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A NEWSLETTER FOR THE MEMBER-OWNERS OF TIDELAND ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

LEON BRYANT: The passing of a gentle giant and co-op friend

Tideland EMC board member Leon Bryant of Engelhard passed away on December 18, following a courageous battle with cancer. Bryant had served on Tideland EMC's board of directors since 1994.

If you ever met Mr. Bryant, you knew right away that his priorities were the Lord, his family and young people. He was a

teacher with the Hyde County school system until retirement. Mattamuskeet High School graduates recall Mr. Bryant as a principled man who encouraged students to be the best people

they could be both inside and outside the classroom and lived his life as an example worth emulating.



Leon Bryant

Co-op employees were similarly touched by Mr. Bryant's genuine care, concern and appreciation for every member of the Tideland team. When Mr. Bryant said, "I love you" to a room full of employees you knew he meant it.

A giant of a man, not only in stature but in character and concern for his fellow man, Mr. Leon Bryant's kind and gentle presence will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Marzella and the entire Bryant family.

Over \$2.2 million credited back to members in 2013

During 2013, Tideland EMC issued credits to members in excess of \$2.2 million. Capital credit refunds issued in December to current and former members totaled \$318,855. Refunds to the estates of deceased members totaled \$226,531. Wholesale power cost adjustment credits totaled \$1,717,812.

Co-op set new system peak record during polar vortex

On the morning of Tuesday, January 7, Tideland EMC set a new peak demand record of 96.453 megawatts (MW). That's the equivalent of having 64,302 space heaters running at the same time at the 1,500-watt setting.

The previous record of 93.279 MW was set on January 11, 2010. The co-op's highest summertime peak demand of 91.609 MW was set on July 29, 2011.

Tideland's maximum system capacity is 125 MW.



Message to our Member-Owners: January 2014 prices near or below 2012

By Paul Spruill

General Manager & CEO

One of the concerns at the top of everyone's list during the arctic cold snap that gripped much of the country January 7-8 were the resulting energy bills.

While energy consumption is typically the largest determining factor of energy bills, Tideland EMC has worked hard to keep the cost per kilowatt hour to a minimum. To that end we are pleased to report that the billed cost for service in January 2014 was fairly comparable to bills rendered in January 2012. In fact, if you used 2,200 or more kilowatt hours during January 2014, your electric bill was less than it would have been if calculated using January 2012 rates.

For the month of January 2014, Tideland issued a

RESIDENTIAL RATE 1 COMPARISON

kWh billed	Jan 2012	Jan 2014	Difference
1,200	\$156.04	\$158.22	\$2.18
2,000	\$246.13	\$246.47	34¢
2,800	\$336.22	\$334.72	-\$1.50

wholesale power adjustment credit of \$3.17 per 1,000 kilowatt hours of energy use. We anticipate that credit to continue through most or all of 2014 barring any unforeseen market changes.

That may be cold comfort in the face of what for some have been record high energy bills as a result of the January temperature plunge. That's why I encourage you to take a serious look at the co-op's levelized payment plan, which can minimize the peaks and valleys associated with seasonal energy costs.

The levelized billing plan is available to any Tideland EMC residential member and can be activated whenever your account is at a zero balance. (For more information on levelized billing, see page 31.)

Another great tool is the co-op's online member account portal that allows you to review both daily and hourly kilowatt hour consumption to determine the impact weather has on your energy use.

To access the portal, visit www.tidelandemc.com and click the "My Account" link.

Right-of-Way Maintenance Update

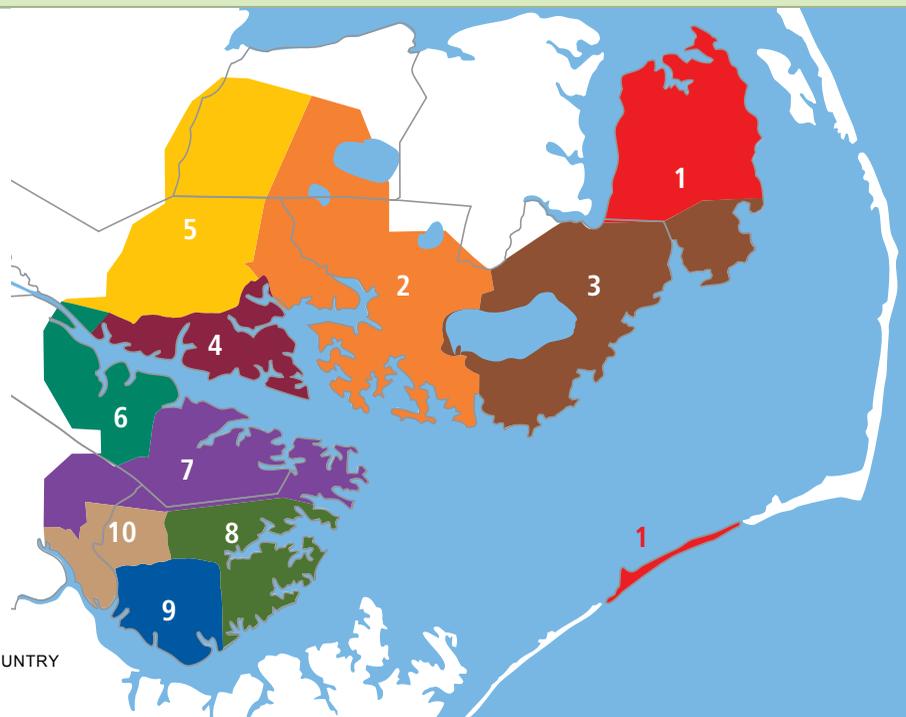
Tideland has hired Lucas Tree Experts to trim trees in our right-of-way. In February, crews will be working in Craven County along Broad Creek Road and in the Fairfield Harbour subdivision. Their trimming includes all connected lanes and roads in that area where overhead power lines are present.

