



Annual Meeting 2007

Annual meeting informs, engages co-op members

Southern Pine Electric Power Association members took part in their association's annual membership meeting Nov. 8 at the headquarters office in Taylorsville.

One of the privileges of membership in an electric cooperative is the right to elect a board member to represent you when setting policy and making important business decisions. A quorum of members voting in person at the meeting or by proxy re-elected the following directors to three-year terms:

- Mims Berry, of Lawrence County
- Gary Crumpton, of Smith County
- Marcus Martin, of Rankin County
- Billy Parish, of Jefferson Davis County

General Manager Don Jordan moderated the meeting, which included a business session and a prize drawing (see winners below).

Members received copies of their Association's annual report. A few high-



lights:

- Southern Pine has opened a new office in Hattiesburg and expanded the Brandon District office.
- Southern Pine members continue to enjoy one of the lowest rates per kilo-



Lonnie Thigpen, left, a Southern Pine Electric Power Association board member, visits with a member during the annual meeting. Don Jordan, far left, Southern Pine general manager, moderates the meeting.

watt-hour in the nation.

- The Association's kilowatt-hour sales reached a record peak in July 2007.
- Southern Pine has grown from a membership of some 300 in 1938 into the state's largest electric cooperative in

kilowatt-hour sales, the third largest in number of meters served and the nation's 15th largest in miles of line.

For more about Southern Pine and its services, visit your local district office or go to www.spepa.com.

Southern Pine adopts new line extension policy

Rising costs in the electric power industry are forcing Southern Pine Electric Power Association to look constantly for ways to reduce the impact on our members. Our 10,000 miles of line covering parts of 11 Mississippi counties require substantial amounts of time, labor and dollars to operate and maintain.

In an effort to keep our rates as low as possible, Southern Pine's board of directors recently approved a new Line Extension Policy. Effective Jan. 1, 2008, new overhead services to a permanent dwelling within 1/4 mile and new overhead services to mobile homes within 175 feet of an existing power line will not be required to pay any aid-to-construction.

At right is a Schedule of Construction Fees for new extensions of Southern Pine's electric distribution network. The charges applied to each type of new service have been determined based on historical costs experienced by the Association. The more services we add to our existing distribution system with minimal cost of new construction, the better our cooperative will be at maintaining reasonable and competitive rates.

Southern Pine returns more than \$1 million to co-op members

Southern Pine Electric Power Association is returning \$1 million to its members in the form of capital credits.

Individual capital credit returns of less than \$100 will be issued in the form of credits to the member's account. For capital credit returns of \$100 or more, Southern Pine will mail a check to the member.

Checks will be mailed and accounts credited beginning in December. Southern Pine is a cooperative business, meaning that the company is a not-for-profit organization owned by those it serves. The Association's not-for-profit status allows it to return earnings back to its members in the form of capital credits. The amount each member receives is based on the amount of electricity the member purchased during 2006.

