



From the manager

2016 annual meeting to offer more for members

On Nov. 10, 2016, Southern Pine Electric will host its 78th Annual Membership Meeting. This meeting represents a time for us to celebrate the strength of our cooperative, to conduct annual business and to share with our members what we are doing to secure the strength and integrity of Southern Pine.

Each member is entitled to one vote. If you cannot attend the annual meeting, we strongly urge you to participate in the democratic process of casting your vote to make your voice heard by returning your signed proxy.

One exciting change this year that will allow us to accommodate a larger attendance is that we are moving the meeting site to our newly completed warehouse building at 13491 Highway 28 in Taylorsville.

We have also invited Magee General Hospital/Clinic to host a health fair for our members immediately prior to the meeting. Southern Pine Electric members can receive flu shots and blood pressure and glucose screenings at no cost to them. There will be 100 flu shots

available from 11:30 until 1:45 p.m. for members. Blue Cross Blue Shield will provide literature on diet, cholesterol, blood pressure and other health concerns to our members.

Southern Pine Electric employees will host booths for help with social media, energy use and savings demonstrations as well as provide information on capital credits and bank drafts. Southern Pine Electric's bank draft program is the most convenient way to pay your bill without the hassle of writing and mailing a check. Enroll in a valid bank draft and receive a \$25 credit on your account! Application forms will be provided and you will need to bring a voided copy of your check or bank account information to complete the form. Employees will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about additional services we offer our members.

In addition, management and board of directors added a new feature for 2016 that will greatly benefit one lucky Southern Pine Electric member. Among the usual prize drawings, a grand prize of a 2012 Ford F-150 XL extended-cab pickup truck, recently retired



New for this year's annual meeting is the grand prize: a 2012 Ford F-150 XL pickup truck.

from our fleet with fewer than 85,000 miles, will be awarded to one member.

To be eligible for the drawing, members must either attend the meeting or return their proxy by the deadline of Monday, Nov. 7, 2016. No proxies can be accepted after that date.

These are just a few ways that we are working to provide you with excellent service, save you money and make life easier for our members. We invite all our members to take advantage of the benefits being offered during the membership meeting and share in the achievements and milestones made by Southern Pine in 2016. For more information, please visit www.southernpine.coop or call your local office.



By Donald L. Jordan
General Manager

Solar site begins generating electricity

Southern Pine Electric recently began generating electricity using solar energy.

The solar power generation facility is part of a South Mississippi Electric pilot project. South Mississippi Electric is Southern Pine's wholesale electricity supplier.

Similar facilities began operation earlier this year at Coast Electric in Kiln, Singing River Electric in Lucedale, Delta Electric in Greenwood and Coahoma Electric in Clarksdale.

Each pilot project site will generate 100 kilowatts, enough to power approximately 14 homes.

"Surveys we have done with South Mississippi Electric indicate that our members are interested in solar power and other alternate energy sources," said Southern Pine Assistant General Manager Jason Siegfried.

South Mississippi Electric currently uses a mix of coal, natural gas, nuclear, hydropower and solar to pro-



Jason Siegfried, Southern Pine Electric assistant manager, visits the solar panel installation at the association's new campus on Mississippi 28.

duce electricity for 423,000 consumers across 55 counties in the state.

Using alternative energy will also help South Mississippi Electric meet new federal regulations that require

power companies to reduce their carbon dioxide output.

"One of our guiding principles is concern for the community. Solar power will boost our members' quality of life," Siegfried said.

The solar panels were installed at Southern Pine's new campus that is under construction on Mississippi 28 in Taylorsville. The facility contains 378 solar panels that will convert energy from the sun into electricity.

Operation of the five facilities will allow South Mississippi Electric to determine the best locations and technology for larger installations in the future.

South Mississippi Electric in September 2015 executed an agreement with Origen Energy USA to build a 52-megawatt solar energy facility near Sumrall in Lamar County. That project will produce enough energy to power 10,000 homes in the first year. It is scheduled to be completed in December 2017.

Covington project set

Southern Pine Electric will conduct a system improvement project in part of Covington County in October. Some members will see temporary power interruptions during the work.