Mowing crews will continue to work south of the Pamlico River along Highway 33 east of Aurora.

Director district map

Tideland EMC members are represented by directors from 10 geographical districts, as depicted in the map to the right. Directors are elected to a three-year term of service on a rotating basis.

A more detailed map of the director districts including a description of all district boundaries can be found on the co-op's website: www.tidelandemc.com/annualMeeting.aspx.



Director nominations underway

It is once again time to nominate candidates for Tideland's annual director elections. The nominating committee will meet February 6, 2014, to consider candidates for districts 2, 7 and 10 currently represented by Mark Carwan, Garry Jordan and David Ipock, respectively. Interested candidates should contact a member of the nominating committee prior to the meeting. The committee's nominees will be posted at all Tideland offices on February 7, 2014.

Nominations can also be made by submitting a petition signed by 15 co-op members no later than February 17, 2014. The last day to introduce new business via petition is April 7, 2014. The annual meeting of members will be held at Beaufort County Community College on Thursday, May 8, 2014.

DIRECTOR QUALIFICATIONS

The following guidelines are excerpted from Board Policy No. 302 and Bylaw 4.02 to ensure quality representation.

Legal & Personal Requirements

1. A Tideland member & bonafide resident of the directorial district.
2. A member no less than 2 years on the date of election.
3. Willing to promote & protect the co-op's interests.
4. Able to impartially represent the entire co-op membership.

5. Willing to regularly attend board meetings.
6. May not be a close relative of an existing director or employee.
7. Is not employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise.
8. Was not previously employed by TEMC, any other utility/energy company, or any entity which substantially rendered services to a utility/energy company.

Aspects of Service

1. Put forth the effort to understand the co-op and provide sound judgement to reach decisions.
2. Respect official decisions made by a majority of the board.
3. Objectively evaluate questions and problems facing TEMC.

Points to Consider

1. Has the member demonstrated sound business judgement?
2. Has the member shown a capacity for leadership & a reputation for honesty & integrity?
3. Has the member shown a capacity for working well with others?
4. What problems might hinder the nominee's success?

For more information or to determine which district you reside in, call annual meeting coordinator Myra Beasley at 252.943.3046, ext. 1125 or 1.800.637.1079.

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Don't sweat it. Levelize it.

Levelized billing takes much of the guesswork out of electric bill payments. Because they are based on a rolling average, monthly payment fluctuations are minimized. Your electric bill must be current and remain current to be enrolled in the program. The example to the right shows that instead of paying bills ranging from \$93.58 to \$198.97 (a spread of \$105.39), the member's monthly payments ranged from \$116.68 to \$139.02 (a spread of only \$22.34).

Call 1.800.637.1079 to enroll.

Actual Bill	Levelized Bill
\$189.26	\$139.02
\$175.10	\$135.26
\$198.97	\$126.10
\$109.37	\$118.97
\$93.58	\$118.37
\$97.89	\$121.58
\$115.39	\$122.89
\$116.99	\$123.39
\$119.68	\$122.99
\$97.35	\$116.68
\$111.54	\$125.35
\$141.38	\$126.54

Cutting breakers off during an outage

During the January arctic blast, we advised members that in the event of a power outage they should immediately turn off all household breakers with the exception of a breaker for indoor lighting. Doing so helps co-op crews restore power, especially during times of increased energy demand posed by extreme temperatures. Once power has been restored, homeowners should wait 15 to 20 minutes and then begin to turn breakers back on.

It is wise to implement breaker shut off during any outage in the event of an extreme outdoor temperature situation be it winter or summer. This strategy is also very important following a widespread outage, such as a transmission or substation outage, or following a lengthy outage of more than several hours even when outdoor temperatures are mild. An example would be following a hurricane when power may have been out to a large number of homes for one or more days. Just like your home, the co-op has capacity limits on its breakers and other power equipment. If you have too many items operating on a household breaker and they draw more power than the breaker's allowable limits then the breaker will trip. Our electric system operates in similar fashion. So to paraphrase the Tom Cruise character Jerry Maguire, "Help us help you" by cutting off as many household breakers as possible until power is restored.

Scholarship deadline approaching

Tideland EMC is accepting college scholarship applications from high school seniors in Beaufort, Hyde, Washington, Pamlico, Dare and Craven counties. Applicants must be the legal dependent of a Tideland EMC member. The co-op will award eight \$1,000 scholarships. Two of the scholarships will be designated for students who plan to attend community college.

Students have until Friday, March 7, 2014, to apply. An application may be downloaded at: www.tidelandemc.com/collegeScholarships.aspx

For more information, call program coordinator Heidi Smith at 252.944.2410.

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ATTENTION RISING HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS & SENIORS: APPLICATIONS FOR THE ELECTRIC YOUTH TOUR TO WASHINGTON, DC ARE DUE MARCH 7, 2014

Give it your best shot

This summer Tideland EMC will provide all-expenses-paid scholarships for two girls to attend the NC State Girls Basketball Camp in Raleigh (June 23-26) and two boys to attend the Roy Williams Basketball Camp in Chapel Hill (June 21-25). The camps will work closely with attendees to develop fundamental skills to help students both on and off the court.



Rising sixth through eighth graders are eligible to apply. The deadline to apply is March 28. Applicants will be judged on academics, extra-curricular activities and written essay.

Applications have been mailed to all middle school coaches in Tideland's six-county service territory. Students can also download an application at our website: www.tidelandemc.com. For more information, call program coordinator Heidi Smith at Tideland EMC at 252.944.2410.