

How To Be Power Savvy



**MESSAGE
FROM
MANAGER
JERRY D.
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Did you know that all power is not created equal?

When you get your power bill each month, you are assessed an amount based on a single rate for the number of kilowatt-hours you used. That rate is actually an average of the prices Lamar Electric Cooperative pays to the wholesale supplier that generates electricity for us.

The electricity we deliver that allows you to power your coffee maker or blow-dry your hair in the morning did not cost the co-op the same as the electricity you use to light your home in the evening or run the dishwasher after supper.

That's because of the way the electricity distribution system works. Electricity is generated and transmitted "live"—in other words, it is put on the grid as needed. That means when demand goes up, more power plants must be put online to supply that demand.

Overnight and in the wee hours of the morning, when most people are sleeping, demand is generally lowest, and so is the price your co-op pays. A few steadily running baseline power plants can supply the demand. These are known as economy price hours.

When the sun rises and people get up and prepare for their day at work or school, they begin to use more electricity, causing demand to rise and prompting grid operators to bring more power generation online, increasing costs. These are the normal price hours, when demand can be met fairly well by full operation of

baseline plants.

In the afternoons and early evenings, the use of power spikes. In summer, that spike comes during the hottest part of the day, generally between 1 and 6 p.m., when air conditioner use is heaviest. In the winter months, that peak shifts to hours around and after sunset, from 6 to 8 p.m. or so, reflecting use of electric heating and greater indoor activity and lighting.

This peak demand often requires the use of expensive-to-run peaking power plants, which can be brought online quickly. These are the hours when electricity costs our cooperative the most.

The rate you see on your bill is a "blended" rate, combining the average of the economy, normal and peak rates. In addition to those power costs, there are fixed charges we pass along to cover the costs of system maintenance, materials and other necessary items.

You can help yourself and fellow cooperative members with some adjustments to your power usage habits. If you can, put off energy-intensive tasks such as using a clothes washer or dishwasher until after peak energy pricing has passed. If you can, adjust your thermostat a degree or two to make your heating or cooling unit run less.

Using programmable thermostats and appliance timers or delayed-start options will help make this adjustment easier.

The more our members can conserve, especially during peak hours, the lower the average rate will go, making everyone's power bills a little less expensive.

Remember, we are not here to make a profit—we are here to serve you with the best possible service at the lowest possible price. Through your actions and habits, you can have a real effect on that price.

COUNTRY CORNER EVENTS

NOVEMBER

6 Cruisin Nights on the Plaza
Downtown
6 p.m.

21 22nd Annual Tinsel & Tidings
Craft Show
Love Civic Center
25 S. Collegiate St., Paris
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

21 Paris Bluegrass Show
18 W. Hearne St. (next to
South Main Café), Paris
Matinee 4 to 5:30 p.m.
Evening Session 7 to 9 p.m.

26 Thanksgiving Day
Have a good holiday

DECEMBER

4-5 Christmas in the Park
Fairgrounds
Friday, 4 to 9 p.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

5 Paris Christmas Parade

If you have any events that you would like listed for Delta, Lamar or Red River counties, please contact Marci Thompson via e-mail at marci@lamarelectric.coop or phone at (903) 783-4911.

NOTICE OF 2008 CAPITAL CREDIT ALLOCATIONS

Lamar Electric Cooperative recently allocated 2008 capital credits to each member's account.

After the end of each fiscal year, the cooperative must determine what, if any, margins were made during the year and allocate these margins to the members' accounts. Your cooperative's margin is the revenue received and receivable in excess of all its operating costs. Since members are owners of the cooperative, the margin is allocated to each member's capital credit account.

These capital credits will be returned to members as approved by the board in the future and when doing so will not weaken the financial condition of the cooperative. At this time, all margins from 1938 through 1969 have been returned to the members.

Capital credits for 1969 were the last retired, so it may be some time before you should expect to receive a check from this capital credit retirement. In the meantime, the funds are used to construct new lines or make improvements to the electrical system even though the amount is credited to each member's capital credit account. The capital credits cannot be used to pay your electric bill.

These capital credits remain even if the member is no longer receiving service from Lamar Electric. It is very important that departing members keep the cooperative informed of their current mailing addresses in the future so they may receive capital credit refunds when they are paid.

