

CEC inside your co-op

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Change in Payment Method for CEC Members

Change in CEC payment policies aims to resolve problems by keeping the payment acceptance process in-house.

Choctaw Electric Cooperative (CEC) recently made changes to its policies regarding payment locations. Effective March 1, 2016, Choctaw Electric will no longer accept payments at local banks.

According to Craig McBrain, CEC chief financial officer, accepting payments through authorized banking locations is no longer efficient for co-op members or CEC. "We now receive less than three percent of our revenue from these locations, many of which are located in Hugo, Antlers and Idabel where CEC offers its own payment locations through our offices," McBrain says.

McBrain explained that at the time of the original agreement with the banks, CEC members had two options: mail bill payments or make them in person at the Hugo office.

"CEC enjoys good relationships with area banks and we appreciate their service, but we felt it was time to make the change, now that we have added several new payment methods using widely available technologies," McBrain says.

CEC members can pay by phone using credit card, pay online, pay using the Smarthub app, pay via automatic bank draft, pay in person, or drop payments in the after hours payment window. The co-op is in the process of setting up additional payment options that include check by phone and allowing checking accounts to be used for electronic payments within Smarthub.

With so many options available, CEC hopes members will experience few, if any, difficulties in the transition.

Ways to Pay



PAY IN PERSON

Payment can be made in person from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday through Friday at CEC office locations in Hugo, Antlers, and Idabel.



PAY BY MAIL:

Mail payments to:
Choctaw Electric Cooperative
PO Box 758
Hugo, OK 74743



PAY BY PHONE

CEC accepts Visa and Mastercard payments over the phone. To pay by phone, please call **800-780-6486**.



PAY ONLINE OR VIA SMARTHUB MOBILE APP

Make payments online at www.choctawelectric.coop and navigating to the Smarthub Portal. To make electronic payments on your smartphone or mobile device, download the Smarthub App. The app allows you to view usage, make payments, and report outages. Using Smarthub, you have the option to make a one time payment or set up recurring payments.



AUTOMATIC BANK DRAFT OR AVERAGE MONTHLY BILLING OPTION:

Please contact Customer Service at **800-780-6486** to set up an automatic bank draft.



AFTER HOURS PAYMENTS

Use the payment drop box at CEC locations in Hugo, Idabel and Antlers, or use Smarthub to pay online.

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MANAGEMENT PERSPECTIVE

The Importance of Member Engagement

In 2012, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) released a report entitled, "The Electric Cooperative Purpose - A Compass for the 21st Century."

Among their findings, the task force comprised of a dozen co-op leaders from across the country concluded that an electric cooperative's purpose is to, "Power communities and *empower members* to improve the quality of their lives."

NRECA is the national trade organization representing 900 electric co-ops across the nation. Choctaw Electric Cooperative (CEC) is a member of NRECA and we firmly believe that you, our members, need to be at the heart of everything we do.

CEC is different from investor-owned utilities such as AEP/PSO and Oklahoma Gas and Electric (OG&E), and we are proud of that fact. Investor owned utilities exist to generate profits for their stockholders. The majority of these stockholders don't live in the communities served by their utility. They may not even live in the same state.

While CEC must generate enough revenue to cover our costs, making a big profit is not our main motive. Serving you and your neighbors is our number one priority.

As the Electric Cooperative Purpose report noted, "Our story is about ordinary people that banded together to improve the quality of life by providing electricity to our community when no one else would do it."

That was CEC over 75 years ago. As we look to the future, it's important to point out that your active participation is still needed in determining the future of our co-op.

Co-ops enjoy the support of people from all walks of life. We operate in every type of business from agriculture, housing, finance, health care, technology, small business, food and many more. Co-ops are found in the most rural to the most urban areas.

CEC welcomes your input on what we can do to make sure we are meeting your needs. Members are free to attend CEC's monthly board meetings the last Tuesday of the month, or email your suggestions and ideas to customerservice@choctawelectric.coop.

Your cooperative trustees make themselves available to members because they are your sounding board at the co-op. If you would like to visit with your elected board member, you'll find their contact information posted on our website at www.choctawelectric.coop, or give us a call at 800-780-6486 and we will provide it to you.

