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A newsletter for the members of JEFFERSON ENERGY COOPERATIVE

Small Change Can Change Lives

How Our Members Help Us Give Back

The holiday season is finally here. Some call it the most wonderful season of all. That's because we associate it with family traditions and gathering with friends and loved ones. It's a time of giving and spreading joy.

But giving back reminds us of the many good things we have right here in our community and why it's so important to spread the good as far as we can, especially to the most vulnerable in our local area. We're also reminded of how wonderful our community is and what a big impact we can have when we work together.

When you are a member of Jefferson Energy Cooperative (JEC), you help us spread good throughout the year. Through our Operation Round Up program, your donations help the local community. When you round up your monthly JEC bill and donate to this fund, you're making a big difference in your area.

Over the years, our community-focused programs, food donations and other giving projects have built safe spaces for children to play, provided grants to local organizations, supported local schools, educators and young people, fed hungry families through local food banks, provided educational programs and more (65566-001).

Jefferson Energy also participates in the Washington Youth Tour, in which we take our community's brightest young people to Washington, D.C., for a week-



long immersion to experience democracy in action. Ultimately, the larger community benefits from these programs, because of you and your neighbors.

You've likely heard me say that the

cooperative principle Concern for Community is part of JEC's DNA. It defines who we are as an organization. When we first brought electricity to this community in 1937, the quality of life improved. But other things also needed to be addressed, and through the years, this co-op has been at the forefront of bringing improvements to the quality of life in this community. It's why we launched Operation Round Up.

To date, and with your help, we've given hundreds of thousands of dollars back to local families and individuals through this program. Across the country, more than 350 electric co-ops have an Operation Round Up program. Together, we've raised millions for local communities. This shows that small donations from electric co-ops like ours, over time, can collectively make a big impact.

As a local cooperative, we have a stake in this community. It's why we support organizations like our local fire, rescue and police departments, Make-A-Wish Georgia, American Red Cross and more across the 11 counties we serve. We hope you will think of Jefferson Energy as more than your energy provider, but also as a catalyst for good in our community.

Jefferson Energy hopes all our members have a joyous holiday season. May it be merry and bright!

To learn more about Operation Round Up, visit www.jec.coop/community/operation-round-up.

Warm Wishes

The holidays are about making memories and reminiscing the best ones. We wanted to share some warm thoughts and well wishes with you this season as you celebrate with your loved ones.



Caleb May
AMI Technician

“A warm memory of the holidays for me is when me and my father would decorate the house with all the Christmas lights and put up inflatables in the yard. It would take us a whole day to finally set everything up, but it was always rewarding when we finished and were able to view it from the street.

I cannot wait for my son to be old enough to have the same experiences with him. I hope that all our members have a great holiday, making special memories with their loved ones.”



Tamika Lampkin
Director of Cooperative Communications

“My warm holiday memories flash back to Christmas morning, the smell of breakfast in the air, the excitement of the gifts under the tree and the warm blanket around my body protecting me from the brisk air pushing against the window. I can hear the Christmas

music in my mind, and my mom saying ‘Get up! Before I open your gifts for you.’ While those things make for cozy memories, the warmest ones—for me—are of family and the true meaning for the season, Jesus! I hope that each of you create the warmest of memories this holiday and enjoy it to the fullest.”



Rashan Gibbons
Line Technician

“A warm memory for me is the chance to wake up and see the excitement of my children as they open their gifts on Christmas Day. Life has taught me that it’s not about the material gifts, but it’s all about the most precious gift of all, Jesus Christ. I pray that our members have a blessed and safe

holiday, and remember that Jesus is the reason for the season. Happy holidays!”



Melanie Hobbs
Member Services Representative

“A warm memory for me around this time of year is riding around looking at Christmas lights and listening to Christmas music with my granny. It was a wonderful memory that I will forever cherish and will carry on with our daughter this year (10080548-001). I hope that all our members are filled with

the same joy and happiness this season as we come together with loved ones to celebrate being together. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!”

