

Current REPORT

For Members of Lynchess River Electric Cooperative

Clearing Vegetation Keeps Service Reliable

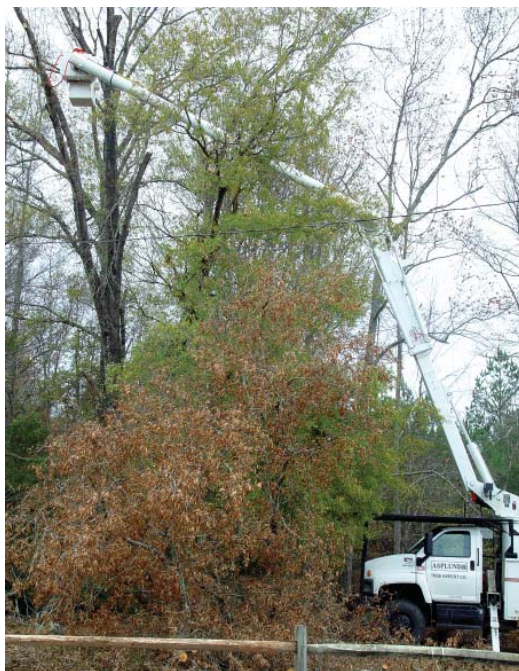
Providing reliable service to our members is Lynchess River Electric Cooperative's highest priority. We know it's inconvenient to be without electric service.

Although we cannot eliminate all power interruptions, Lynchess River actively takes steps through our ongoing vegetation management program to reduce the number of outages caused by vegetation in our rights-of-way. To control vegetation both above and below our power lines, we employ qualified personnel for our right-of-way maintenance.

At any time during the year, tree limbs can snap off and damage co-op equipment. Trees touching power lines actually drain electricity off the electrical system, and in severe cases can cause Lynchess River's line-protection devices to take a circuit out of service. Voltage dips, caused when trees contact a power line, can damage appliances and sensitive electronics in homes and businesses.

Brush, weeds and small trees would grow around power poles and into our lines causing blinks and eventually an outage if left unattended. Herbicidal spraying on a six-year cycle controls underbrush eliminating the need for mowing, which saves your cooperative money.

We're making our way to your neighborhood on a carefully planned schedule that covers every mile of every circuit in our service area. If you have any questions about Lynchess River's vegetation management program please call 672-6111 or 1-800-922-3486.



An Asplund foreman in the bucket takes down a diseased tree one limb at a time. The limb lying on the ground in front of the truck broke off from the same tree, taking down a service line as it fell.

2010 ROW Schedule

Side Trimming

Lancaster County (Cauthen Substation)

McIlwain Road
Jones Crossroads Community
Lynwood Drive
New Hope Community
Mt. Carmel Community
Pleasant Hill Community

Chesterfield and Lancaster Counties (Brewer Substation)

Highway 265
Jefferson Area
Taxahaw Road
Charlesboro Community
Flat Creek Church Community
Midway Community
Taxahaw Community

Herbicide Spraying Treatment

Pageland Substation Area

Pageland Area
Airport Area
Highway #9
Guess Community
Peach Orchard Road
Highway 265
Mt. Croghan Community

North Pageland Substation Area

Sutton Road
Highway 601
Petersburg Community
Highway 207
Dudley Community
Arant Street
Hornsboro Community
Liberty Hill Community
High Point Community

Honesty is the Best Policy

By now I'm sure many of you have made your New Year's resolutions. I happen to think New Year's resolutions are a good idea since they are about positive changes we can make in our lives.

We feel the same way here at Lynch River Electric Cooperative. While we don't make resolutions, we do resolve to continue providing members with the very best service in all areas of our business. One of the ways we can provide the best service is to communicate to our members what is going on in the electric utility business.

What we have to tell you may not always be what you want to hear, but I believe open, honest communication is always the best policy.

In our December issue of Current Report, I gave members the good news that your cooperative has no plans to raise rates this year. The bad news is your electric bills may go up anyway.

If you read Current Report and South Carolina Living magazine, you are probably aware of the climate change legislation now in the Senate and the potential impact this bill when passed will have on the electric utility industry.

A recent article from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), which represents the interests of the nation's 900-plus consumer-owned and governed electric cooperatives, reported climate change legislation in the Senate has stalled and will likely be picked up sometime this spring.

In the meantime, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has declared six greenhouse gases, including carbon dioxide, are endangering public health and welfare.

"This action puts a 'foot in the door' for EPA to promulgate sweeping new regulations that could impose strict limits on carbon emissions from power plants, driving up electric bills," warns Glenn English, CEO of NRECA. English goes on to say, "Regulation of carbon dioxide as a pollutant will occur with or without congressional input."

We expect once climate change legislation is passed and/or the EPA imposes their own set of regulations to control greenhouse gases electric bills could increase by 40 percent. We want our members to understand Lynch River will have no control over this increase.

Electric co-ops across the country are doing their part by fighting to ensure any climate change policy goals adopted are fair, affordable and achievable. Members also should stay engaged in the process by making their voices heard in this debate.