With a new board of trustees and new management, Choctaw Electric's core values are reaffirmed. One more thing you can count on from your locally owned electric co-op: We won't be moving operations to Mexico or China like so many corporations are doing. Choctaw Electric is local and that means we're staying right here. We are committed to our local members and making life in southeast Oklahoma the very best it can be.

BY JON K. MILES
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



FIND IT ONLINE

■ *Know the principles* You know Choctaw Electric is a cooperative, but did you know that co-ops have a set of unique principles that sets them apart from other businesses? They are the known as the "Seven Cooperative Principles" and you can find them at www.choctawelectric.coop.



Members Named Best in Oklahoma

Two businesses on Choctaw Electric Cooperative lines earned top honors in the Best of Oklahoma Living issue published in January.

Sponsored by the statewide rural electric cooperative magazine, the annual competition invites readers to vote on their favorite Oklahoma restaurants, rodeos, Christmas parades and more.

Winning votes as the best romantic getaway, the Chasing Fireflies Cabin in Broken Bow is owned by Mike and Nancy Simon. The cabin pampers guests with a heart shaped jacuzzi tub, heated tile floors, fireplace, hanging king size bed

and other plush amenities.

Voted best antique store by Oklahoma Living readers, Janet's Treasure Chest in Hochatown rolls out an array of unique and collectible antiques plus the world's largest collection of Bigfoot memorabilia.

Congratulations to these businesses for being the "best of the best," and thank you for your contribution to southeast Oklahoma!

For more information on the chasing Fireflies Cabin, visit <https://www.facebook.com/ChasingFirefliesCabin/>. For more info on Janet's Treasure Chest, call 580-494-6639 or visit www.beaversbendlodging.com.



WORTH REMEMBERING

March 4

Deadline to enter CEC's Energy Camp contests. For details, visit www.choctawelectric.coop or call 800-780-6486.

March 13

Daylight Savings Time begins. Set your clocks up by one hour and enjoy the extra long days!

March 16

AARP Defensive Driving Course at CEC in Antlers. The course is open to the public. The cost is \$15 for AARP members; others pay \$20. Price includes a course handbook and other materials. To enroll, please call 800-780-6486, ext. 209. Class begins at 9 am.



Kilowatt Kid's Camp Lines Up Fun Activities for Local Kids

Summer will be here before you know it and that means Kilowatt Kid's Camp!

Choctaw Electric camp coordinators have been busy making plans for camp, which will take place on the following dates:

June 23

9 am - 11:30 am
CEC Idabel

June 30

9 am - 11:30 am
CEC Hugo

The theme for Kilowatt Kid's Camp this year is "We Can Stay Safe Around Electricity." All children, ages first through third grade, are welcome to attend.



Kids enjoy a morning of making crafts, playing games and participating in hands-on activities that help them understand the importance of electrical safety.

Camp enrollment forms will be published in your co-op newsletter in April. For more details about Kilowatt Kid's Camp, please call Jia Johnson or Brad Kendrick at 800-780-6486.

OFFICIAL



MINUTES



Scan this code with your smartphone or tablet to read the monthly minutes of your co-op board meeting. Minutes are also available at any CEC location. Members requesting hard copies must sign a non disclosure agreement.

To scan the code, install a Bar Code Scanner app, available at the App Store.

More Changes to Choctaw Electric Policies

Cost of service study shows changes in line extension policy necessary to recoup costs

Note: The article below is a summary of the changes to CEC Terms and Conditions of Service. Customers requiring new service should set up an appointment with the CEC staking department by calling **800-780-6486**. Visiting with your co-op ahead of time can help you avoid any unexpected costs or delays.

To shore up procedures and address the increasing cost of construction, Choctaw Electric Cooperative board and management amended policies regarding line extensions and related construction. The amended policy became effective on February 1.

The board's actions result from findings from the co-op's recent cost of service study performed by C.H. Guernsey, an engineering and consulting company. The cost of service study is a tool used by electric utilities to evaluate the effectiveness of rates, set financial goals, and formulate long term business strategies.

Study results for CEC showed a need for improvement in the co-op's line extension policy to help the co-op recover costs incurred in constructing lines and related equipment.

