

# Tideland Topics

*Real People. Real Power.*

## Membership meeting *May 11*

The annual meeting of members will be held on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at Beaufort County Community College auditorium. Member registration will begin at 6:30 pm. The meeting start time is 7:00 pm. Look for the official notice and annual report in next month's issue of Tideland Topics.



SaveDate

## *Seed money* to help K-12 ideas blossom

Classroom teachers may now apply for Bright Ideas funding in amounts up to \$2,500 per grant. To access the online application and learn more about the program, please visit [ncbrightideas.com](http://ncbrightideas.com). The final application deadline is Sept. 15, 2023.



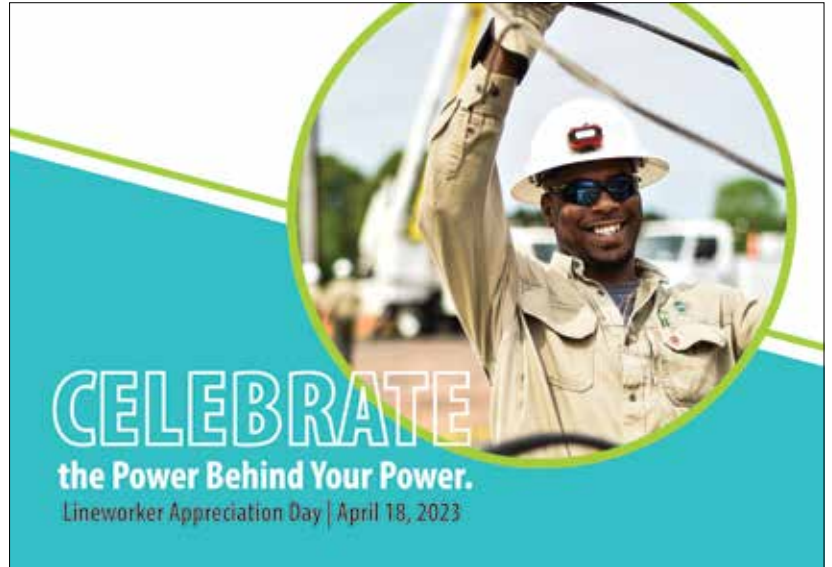


## Message to members

# April showers linemen with heartfelt appreciation

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## Tideland Linemen

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Lineworker Appreciation Days are celebrated every April, honoring the hard work, innovation and dedication of America's electrical lineworkers. The U.S. has approximately 170 million wood poles, 2.7 million transmission towers and 9 million miles of wires all serviced by approximately 120,000 electric linemen.

Begun as an Act of Congress in April of 2013, National Lineman Appreciation Day is the time to #ThankALineman, as the hashtag states, for the contributions that these men and women make to protect public safety and keep power flowing to homes and businesses across the United States.

When passed by the Senate in 2013, the congressional resolution stated that linemen are

often the first responders during storms and other catastrophic events; sacrifice time with their families and friends; and work in dangerous conditions with thousands of volts of electricity atop high power lines to keep electricity flowing 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and therefore should be recognized and appreciated for their dedication and service. We wholeheartedly agree.

Since 2013, Tideland EMC has annually participated in this national celebration to honor these dedicated members of our own workforce.

We hope you will join us in saluting our crews on April 18 which has been designated as National Lineworker Appreciation Day.

# Electrification incentives for new and used vehicles

## NEW VEHICLES

You or your business may qualify for a credit up to \$7,500 under Internal Revenue Code Section 30D if you buy a new, qualified plug-in EV or fuel cell electric vehicle (FCV). To qualify, you must buy it for your own use, not for resale, and use it primarily in the U.S.

The vehicle must have a battery capacity of at least 7 kilowatt hours, have a gross vehicle weight of less than 14,000 pounds, and be made by a qualifying manufacturer with final assembly in North America.

**What is the new federal tax credit through 2032?**

- NEW:** up to **\$7,500** for purchase of a new clean vehicle.
- USED:** up to **\$4,000** for purchase of a used clean vehicle.