The work will affect around 520 members served by the substation in the Eminence community of Covington County. The project will involve dividing the affected area into zones, with each zone assigned a date for the work to be completed. (See map)

The project dates are: Oct. 4, Oct. 11, Oct. 18 and Oct. 25. In the event of inclement weather or other issues, the work will be done on the following Wednesday or Thursday.

Members should have their power interrupted only on the dates

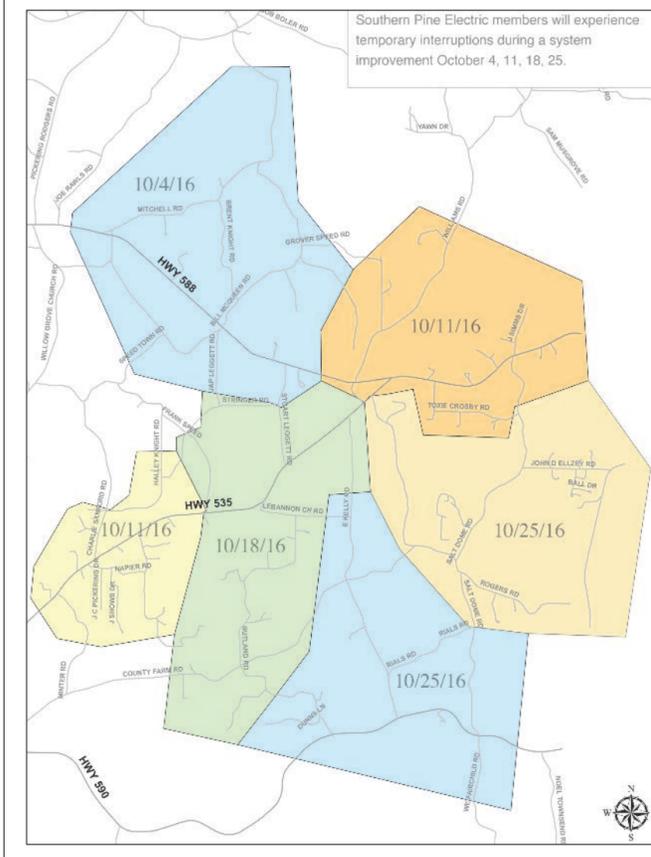
of the work in their zone. Power could be out for up to an hour for each member.

Southern Pine Electric encourages those affected by the project, especially those with special medical needs, poultry farmers and other businesses, to make contingency plans for the outage periods.

"We urge motorists traveling through the area on these dates to take extra precautions while the work is under way," said General Manager Donald L. Jordan.

"When approaching utility workers, please move into another lane or slow down to avoid any accidents."

System Engineer Richie Matson is in charge of the project. If you have questions about the project, call Southern Pine Electric at 601-785-6511 or 1-800-231-5240.



Southern Pine Electric members will experience temporary interruptions during a system improvement October 4, 11, 18, 25.

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Needs Correct Mailing Addresses

Southern Pine Electric has always returned money to its members from their capital credit accounts when financial conditions allowed and upon the death of a member as estate capital credit retirements.

In addition to the annual and estate returns, we have added the following options:

- (1) a former member who has left our system may make application for their capital credits; and (2) we will be returning capital credits as they become 30 years old.

If you have ever been a member of Southern Pine Electric and do not currently have an account with us, we need you to contact our office with a correct mailing address. Specifically, if you had a rural route address prior to the current 911 addresses, your check may have been returned for insufficient or wrong address.

It is very important that we have a correct mailing address on record for each member and all former members of Southern Pine Electric to prevent checks from being returned by the post office, including church and business accounts.

For more information on all options available to you and on the application process, please visit our website at www.southernpine.coop, or email us at info@southernpine.coop or call one of our five offices:

- Taylorsville - (601) 785-6511 or 1-800-231-5240
- Brandon - (601) 824-7070 or 1-800-698-9574
- Newton - (601) 683-2200 or 1-800-698-9573
- New Hebron - (601) 694-2711 or 1-800-698-9571
- Hattiesburg - (601) 264-0185



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Cooking Efficiency Tip

Every time you open the oven door to check on a dish, the temperature inside is reduced by as much as 25 degrees, increasing cooking time - and energy use! Try using the oven light instead.



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www.southernpine.coop

(If you click on the old address - www.spepa.com - you'll be redirected to the new address.)