Permanent Residences

In the past, CEC provided new residential members with 300 linear feet of line for free, however, the rise in the cost of construction materials, labor, and work equipment has now surpassed what the co-op can recoup over the life of the service. The resulting shortfalls can increase base rates for existing members. The new policy ensures new members pay their fair share of costs, but still recognizes the value they bring to the co-op by providing a credit of up to \$2,500 for line extension costs.

The policy uses a set formula to calculate the amount a member is required to pay as his or her contribution to construction costs. The formula includes a fixed base fee, a variable footage charge, and the credit for CEC's allowable investment as calculated in the most recent cost of service study.

Construction Fees for Permanent Residences		
	OVERHEAD	UNDERGROUND
Base Fee	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,100.00
Price Per Foot of Use	\$ 7.50	\$ 14.00
Maximum Credit for Permanent Residence	\$ 2,500.00	\$2,500.00

Example 1. 300' Overhead Service to a Permanent Residence	
Base Fee	\$ 1,500.00
Footage Fees (300 ft x \$7.50)	<u>\$2,250.00</u>
Project Total	\$ 3,750.00
Cooperative Allowable Investment (Max. \$2,500)	<u>(\$ 2,500.00)</u>
Contribution Required From Member	\$ 1,250.00

Example 2. 100' Overhead Service to a Permanent Residence	
Base Fee	\$ 1,500.00
Footage Fees (100 ft x \$7.50)	<u>\$750.00</u>
Project Total	\$ 2,250.00
Cooperative Allowable Investment (Max. \$2,500)	<u>(\$ 2,500.00)</u>
Contribution Required From Member	\$ —

Example 3. 100' Underground Service to a Permanent Residence	
Base Fee	\$ 2,100.00
Footage Fees (100 ft x \$14.00)	<u>\$1,400.00</u>
Project Total	\$ 3,500.00
Cooperative Allowable Investment (Max. \$2,500)	<u>(\$ 2,500.00)</u>
Contribution Required From Member	\$ 1,000.00

The fixed base fee covers the items required on every service that aren't part of the line extension. This includes transformers, metering equipment, brackets and other hardware. The variable footage charge covers the cost of line, poles, and labor. Once costs are tabulated with the fixed and variable costs, CEC applies a credit for the co-op's allowable investment. The sample schedules printed above show costs under the new policy and a sample calculation.

Commercial & Non-Permanent Residential

The costs involved in serving commercial and non-permanent residential accounts differ from traditional accounts and require different accounting formulas. For example, a fixed base charge does not apply because the equipment required to serve these accounts can be drastically different

than that of a typical home. To extend line to a commercial or non-permanent account, the member pays the current price of all transformer and metering equipment and line extension charges. The footage charge for single phase overhead construction is \$7.50 per foot. Single phase underground is \$14.00 per foot.

All three-phase services is built at actual cost. An upfront payment of the estimated cost of construction is required. If the estimate is higher than construction costs, CEC will refund the difference. If the estimate is lower than actual cost, the member is billed for the difference. ■

If you have questions about the line extension policy, please call Choctaw Electric at **800-780-6486**, ext. 253.

SCAM ALERT

Don't be fooled! Your co-op never makes calls demanding payments or threatens to disconnect service.

Choctaw Electric is warning members about scams being perpetrated on utility consumers.

Scams on rate payers are a growing problem in the U.S. The scams usually begin with a telephone call that warns you that your account balance is overdue and your service is scheduled for immediate cut off.

The consumer is instructed to provide payment by purchasing a money card from a local store, and then giving that card number to the caller. Some scammers ask for the victim's credit card information.

In more sophisticated scams, callers are able to "spoof" the actual utility number so the call appears on Caller I.D. as the victim's legitimate utility. Some scammers leave messages asking the consumer to call them back. If the consumer calls that number, the automated answering system sounds very much like the consumer's utility, however, any option the consumer chooses delivers them to a real person who tries to get a payment.

Scam attempts have been reported at neighboring co-ops in Texas and at numerous electric co-ops throughout Oklahoma.



Suspect A Scam?