Capital credits for each member in 2008 were calculated by multiplying each member's bill by .0311822959. For example:

If your total billing for 2008 from the cooperative, (consisting of energy billing and power cost adjustment) was \$2,000, simply multiply that amount by .0311822959. The product of this arithmetic is \$62.36.

In calculating your total bill include any security light charge, but do not include any tax, service or miscellaneous charges.

If you have any questions concerning these calculations, please contact the cooperative office.

(This article is intended to serve as an official notice of the capital credit allocation for 2008.)



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YOUR "LOCAL PAGES"

This section of Texas Co-op Power magazine is produced by LEC each month to provide you with information about current events, safety, special programs and other activities of the cooperative. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact the local office.

MEMBER BENEFITS:

- Level billing
- Automated meter reading
- Free bank draft service
- Visa, Discover and MasterCard accepted



Unclaimed Capital Credit Checks for 2006

You may be due a refund check from Lamar Electric Cooperative.

Lamar Electric Cooperative is attempting to locate former members who have unclaimed capital credit refunds that were issued in 2006 for the years of 1965-69. Thousands of checks were returned undeliverable by the post office. Only a few months remain to claim your refund before the money must be turned over to the state.

The names listed are accounts that have capital credit refund checks of \$50 or more available to them. If your name appears on the list, or if you are the legal heir to the estate of an account whose name is on the list, please contact Laura Williams at (903) 783-4907 to claim your refund.

We will publish more names in the coming months. A complete list of names is available at Lamar Electric Co-op's office at 1485 N. Main St. in Paris or online at www.lamarelectric.coop.

