincy says, “I’m most thankful for my family and all that God has given me. I’m grateful for every day and ready for whatever is in store for the future.”



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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Some manufacturers set water heater thermostats at 140 degrees, but most households usually only require them to be set at 120 degrees. Consider lowering your water heater’s temperature to save energy and slow mineral buildup in the heater and pipes.

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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.

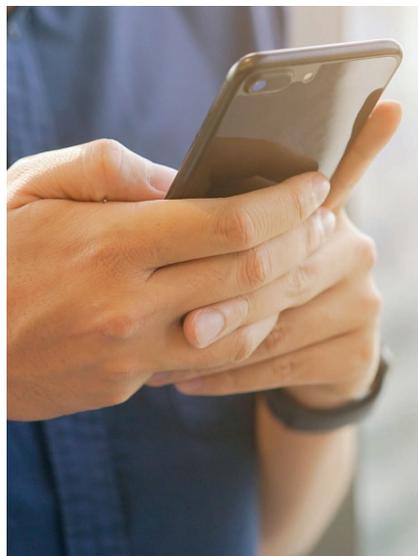
Please check the phone number and service address listed on your electric bill. If they are incorrect, please call 877-JEFFERSON (877-533-3377) with the correct information so we can better serve you.

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For other general updates, text JECCONNECT to 1 (877) JEFFERSON. Or simply (10066032-002) 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

All JEC offices will be closed Monday, May 31, for Memorial Day. Please have a safe and happy holiday!