Report it to your electric co-op immediately at **800-780-6486**.

Members are also urged to report suspicious calls and scam attempts to the Oklahoma Attorney General Consumer Protection Division.

File complaints online at <https://www.ok.gov/oag/>, via email to public.protection@oag.ok.gov, or telephone **405-521-2029**.

Co-op members are reminded that CEC *never* attempts to collect money over the telephone. Delinquent accounts receive notices in the mail or automated messages.

If you receive a call or a message about your CEC account, please hang up the phone and refer to your last electric bill. Do not call any telephone numbers or visit any websites instructed by the caller until you check that information carefully against your CEC billing statement.

Please report suspicious calls to CEC immediately at **800-760-6486** so we can warn other members.

\$5^{.00} off
your electric bill!

Lower your electric bill by five bucks this month by signing up for paperless billing using Choctaw Electric's Smarthub. Instead of receiving a bill in the mail, your bill is delivered electronically for quick, easy viewing. The process saves your co-op thousands of dollars in printing, mailing and administrative costs—and it's convenient for you!

To sign up for paperless billing, visit www.choctawelectric.coop and click on Smarthub. If you're already registered on Smarthub, simply log in and click "Go Paperless."



Community Events

Help us promote your event by sending event details in advance. Please send event information to Jennifer Boling/Inside Your Co-op/ PO Box 758, Hugo, OK 74743; or e-mail info to jboling@choctawelectric.coop. Events and dates are subject to change.

MARCH

- 5 Mary H. Herron Memorial Kite Fest, Idabel
- 13 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 16 Beavers Bend Kayak Classic, Broken Bow
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 20 1st Day of spring
- 20 Palm Sunday
- 25 Good Friday – CEC Offices Closed for the holiday
- 25-26 Grant's Early Bird Bluegrass Festival, Hugo
- 27 Easter Sunday

APRIL

- 2 Dogwood Days Festival, Idabel
- 2 American Indian Youth Leadership Spring Pow Wow, Broken Bow Sports Complex
- 30 Spring Art Show, Frisco Depot Museum, Hugo

MAY

- 7-10 Red Slough Birding Convention, Idabel
- 27-29 Heartland Nationals Sand Drag Race, Atoka
- 28 Jim Long Memorial Car Show, Clayton
- 30 Memorial Day – CEC Closed

💰 Lucky Account # 38853551 (\$25 Bill Credit). If the account number above belongs to you, contact your co-op by the 10th of the month to claim your \$25 bill credit. Call Jennifer Boling at **800-780-6486**, ext. 207, or contact CEC via email or in person.



Farm Lighting Systems Advance With LEDs

Poultry producers on CEC lines are flipping the switch to LEDs

Light emitting diodes (LEDs) convert electricity into bright, white light far more efficiently than other lighting options, and poultry farmers on Choctaw Electric lines are taking notice.

Farms pose unique challenges for lighting, says Brad Kendrick, Choctaw Electric energy use specialist. Harsh environments—excessive dirt, dust, heat, humidity, and ammonia emissions—impact lightbulb performance. To date, conventional light sources have not been able to successfully address these challenges.

LEDs offer a robust, environmentally sustainable, and potentially longer-lasting solution. Even better, since light from LEDs can be manipulated, the technology may be able to improve production.

CEC currently serves 120 poultry farms where a steady flow of electricity is imperative to keeping birds happy and alive. The heavy usage, however, can mean bills from \$700 to \$2,900 per month. Kendrick says he touts LEDs as a more efficient option and is seeing more growers make the switch.

With a rated life of 35,000 to 50,000 hours, LEDs can last up to 33 times longer than traditional incandescent bulbs, four to eight times longer than linear fluorescent bulbs and compact fluorescent lamps, and more than twice the time of high-intensity discharge lamps. Most of the newer poultry houses use 100 percent LED lighting, Kendrick says.

CEC poultry grower Justin Jones owns three houses near Idabel. Two of his houses use cathode light bulbs, but the

third house is all LEDs. "I wanted as much control over that environment as possible, and I get that with LEDs," Jones says.