A B C Interstate	J D Barbee	Eva Boaz	J J Bryan	Johnny Cawvey	James S Crain	Claudia E Duren
Melvin Abbott	Ray C Barber	J G Boaz	B K Bryant	L J Cawvey	Johnnie Crawford	John Duren
F C Adams	Barker Herford	Jimmie Bogan	Earl Bryant	C B Chambless	Lawrence Crawford	R O Durham
J P Adams	Ranch	E C Bogard	Marvin Buchanan	Charles Chandler	Sue Eda Cregg	J R Durst
C R Akins	James D Barnes	R W Boggess	L J Bulin	Mrs Clarence Chapman	W H Crockett	Joe Dyer
Edgar Akins	James T Barnett	E F Bolton	O C Bulin	Chapman	Tom Cross	E & L Cattle
A L Akridge	Lillie Barnett	A C Bonham	Sam Burchinal	Lawrence Chapman	Winnie Cross	Company
J O Alexander	J T Bartlett	Ray Border	Ethel Mae Burks	C C Chappell	G C Crutchfield	Floyd Eacret
Lonnie Alexander	Oma Bartlett	Elbert Boren	B M Burleson	B F Cheatwood	Grady F Crutchfield	T W Earley
Jess B Alford	O J Barton	S L Boren	C F Burrow	Robert Chennault	Helen Cunningham	Thomas V Early
Avis Allen	Floyd Basinger	Zeke Borger	Felix Burrow	W H Chennault	James Cunningham	E L Eaton
D H Allen	Ira Bassett	Leroy Borton	C Burton	J R Chenye	John H Cunningham	D D Echols
Earnest Allen	F M Batch	Arnie Bost	L O Butler	Rawlins Cherry-homes	Glenn Cutshall	W D Echols
Fred Allen	Emitt Bates	Frank Bourband	Sam Butler	C A Cheyne	Eugene Daniels	Walter Eckles
Harold Allen	Alvin Battey	H H Bowden	D M Butts	Jay Childers	L F Daniels	Bruce Edwards
Robert Allen	Charlie Battle	J R Box	Billy J Bybee	R L Childs	Leon Daniels Store	E M Edwards
J D Alley	Ruby Baty	Jess H Bramlett	Stephen Bybee	Robert Chiles	Rondel D Daniels	Frank J Eisele
Doug Alsobrook	Will Baty	Edith Bramlett	J B Byram	Hester Choate	Haskell Darden	Adam Elapassabbi
Richard D Altimore	Jubline Beal	J M Branch	Rosa Byram	Mos Clark A	Warren H Daves	J W Elem
C V Anderson	Nolan Beal	Louie Branch	Elbert Cabler	Monroe Clark	A L Davis	N D Ellis
S R Arnold	Bearden Brothers	O A Brand	Raymond Cagle	Clark & Roberts Company	Ben F Davis	William D Elrod
H G Asher	N B Bearden	A D Brannon	Zenith Calloway	Company	C N Davis	J Embry S
A W Ashford	Verner Lee Beasley	Earl Branum	Agnes Campbell	J W Clarkson	John D Davis	J D Endsley
Sam V Atkins	A T Beckert	Jess Brawner	G D Campbell	Harold Click	Owen Davis	K C Enox
John D Aulgur	Don Bedford	Otha Braxton	John R Campbell	C M Clifton	Robert Lee Davis	L C Eppers
A J Austin	Aubrey Beeler	Roger L Braxton EE	S B Campbell	W G Cline	Willie Davis	J H Eubank
P L Ayles	Bill J Bell	Sam Braxton	J C Canida	Joe Clouse	Charlie Day	Eula Evans
L C Bacy	Martin Bell	C L Brazeal	Gaylon Canup	W H Clouse	Hoover Day	Howard Evans
Alex Badgett	T H Bell	Elmer Brem	Earnest Carey	R B Cobb	Jack Dearborn	James M Everett
John Badgett	R E Belzner	Fletche R Brem	W A Carnahan	J A Cockrell	Hershel Debnam	James C Fagg
Ben Bagby	W H Benningfield	Marie Bridges	Ray Carpenter	L G Coker	C S Decker	A D Fair
R M Bailey	K C Berry	D L Brittian	Bob Carrell	J Tom Cole	G M Decker	Fairview Dairy
T R Bailey	Oma Berry	Lucian Brooks	Geneva Carter	Homer Coleman	C M Dees	A R Farmer
Alford Baird	J C Beville	Phillip L Brooks	J C Carter	Dennis Collins	Hamp Dennis	E A Feldhaus
Arthur L Baird	Jimmie Biard	Charles L Brown	Dorrell Carter	G D Dennison	John D Dennison	Otis Ferguson
Joe Baird	C M Billingsley	Clyde Brown	J R Castleberry	J E Deviney	J E Deviney	Ruby Ferguson
Baird & Smith Store	J N Bivens	K C Brown	Vann P Cato	E L Dew	E L Dew	Don Finch
G L Baker	F W Blackburn	M L Brown Jr.	E E Cauley	M S Deweese	M S Deweese	W F Finley
Wayne Baker	Lewis Blackburn	Mack M Brown	Floyd Caviness	Rex Dickens	Rex Dickens	First American Farms
Charles Ball	W H Blair	Madell Brown	Caviness & Emberson	Charlie Cook	Charlie Cook	Allen Fisher
Albert Ballou Store	R D Blankenship	O J Brown	Community Center	Hazel Cook	Anna L Dillard	C M Fisher
L D Bangs	Ben Blount	T D Brown	Carl Cavnar	Bo Dillard	Bo Dillard	Grady Fisher
Gordon W Banks	C F Boaz	Ben Brownlee		Roy Cook	Andrew Cooper	Bessie Fitzhenry
				Andrew Cooper	E C Cooper	Arthur Fivash
				E C Cooper	Eaton A Cooper	Perry Fleming
				Lester L Cooper	Lester L Cooper	C E Flick
				S W Cooper	S W Cooper	Bobby Floyd
				W S Cooper	W S Cooper	John C Floyd
				D Copeland	D Copeland	J G Ford
				Copeland's Service	Copeland's Service	Elmer W Foshee
				John Coplin	John Coplin	B K Foster
				Mike Coplin	Mike Coplin	Robert W Foster
				E C Coston	E C Coston	E M Fowler
				Allen Council	Allen Council	C H Frank
				Orun Council	Orun Council	Cleveland Franklin
				J T Coutts	J T Coutts	W C Freeman
				Fannie Covington	Fannie Covington	W W Freeman
				Noel Covington	Noel Covington	Mary Friday
				Bill Crabtree	Bill Crabtree	Ray Fry
				Jerry Craig	Jerry Craig	W B Fry
				B W Crain	B W Crain	Harvey Fryar