Southern Pine Electric Power Association--Schedule of Construction Fees		
A. Single Phase Overhead (1Ø OH) ATC = 1Ø OH + ROW		
Permanent dwelling Public facilities	First 1,320 ft (1/4 mile) All over 1,320 ft (1/4 mile)	No Charge \$2.50 per ft (\$50 min)
	non-seasonal residence, apartment, condominium, with or without out-building federal, state, county, or municipal gov't facility, school, fire dept, emergency medical facility, church, water association	
Commercial agriculture	First 175 ft From 175 ft to 1,320 ft All over 1,320 ft (1/4 mile)	No Charge \$0.50 per ft (\$50 min) \$3.50 per ft
	dairy, hog, or poultry farm	
Mobile homes	First 175 ft From 175 ft to 1,320 ft All over 1,320 ft (1/4 mile)	No Charge \$1.00 per ft (\$50min) \$4.50 per ft
	single or double-wide, or manufactured housing, owner occupied or rental	
Non-dwellings	First 175 ft From 175 ft to 1,320 ft All over 1,320 ft (1/4 mile)	No Charge \$2.50 per ft (\$50 min) \$4.50 per ft
	lodge, camp, barn, vacation home, camper trailer, water pump for residence, non-commercial shop or out-building, pool or pool house, tennis court, electric gate or fence	
Other farm	emu, worm farm, greenhouse, farm water pump, riding arena, fruit picking/grading shed, syrup shed, non-commercial sale barn	
Small commercial	food processing, sawmill, wood yard, hospital-nursing-boarding, hotel/motel, restaurant, small or large retail, office, credit union, waste, communication tower, telephone exchange, cable tv, airport, small manufacturing, pipeline rectifier	
B. Single Phase Underground ATC = Calculate as defined in sub-section		
1Ø URD	Minimum charge for underground service	\$550.00
	Primary & secondary per trench foot (direct burial)	\$4.00 per ft
	Primary & secondary per trench foot (in conduit)	\$4.50 per ft
	Conduit furnished & installed by customer	\$2.50 per ft
	Padmount transformer	\$500.00
	Primary junction cabinet	\$500.00
	Secondary pedestal	\$300.00
	Riser charge	\$250.00
	Overhead retirement for conversion to underground	\$1.00 per ft
	Security light - (\$125.00 minimum charge)	\$2.50 per ft
Permanent dwelling Public facilities	non-seasonal residence, apartment, condominium, with or without out-building federal, state, county, or municipal gov't facility, school, fire dept, emergency medical facility, church, water association	1Ø URD + 1Ø OH + ROW
Commercial agricultural	dairy, hog, or poultry farm	1Ø URD + 1Ø OH + ROW
Mobile homes	single or double-wide, or manufactured housing, owner occupied or rental	Computer calculated URD + ROW
Non-dwellings	lodge, camp, barn, vacation home, camper trailer, water pump for residence, non-commercial shop or out-building, pool or pool house, tennis court, electric gate or fence	Computer calculated URD + ROW
Other farm	emu, worm farm, greenhouse, farm water pump, riding arena, fruit picking/grading shed, syrup shed, non-commercial sale barn	
Small commercial	food processing, sawmill, wood yard, hospital-nursing-boarding, hotel/motel, restaurant, small or large retail, office, credit union, waste, communication tower, telephone exchange, cable tv, airport, small manufacturing, pipeline rectifier	
Subdivision	Subdivision developments (facilities installed at front of lots) Lots w/ maximum roadside frontage = 110 feet Lots w/ roadside frontage = 111-150 feet Lots that do not meet the above criterion	\$500.00 per lot \$750.00 per lot Calculated in office
C. General		
Temporary construction	single phase (drop only)	\$75.00
Temporary construction	three phase (drop only)	Negotiated
Transient facilities	mining (gravel, sand, limestone), asphalt plant, oil facility, gas facility	Total calculated Installation Cost + 50% Installation Cost (Removal)
D. ROW		
ROW Clearing	Charges will be added as necessary for initial clearing of right-of-way in excess of \$500.00	
	Basic trimming/cutting with bucket or chipping crew	\$30.00 per man-hr
	Mechanical clearing with specialized equipment	\$50.00 per man-hr
ROW Acquisition	Fees or charges to third party for ROW acquisition will be added	
E. Three Phase Overhead (3Ø OH) ATC = 3Ø OH + ROW		
Public facilities	First 175 ft From 175 ft to 1,320 ft All over 1,320 ft (1/4 mile)	No Charge \$3.75 per ft (\$75 min) \$6.00 per ft
	federal, state, county, or municipal gov't facility, school, fire dept, emergency medical facility, church, water association	
Small commercial	food processing, sawmill, wood yard, hospital-nursing-boarding, hotel/motel, restaurant, small or large retail, office, credit union, waste, communication tower, airport, small manufacturing	
F. Three Phase Underground ATC = 3Ø URD + 3Ø OH + ROW		
3Ø URD	Minimum charge for underground service	\$700
	Primary & secondary per trench foot (direct burial)	\$8.00 per ft
	Primary & secondary per trench foot (in conduit)	\$9.00 per ft
	Conduit furnished & installed by customer	\$4.00 per ft
	Padmount transformer	\$3,000.00
Riser charge	\$400.00	
Public facilities	federal, state, county, or municipal gov't facility, school, fire dept, emergency medical facility, church, water association	
Small commercial	food processing, sawmill, wood yard, hospital-nursing-boarding, hotel/motel, restaurant, small or large retail, office, credit union, waste, communication tower, airport, small manufacturing	

Annual Meeting Prize Winners



Billy F. Cummins
DVD player



Teresia Burgess
Microwave oven



David Holt
\$1,000 of electricity



John C. McLaurin Jr.
Grill



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris
TV

Season's Greetings

Southern Pine Electric Power Association will be closed Monday, Dec. 24, and Tuesday, Dec. 25, for Christmas and Tuesday, Jan. 1, for New Year's Day. A dispatcher will remain on duty for emergency calls only.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

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