Because his houses are on one meter, Jones says it's difficult to determine precisely how much he is saving, but he is noticing a difference. More importantly, LEDs give him better control of the brightness in the house, and they burn cooler. These factors keep his birds happy and healthy, Jones says.

LEDs are more expensive than traditional lighting, but the U.S. Department of Energy reports a price drop of 54 percent over the last two years. CEC also offers loans to local poultry growers who wish to switch to LED bulbs.

LEDs offer farmers several benefits, including:

- Rugged and vibration-resistant construction
- Directional lighting results in less wasted light
- Customizable colors (for example, blue light for calming)
- Dimmable capabilities and integration with lighting controls programmed for maximum production
- No mercury content or waste disposal costs
- Water- and ammonia-resistant lamps can be hosed or foam-cleaned without fixture damage

Studies on LED efficiency in farms are being conducted at 50 farms across the U.S. Preliminary results imply promising and significant energy savings and suggest there may be a boost in production. Farmers can remain cautiously optimistic that research and LED companies will be able to create lighting that is cost effective, long-lasting, and has a positive impact on animal health and well-being.

To visit with Brad Kendrick about loans on LED bulbs, please call **800-780-6486**. Learn more about farm and home lighting options at energy.gov/lighting. Want more ways to save on the farm? Use the animal housing, irrigation, nitrogen, tillage, and grain drying energy calculators at EnergyTools.sc.egov.usda.gov.



Shining a Light on LEDs

LED lamps and fixtures installed in the U.S. increased tenfold over the last two years—from 4.5 million units in 2010 to 49 million units in 2012. These installations, which include indoor and outdoor applications, are expected to save about \$675 million in annual energy costs.

During the same period, the cost of an LED replacement bulb has fallen by about 54 percent. Switching entirely to LED lights over the next two decades could save the U.S. \$250 billion in energy costs and reduce electricity consumption for lighting by nearly 50 percent.

By 2030, LED lighting is projected to represent about 75 percent of all lighting sales, saving enough energy to power approximately 26 million U.S. households. —Source: U.S. Department of Energy

Is Prepaid Billing Right For You?

Avoid “after shock” by paying ahead for your electricity

Before Choctaw Electric Cooperative (CEC) created its prepaid billing option, co-op members had one option: Pay for the electricity they used *after* they used it. With seasonal shifts in usage, this caused some members to suffer from electric bill “after shock.”

CEC's prepaid option revolutionized the way co-op members pay their bills by allowing them to pay ahead for their power. For some members, prepaid is the perfect option.

HOW IT WORKS

Rather than waiting to be surprised by your monthly electric bill, CEC prepaid accounts receive alerts when their account balance reaches a minimum threshold. When you enroll in prepaid billing you are free to choose your own limit of \$20 or higher.

Once your account hits the threshold point, you can choose to make a payment of any amount over \$1 to ensure your balance does not reach zero. When that happens, your electricity goes off.

NO FEES

The difference in a prepaid account being disconnected versus traditional accounts being disconnected is a reduction in fees.

THAT'S A FACT:

Consumers enrolled in pre-pay programs use from 5.5 to 14% less electricity than consumers enrolled in traditional bill payment plans.



“To be reconnected, prepaid members only need to make a payment that puts their account back in the green by at least \$10,” says Hilary Pound, CEC billing supervisor. “Traditional accounts are charged fees for reconnection.”

Prepaid members aren't charged reconnect fees because there is less risk associated with their account, Pound explains. “A traditional account may have 60 days worth of usage by the time it is disconnected,” she adds. “Prepaid accounts never get that far behind, which helps them avoid added expenses.”

NO DEPOSITS

When a new member calls for a service connection, they are likely to be quoted a security deposit. New members who sign up for prepaid billing can skip the deposit and pay just \$125 to start a prepaid account instead.

ENERGY SAVINGS

Prepaid is a sure-fire way to save energy. Studies show consumers who pre-pay use from 5.5 to 14 percent less electricity than traditional consumers.

“Members who pay in advance keep a closer eye on how much and when they use electricity,” says Pound.

No fees or deposits, flexible payments and proven energy savings make prepaid attractive to a variety of CEC members.

To visit with your co-op about prepaid billing, please call **800-780-6486** or visit **www.choctawelectric.coop** for more details.