LAMAR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

E D Fuller	Judge Hardy	C W Howland	Floyd Kelly	Ben Malone	Carl McWherter Jr.	Sam Nicholson
W C Funderburg	Lular Harmon	Lois Huddle	J D Kemp	Manchester Store	Gene McWilliams	Nickles Ranch #1
Montie Funston	Ed F Harp	John G Huddleston	J W Kennedy	J W Mantooth	Means Bros Inc	Arch Nixon
Gertrude Gaffney	Howard J Harp	Wilson Hudnall	Kensing Cattle Company	Roy Maroney	Dewitt Medford	T N Nixon
O A Gain	John Harp	M L Hudson	Lynn Kerley	W E Marr	John Bryant Melton	Floyd Nolen
V L Gaines	Bonnie Harper	C C Hughes	Elsie Kilgore	J T Marsh	Marvin Melton	James Norris
Roy L Garland	Martha M Harrell	S W Hughes	Raymond Kilgore	Dot Martin	Melton's Texaco Station	C F Northcutt
W C Garmon	Alton Harris	Luther Hulen	Troy Kilpatrick	G N Martin	Lloyd Melvin	Jack Norwood
A R Garner	Dee Harris	Henry Humphrey	M S Kimbell	Homer Martin	Vic Merideth	Sharon Norwood
A T Garretson	F B Harris	Jerry Lynn Hurd	Sam Kincaid	J O Martin	Harvey Merritt	Homer L Nowell
Henry Garrett	W L Harris	E A Hysaw	I & L Development	Martin Shilo Community	Jack Merritt	E E Nunley
J H Garrett	Clifford Harrison	Sid Igo	Igo Land & Cattle Co	Thomas W Martin	Bob Metts	Frank Oakleaf
Sam Gentle	Wilma Harrison	Andrew E Ingram	Bob Harvey	D D Mashburn	J A Mears	B Oats
Grady Gibson	J D Hart	L M Ingram	Lewis Harvey	J C Massey	Craig L Miesch	F J Odoms
Dalton Gibson	Bob Harvey	S D Ingram	R P Harvey	M M Massey	C G Milam	Oladko Cattle Co
J S Gibson	Lewis Harvey	Russell Inks Sr.	A F Harwood	Odes Mathews	Bruce Miller	R F Oliver
Harold Gies	R P Harvey	Earnest Inmon	Tilmon Hasting	S W Mathews	Emma S Miller	Kirby Outen
Buck Gilbert	A F Harwood	Don Innis	H J Hastings	Dave Mathis	Sammy Miller	C H Owens
E C Gilbert	Tilmon Hasting	Leroy Irby	W J Gilliam	James Mauldin	B L Mills	Robert Owens
Luther L Gilbert	H J Hastings	John Isbell	W W Gilliam	M F Mauldin	Jo Mills	Weldon Oyler
W J Gilliam	Gus Hatch	Isom & Endsley Grocery	John Golden	Bobby J Mauldin	R S Mills	A N Pace
Bessie Goodman	L C Hawks	J & G Cattle Co	H H Hayles	Austin E Lane	Moran Mims	O B Parchman
A B Gordon	H H Hayles	A W Jackson	Leo Heath	Herman Lane	May Mincey	Clyde Parham
Gordon Brothers Company	Leo Heath	Leon H Jackson	Max Heinsius	Mary V Lane	H F Mayes	Paris Feed Yard, Inc.
Glendon R Gordon	Pat Helms	Willie H Latham	Ila Helms	Odis Lane	J P Mayes	Paris Milling Company
James Gordon	Dan Hembree	John McCann	Pat Helms	Frank Laroe	Jennie Mayes	Bob E Parker
Marion Gordon	Simmie Hemingway	Homer McCleary	Dan Hembree	John Laroe	R A Mayo	Robert Parker
Wm E Graves	E M Henderson	Frank McClure	Simmie Hemingway	John McCann	John Mayo	Frankie Dee Parks
Willie W Graves	W M Henshaw	J B McClure	E M Henderson	Homer McCleary	John McCann	Forest Parks
Boss Gray	A C Henson	Bob McCoin	W M Henshaw	Frank McClure	John McCann	Ellis Montgomery
Dorothy Gray	Jess Herring	O B McCoin	A C Henson	Bob McClure	Homer McCleary	James Montgomery