**Beginning in 2024, you can choose if you want to take the credit:**

- As a **discount at the dealer** (CARS icon)
- As a **credit on your tax return** (TAX icon)

**How expensive can the clean vehicle be?**

- New SUV/van/truck retail price must be less than: **\$80,000**
- New car retail price must be less than: **\$55,000**
- Used car retail price must be less than: **\$25,000**

**Is there an income limit on claiming the tax credit?**

	NEW VEHICLE	USED VEHICLE
AGI must be under:		
<b>\$150,000</b> SINGLE		<b>\$75,000</b> SINGLE
<b>\$225,000</b> HOUSEHOLD		<b>\$112,500</b> HOUSEHOLD
<b>\$300,000</b> MARRIED		<b>\$150,000</b> MARRIED

More tax incentives for energy efficiency were introduced or updated in the Inflation Reduction Act. Consult with your CPA for the latest information.

## USED VEHICLES

As of Jan. 1, 2023, if you buy a qualified used electric vehicle (EV) or fuel cell vehicle (FCV) from a licensed dealer for \$25,000 or less, you may be eligible for a used clean vehicle tax credit (also referred to as a previously owned clean vehicle credit). The credit equals 30% percent of the sale price up to a maximum credit of \$4,000.

The new and used vehicle credits are nonrefundable, so you can't get back more on the credit than you owe in taxes. You also can't apply any excess credit to future tax years. Purchases made before 2023 don't qualify.

*As always, Tideland encourages you to consult a tax professional before purchase if the tax credit is integral to your decision making.*

## Rights-of-way maintenance schedule

Tideland has hired Lucas Tree Experts to manage vegetation in our rights-of-way.

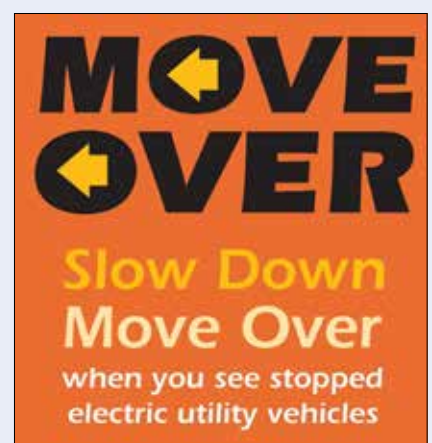
During April, Lucas will work on all three Ocracoke village circuits. A second crew will also work on the Bonnerton circuit out of our Edward substation before moving onto the Lowland circuit.

Lee Electric line construction crews will work on the Rose Bay circuit out of Ponzer substation and the Merritt circuit out of our Silver Hill substation.

Metered service safety inspections will wrap up in Ocracoke before moving on to our Engelhard operational district in mainland Hyde County.

Thank you for your support of each of these important maintenance activities, which improve system reliability and promote public safety.

Be sure to give all utility crews wide berth when approaching them on public roadways.



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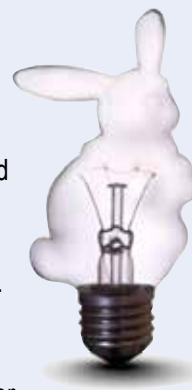
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## Holiday Closing

Our offices  
will be closed  
Friday,  
April 7, for  
Good Friday.  
Our 24-hour  
member  
service center  
will remain open  
and crews are on standby  
to respond to outages as  
needed.



## Time-of-use hours change

Members participating in the co-op's residential time-of-use rate plan are reminded that the switch to summer peak hours begins on Monday, April 17.

The on-peak hours will be 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Monday-Friday. Memorial Day, the fourth of July and Labor Day will be off-peak holidays.

Changes to the rate, which were tentatively announced in March 2020, remain in a holding pattern. We are actively working to deliver the updated rate in 2023.

When the revamped rate arrives, we will no longer treat holidays and week-ends as off-peak. However, the on-peak hours will be cut back to two hours

in winter and three hours in summer.

There will also be a new super off-peak time from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. daily when the price per kilowatt hour will drop to an estimated 3.6¢ contingent on future time-of-use rate options. We think electric vehicle owners will find the rate particularly attractive.

We'll make an announcement here in the magazine just as soon as the new time-of-use rate is ready for roll out.

Questions?  
Call energy services manager Heidi Smith at 252.944.2410.

## Dig Smart. Dig Safe.

Before you dig, call 811 or visit [call811.com](http://call811.com) to mark underground utility lines. 811 is a free service that helps keep our community safe.



April is National Safe Digging Month.