Holiday Office Closings

The Jefferson Energy Cooperative offices will close at noon on Thursday, Dec. 22, and be closed Friday, Dec. 23, and Monday, Dec. 26, in observance of Christmas. The offices will also be closed on Monday, Jan. 2, 2023, in observance of New Year’s Day. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the JEC team! We hope you have a safe, happy and healthy holiday season.

Harlem Kiosk Closing

The kiosk located at the Jet Food Store in Harlem will be removed Jan. 2, 2023.

Please note that our newest payment option, CheckOut, is available for your convenience. Jefferson Energy Cooperative has partnered with more than 50,000 retail locations across the country, including Dollar General, CVS, Speedway and Family Dollar, to bring our members even more convenience when it comes to paying your utility bill.

CheckOut is a fast and convenient way to pay your Jefferson Energy bill while checking out at participating retailers near you (10037889-001).

How it works:

1 GET  Get your barcode on the front of your paper bill or by going to jec.sedccheckout.com	2 FIND  Find participating store locations near you	3 SCAN  Scan barcode at register and pay your bill
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You can scan the QR code on the right to retrieve your bar code. Simply follow the prompts.



Jefferson Energy Cooperative
A Electric Membership Corporation

Coming Up...



Student scholarship and educational advancement opportunities for our **Jefferson Energy Foundation Scholarship and Washington Youth Tour** will begin in **January 2023**.

Department Recognition: Accounting Department

We would like to take a moment to recognize the JEC Accounting Department. Everything that happens at the co-op eventually makes its way to these ladies. From work orders and accounts payable to capital credits, payroll and accounting/finance, the Accounting Department handles it all (54521-001). They're our numbers group, and they provide support for the entire cooperative and to our members. Thank you for all you do!





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Notice of PURPA Hearing

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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.

Jefferson Energy Cooperative (Jefferson Energy) will hold a public hearing on April 19, 2023, to facilitate the consideration and determination of standards established by the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, as amended by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021.

This hearing is held pursuant to the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, 16 U.S.C. § 2601 et seq., and particularly pursuant to 16 U.S.C. §§ 2621, 2622, 2631, and 2632. The following standards will be considered at the hearing:

1. Demand-response practices, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 2621(d)(20).
2. Electric vehicle charging programs, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 2621(d)(21).

The hearing will be held at the Jefferson Energy Corporate Office, with participant sign-in beginning at 9 a.m. and the hearing commencing at 10 a.m. It will be held at:

Jefferson Energy Cooperative

3077 Highway 17 N

Wrens, GA 30833

The hearings will be governed by the Rules for Conducting Proceedings Required by the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (as amended by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021) (the Rules), which was adopted by the Board of Directors of Jefferson Energy Sept. 28, 2022. A copy of the Rules may be obtained at Jefferson Energy's headquarters during business hours. The headquarters is located at 3077 Highway 17 N, Wrens, GA 30833, and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST/EDT. A copy of the Rules may also be downloaded from Jefferson Energy's PURPA website at www.jec.coop.

The hearing schedule may be revised or updated. For updated information on the hearing schedule and other matters related to the hearings, please check Jefferson Energy's website at www.jec.coop, or call Martha Scott, PURPA Officer, at (706) 547-2167.

In accordance with 16 U.S.C. § 2631, the United States Secretary of Energy, any affected electric utility and any electric consumer of an affected electric utility has a right to intervene and participate as a formal party of record in the hearing. To apply for status as an intervenor, an application must be filed with Jefferson Energy no later than **Feb. 17, 2023**. Please refer to the Rules for important details regarding the procedure for intervening. Interested persons who do not wish to intervene may make a limited appearance and furnish oral or written comments as provided in the Rules. **The hearing will start promptly at 10 a.m. and limited appearances will be taken first.**