David A. Altman



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You can make a difference. Visit the Our Energy, Our Future web site and send a message to your legislators today. Tell them you want a balanced solution for electric generation for our energy future! While there, click on **Tell Your Story** and share your story of how higher electric bills would affect you and your family.

Viewpoint



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Juniors—Win Trip to Washington, D.C.



The Youth Tour is more than a fun week in Washington, it's enlightening and educational. Students will catch a glimpse of their government in action, learn the value of electric cooperatives and broaden their horizons. The purpose of the trip is to encourage students to become involved in their communities and the democratic process.



What did you do this summer? That's a question many students get when they return to school in the fall. If you are one of the lucky students chosen for the 2010 Youth Tour, you can tell your friends, "I spent six days on an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. While there I took a cruise on the Potomac River, attended a play at the Kennedy Center, toured Arlington National Cemetery, visited Capitol Hill and made lots of new friends."

The Youth Tour is open to high school juniors whose homes or families' businesses are served by Lynch River Electric Cooperative. Applying for the Youth Tour is easy. Students can obtain applications from Lynch River, their high school guidance counselor or download an application from lynchesriver.com/CommunityResources/WashingtonYouthTour.

To find out more about the tour, visit youthtour.coop.

Contact Leigh Smith, Youth Tour coordinator at 675-3213 or toll free at 1-800-922-3486 ext. 213 for additional information or to request an application.

To Do List: *Join WIRE, Make Friends, Have Fun*

Our lives seem busier than they used to be. There aren't enough hours in the day to do everything we want to do. Maybe it's time we slow down and focus on the important things, like our family, our friends and those less fortunate in our community.

WIRE gives you the opportunity to do all three. Being a WIRE member requires just a few hours of your time, but those few hours can make a big difference in someone's life. Think about what it means to a child to have a new pair of shoes or to a co-op family to receive undergarments after a house fire. Experience the laughter of nursing home residents when WIRE members visit with treats and entertainment or the giggles of a sick child at the sight of Santa Claus offering them a cuddly stuffed animal during WIRE's annual hospital visits.

Join WIRE and you too can have that warm and fuzzy feeling you get when you make someone happy. WIRE meets the second Tuesday in March, June and September at 6 p.m. The November meeting date is set at the September meeting. WIRE meetings include a delicious dinner, interesting speakers, WIRE business and lots of fun. Contact Leigh Smith at 675-3213 or 1-800-922-3486 ext. 213 for more information.



Prepare Emergency Outage Supply Kit

Lynches River Electric Cooperative's goal is to provide reliable service members can count on. Occasionally, power service is interrupted due to circumstances beyond our control. In most cases we can restore power in a short time; however, during a widespread outage it may take us longer to get your power back on. In this case, it's a good idea to keep some emergency items on hand. The following is a suggested list of supplies for your **Emergency/Disaster Kit**:

Water. Stock plenty of emergency water, especially if you have your own well.

Food. Have a three-day supply of non-perishable food that requires no refrigeration, cooking or preparation.

Battery-Powered Radio or TV. Be sure to have a battery-powered radio, NOAA weather radio or TV and extra batteries.

Alternate Light Source. Have one flashlight per person and extra batteries.

First Aid Kit. Purchase an over-the-counter kit or make your own. Remember to store a supply of prescription medicines.

Sanitary Supplies. Stock adequate supplies of toilet paper, soap or antibacterial gel, feminine supplies, garbage bags, etc.

Phone. Have a cell phone or land line phone to report your outage. Cordless phones will not work without power.

Fire Extinguisher. Have a UL listed fire extinguisher labeled for class A, B and C fires.

Visit Us On the Web

For a complete list of emergency supplies and tips on how to prepare for an outage visit the **Safety Center/Storm Center** at

lynchesriver.com



Track Electricity Use

Would you like to know why your electric bill is higher in some months than in others? With the handy chart below you can keep a record of your electric bills for the next 12 months. Clip out the chart and post it where you will be sure to see it.

Each month when you receive your electric bill, fill in the information on the chart. At the end of the year, you will have a history of your electricity usage. The chart will help you see when your electricity use is the highest.

Visit lynchesriver.com for ways to reduce your energy use and tips on using electricity more efficiently.

The information you'll need for the chart can be found on your monthly electric bill.



Monthly Tracking Chart

Month	Date Read	Reading	kwh Used	Bill
January				\$
February				\$
March				\$
April				\$
May				\$
June				\$
July				\$
August				\$
September				\$
October				\$
November				\$
December				\$

Temperatures and Holidays Affect Usage

As you fill in your electricity information each month, take note of the temperatures for that month.

You will notice your electricity usage goes up during the coldest and hottest months when you heat or air condition your home. Heating and cooling account for about 50 percent of your electricity use.

Holidays are another reason you may see an increase in your electricity use. Typically, families do more cooking, cleaning and entertaining during November and December. And, don't forget the additional electricity used for Christmas lights and outdoor decorations.