Mattie Gray	R C Herron	I E McConnell	Jess Herring	Bob McCoin	Frank McClure	B B Moore
R L Gray	Dave Hicks	V A McCool	R C Herron	O B McCoin	J B McClure	Cecil Moore
S L Gray	Ivory Hicks	J A McDaniel	Dave Hicks	I E McConnell	Bob McCoin	E L Moore
V O Gray	Bernard Hill	A W McDonald	Ivory Hicks	V A McCool	O B McCoin	Emmitt Moore
Wallace Gray	F M Hill	Clark McDonald	Bernard Hill	J A McDaniel	J G Moore	J G Moore
A L Green	Paul T Hill	Nixon McDonald	F M Hill	A W McDonald	Minnie Moore	O C Moore
C C Green	Daniel Hines	Odis McDonald	Paul T Hill	Clark McDonald	Robert Moore	Robert Moore
Willie Green	G H Hodnett	R D McDonald	Daniel Hines	Nixon McDonald	William Moore	William Moore
J E Greer	H H Holcomb	Sylvest McDougal	G H Hodnett	Odis McDonald	James T Morris	G L Morton
J A Griffin	V V Holcomb	Will McDowell	H H Holcomb	R D McDonald	G L Morton	Otto Moser
J C Griffin	E L Holder	Bill McDowra	V V Holcomb	Sylvest McDougal	Otto Moser	W A Moser
C B Grimes	Will Holder	F L McEachern	E L Holder	Will McDowell	W A Moser	Mulberry Lumber Company
H E Groff	Jim Holland	V M McEntire	Will Holder	Bill McDowra	Mulberry Lumber Company	James Mullins
Dan Grooms	Thomas Holland	Calvin McFadden	Jim Holland	F L McEachern	James Mullins	John Mullins
Gulf States Tel Co	Bldg Mat	Jimmy D McFadden	Thomas Holland	V M McEntire	John Mullins	J W Murphy
Lennox Gunn	John Holldber	L B McFadden	Bldg Mat	Calvin McFadden	J W Murphy	A B Myatt
C B Gunter	Derald Holley	Noah McFadden	John Holldber	Jimmy D McFadden	A B Myatt	Floyd A Myatt
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Arthur Haliburton	Ted Hollowell	Sherman McFrazier	E L Holloman	Oran McFerrin	Nabors Grocery	Nabors & Viser Grocery
A B Hall	J M Holt	C B McGee	Ted Hollowell	Oliver McFrazier	Nabors & Viser Grocery	Jack Nance
Buna Hall	Addie A Hooker	Harley McGuire	J M Holt	Sherman McFrazier	Jack Nance	Nancy Neal
H E Hall	Lawrence Hoover	Inez McHam	Addie A Hooker	C B McGee	Nancy Neal	Odie Neal
J E Haltom	C T Hope	Eva McKinney	Lawrence Hoover	Harley McGuire	Odie Neal	Vada Nelson
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Claude Hamilton	C W Hornbeck	Robert McKinney	Hopewell Community Center	Eva McKinney	O S Nelson	L W Newberry
Bill Hammer	John Hoskins	Van McKinney	C W Hornbeck	Richard McKinney	L W Newberry	O C Newberry
D A Hammond	John Hoskins	C C McLarty	John Hoskins	Robert McKinney	O C Newberry	Royce D Newman
Ruth Hancock	Lorene Houchins	T J McLaughlin	Lorene Houchins	Van McKinney	Royce D Newman	Morris Nicholas
Muriel L Hanley	G A Howard	Johnny McLemore	G A Howard	C C McLarty	Morris Nicholas	L N Nichols
Lillie Hanley	J H Howard	T J McMonigle	J H Howard	T J McLaughlin	L N Nichols	H H Nicholson
R D Hanson	Jeff Howard	E R McPeak	Jeff Howard	Johnny McLemore	H H Nicholson	
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				E R McPeak		
				Ida C McQuatters		

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