



# CONNECT

A newsletter for the members of **JEFFERSON ENERGY COOPERATIVE**

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

## Capital Credits and The 'Cooperative Difference'

**Chris Dillard, President and CEO**



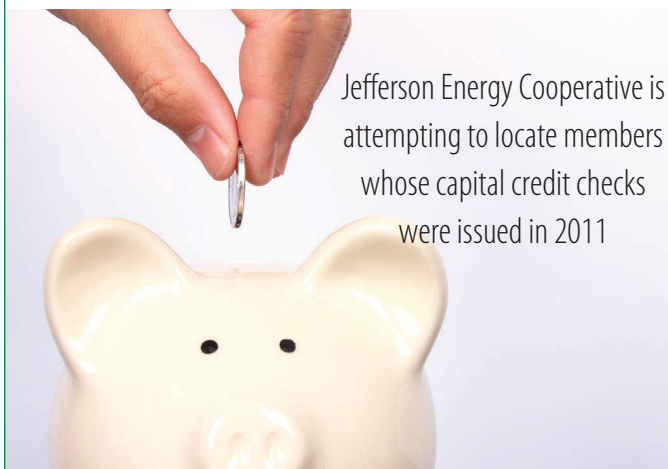
**W**e often talk about the “Cooperative Difference,” the difference between being an actual member of Jefferson Energy Cooperative rather than just a customer. One of the most significant of those differences is that any excess margins (would-be profits) are returned to you, our members, in the form of capital credits.

In compliance with O.C.G.A. § 44-12-236 of The Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act, Jefferson Energy Cooperative is attempting to locate members whose capital

credit checks were issued in 2011, but which have been returned by the U.S. Post Office as “undeliverable” or otherwise been unclaimed. These returned capital credits (10044914-001) are for patronage allocated during years 1977-1978.

A current list of these members, and their last known addresses, is posted on JEC’s website at [www.JEC.coop](http://www.JEC.coop) and maintained at our corporate office, located at 3077 Highway 17 North, Wrens, Georgia for review from 8 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you believe you may be entitled to receive a patronage capital allocation that was paid by Jefferson Energy Cooperative in 2011, please contact Customer Service at 1-877-JEFERSON (877-533-3377). To claim these funds, you must show adequate proof of identity, as well as provide information relating to your membership account with Jefferson Energy Cooperative.

The last possible date to claim these funds is *Sept. 29, 2017*. If capital credit refunds are not claimed by this date, they will be used for education, community projects, economic development or donated for charitable uses, as permitted by O.C.G.A. § 44-12-236.



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### Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Warmer weather is on the way! Use energy efficient window treatments or coverings, like blinds, shades and films, to reduce heat gain in your home. These devices not only improve the look of your home but also reduce energy costs.

—Source: U.S. Department of Energy



# Summary of the Bylaws of Jefferson Energy Cooperative

## ***Pertaining to Membership, Annual Meetings, Board Representations and Nominations/Election of the Board***

**T**he Bylaws of the cooperative provide that any person is eligible to receive electric service from, and thus become a member of, JEFFERSON ENERGY COOPERATIVE.

Annual Meetings of the membership are held on the third Tuesday in July of each year at a place within the area served by the cooperative and selected by the Board of Directors. Notice of the meeting must be given to each member, and the notice must state the purpose of the meeting.

A Board of Directors manages the affairs of the cooperative. A director must be a member, must not be closely related to another director and must not be an employee of, or do business with, the cooperative. (96067-001) Board members are elected for three-year terms, which are staggered in order that three terms expire each year. Section 4.05 of the Bylaws states that one director shall be so nominated and elected from each of the three following regions:

### **NORTH REGION:**

Warren, Glascock, McDuffie and Columbia counties

### **SOUTH REGION:**

Johnson, Emanuel, Jefferson, Washington, Burke and Jenkins counties

### **RICHMOND COUNTY REGION:**

Richmond County

A committee appointed each year by the board nominates directors. Any one hundred (100) or more members may make additional nominations by acting together over their signatures not less than seventy (70) days prior to the Annual Meeting. Nominations are posted at the cooperative's offices and the notice to the membership must contain information about expiring terms and the nominations which have been made to fill those vacancies.

The directors whose terms expire in 2017 are: Larry Hadden, North Region; Eugene Tanzymore, Richmond County Region; and James L. Gay, South Region.

## 2017

## Nominating Committee

In accordance with Article IV, Section 4.06, of the Jefferson Energy Bylaws, the Board of Directors has appointed the following co-op members to serve on the 2016 Nominating Committee.

### **NORTH REGION**

Joe Dean Usry  
Lloyd Axon  
Terry Johnson

### **SOUTH REGION**

Mac Reeves  
Dana Nasworthy  
Wayne Yost

### **RICHMOND COUNTY REGION**

Victoria Johnson  
Oscar W. Brown  
James Jarriel

The Nominating Committee will meet on Thursday, April 6, 2017, at 10 a.m. at the cooperative's headquarters at 3077 Highway 17 North, Wrens, Georgia.

# Jefferson Energy Cooperative Foundation Scholarships

The Jefferson Energy Cooperative Foundation is accepting scholarship applications. Forms are available at local Jefferson Energy offices, as well (51553-001) as the guidance offices at local high schools. Applicants must be a member of Jefferson Energy Cooperative. The deadline for submitting applications is March 31, 2017. Please contact Suzanne Saunders at 706-547-5055 for more information.degrees Fahrenheit. Not only is that hot enough, it's a safer temperature than anything higher, especially if children or older family members are showering in your home.