SEND US EMAIL: Please email questions for Ask Your Co-op to: Jennifer Boling, jboling@choctawelectric.coop. Or, mail questions to Choctaw Electric Cooperative, PO Box 758, Hwy 93 North, Hugo, Oklahoma 74743.

ASK YOUR CO-OP

■ What is the meter charge of my bill?

The CEC meter charge is confusing to members because it covers way more than the actual cost of your meter. Most utilities use this fee structure, but it is more commonly referred to as a consumer charge or basic service fee.

This fee covers all the various fixed costs associated with keeping safe and reliable electricity flowing to your meter. This includes the cost of maintaining infrastructure such as poles, substations, transformers, and power lines.

If a car crashes into an electric pole or vandals rip out the copper conduit from co-op electrical equipment, these costs are covered by the monthly meter charge. Labor and expenses involved in administering all of the services provided by your co-op including billing, accounting, member services, energy audits, engineering, online services and more are all covered by this fee. It also pays for line upgrades, right of way maintenance, and many other system improvements.

If the fixed costs associated with operating your co-op were factored into your monthly electric rate instead, it would have negative impact on your service reliability, not to mention causing real financial woe for your co-op. For example, during mild weather when energy usage decreases, the drop in revenue might not cover daily operating costs. During periods of high usage, it would cause an excess of revenue to be collected.

The meter charge ensures a steady, balanced revenue stream that reflects the accurate cost of service.

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Best days according to Moon phases.



Best planting days

Above ground crops ...	8, 11-12, 15-17
Root crops	3-4, 7, 23-27, 30-31
Seed beds	15-17, 25-27
Kill plant pests	5-6

Best fishing days

👉 Best	15-17, 25-26
☺ Good	5, 7-9, 20-22, 27
☹ Fair	3-4, 6, 11-12, 23-24, 30-31
☹ Poor	1-2, 9-10, 13-14, 18-19, 28-29

Best days to do other stuff

Begin diet to gain weight	10, 14, 18
Begin diet to lose weight	1, 23, 28
Begin logging	5-6
Breed animals	1, 27-29
Make sauerkraut, can, or pickle	1, 26-27
Cut hair to discourage growth	25-26
Cut hair to encourage growth	13-14
Cut hay	11-12
Destroy pests and weeds	11-12
End projects	7
Go camping	2-3
Graft or pollinate	18-19
Harvest above ground vegetables	13-14
Harvest below ground vegetables	5-6, 23-24
Go to the dentist	23-24
Plant above ground vegetables	9-10, 18-19
Plant below ground vegetables	1, 27-29
Prune to discourage growth	2-4
Prune to encourage growth	11-12, 20
Quit smoking	1, 23, 28
Set posts or pour concrete	5-6
Start projects	9
Wean animals and children	1, 23, 28

—from the *Old Farmer's Almanac*

Good Eats

IN SOUTHEAST OKLAHOMA

Fried Cabbage with Bacon, Garlic, and Onions

INGREDIENTS

- 6 slices bacon, chopped
- 1 large onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 large head cabbage, cored and sliced
- 1 tablespoon salt, or to taste
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- ½ teaspoon onion powder
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- ⅓ teaspoon paprika



DIRECTIONS

Place the bacon in a large stockpot and cook over medium-high heat until crispy, about 10 minutes.

Add the onion and garlic; cook and stir until the onion caramelizes; about 10 minutes.

Immediately stir in the cabbage and continue to cook and stir another 10 minutes. Season with salt, pepper, onion powder, garlic powder, and paprika.

Reduce heat to low, cover, and simmer, stirring occasionally, about 30 minutes more.

SOURCE: MYRECIPES.COM

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\$30. Holmes whole house room air purifier, \$35. Holmes infrared heater, \$25. Wood burning stove with blower system, \$300. Jobar's Glow in the Dark stair treads, set of 4, new in box, \$15. 580-494-6353.

■ MISCELLANEOUS

Metal 4-step safety ladder with side rails. Brand new, never used, \$75. Hitch mate for standard size pick-up. Brand new, still in box, \$50. Micro-convection oven. Instruction book and recipes book included,

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