**The deadline for submitting applications is March 31, 2017.**



## Don't rely on luck for safe microwave oven

Cooking in your microwave oven can save energy and money compared with using the stovetop or oven. It's perfectly safe to heat up food or drinks in a microwave—as long as you're using it correctly and the appliance is in good shape.

But every now and then, you'll hear that someone was burned while heating something. Don't let the next report be about someone in your family.

Here are a few tips to keep yourself and your family safe around this handy appliance:

- If the microwave door does not close securely and seal fully, don't use it. Call for a repair or, if your equipment is old, replace it. An unsealed door can allow microwave radiation to leak out of the oven.
- If the fan, light or turntable operates even when the door is open, do not

use it.

- If a door hinge comes loose or falls off, repair it before you use the oven.
- If the door is bent, warped or damaged, don't use the appliance.
- Place food and liquids in microwave-safe containers before heating. (10046967-001) Glass, ceramic and plastic containers labeled for microwave oven use are OK. Avoid placing metal pans and aluminum foil in the microwave. And some plastic can melt when you heat it.
- Don't overheat water. If you overheat plain water, it can explode—violently and without any warning. Some people have reported that the exploding water

scalded their hands and face. A tip: Put instant coffee or sugar into the water before heating it to reduce the risk of an explosion.

- Read and follow the manufacturer's instructions and cautions before using a microwave oven or any electric appliance.





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## Jefferson Energy Cooperative

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P.O. Box 457  
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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### LARRY HADDEN

*Chairman  
North Region*

#### JOE SHURLEY

*Vice Chairman  
North Region*

#### JAMES L. GAY

*Secretary/Treasurer  
South Region*

#### MARK D. DAVIS

*South Region*

#### TIM GARRETT

*South Region*

#### WILLIAM HOWARD

*North Region*

#### OPHELIA MCCAIN

*Richmond County Region*

#### EUGENE TANZYMORE

*Richmond County Region*

#### MARTIN THOMPSON

*Richmond County Region*

A CONSUMER-OWNED GEORGIA COOPERATIVE SINCE 1937

### OFFICE HOURS

Wrens office: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Area offices: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday

#### CHRIS DILLARD

*President/CEO*

#### STEVE CHALKER, CCC

*Director of Public Relations/Editor*

For your convenience, bills can be paid anytime at the Corporate Headquarters, Richmond, Louisville or Thomson offices.

### TOLL-FREE SERVICE NUMBER

**1-877-533-3377**

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### KEEP INFORMED AND WIN \$25

It pays to keep informed about JEC's business. Read and find your account number in "CONNECT." Call our Member Services Department to claim your award—a \$25 credit on your bill.

### WITH YOUR CORRECT PHONE NUMBER, WE CAN GET THE LIGHTS ON FASTER

During large outages, Jefferson Energy Cooperative receives thousands of calls at once. Having your correct phone number helps our Outage Call Answering System retrieve your information faster.

Please check the phone number and service address listed on your electric bill. If they are incorrect, please call 877-JEFFERSON (877-533-3377) with the correct information so we can better serve you.

*Jefferson Energy Cooperative is an equal opportunity provider and employer.*

## PRODUCT CONTENT LABEL

The product is sold in blocks of 150 kilowatt-hours (kWh). The product will be made up of the following renewable resources.

| Green-e Energy Certified New <sup>3</sup> Renewables in Jefferson Energy Cooperative Green Power Program | Generation Location |                   |         |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|---------|
|  | 2016 <sup>1</sup>   | 2017 <sup>2</sup> |         |
| Biomass  | 100%                | 100%              | Georgia |
| Geothermal   | 0%                  | 0%                |         |
| Eligible hydroelectric   | 0%                  | 0%                |         |
| Solar  | 0%                  | 0%                |         |
| Wind   | 0%                  | 0%                |         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>100%</b>         | <b>100%</b>       |         |

- The 2016 figures reflect the resources that were supplied for the year ending Dec. 31, 2016.
- The 2017 figures are prospective and reflect the power that we have contracted to provide. Actual figures may vary according to resource availability. We will annually report to you before Aug. 1 of next year in the form of a Historic Product Content Label the actual resource mix of the electricity you purchased.
- New Renewables come from generation facilities that first began commercial operation within the past 15 years. This product includes generation from a facility that is approved for extended use by Green-e Energy.

For comparison, the current average mix of resources supplying Jefferson Energy Cooperative includes: Coal (57.3%), nuclear (17.4%), oil (0%), natural gas (6.4%), hydroelectric (0.2%), and other (18.7%).

The average home in the United States uses 909 kWh per month. [Source: U.S. EIA, 2013]

For specific information about this electricity product, please contact Jefferson Energy Cooperative, (706) 547-2167, [www.jec.coop](http://www.jec.coop).



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Green-e Energy certifies that Jefferson Energy Cooperative Green Power Program meets the minimum environmental and consumer protection standards established by the non-profit Center for Resource Solutions. For more information on Green-e Energy certification requirements, call 1-888-63-GREEN or log on to [www.green-e.org](http://www.green-e.org).