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A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

Thank a lineworker on April 12



IF YOU WERE ASKED to associate an image or a person with Fairfield Electric Cooperative, I bet you would picture a lineworker. Perhaps the most visible employees of the co-op, lineworkers work tirelessly to ensure our community receives safe,

reliable power.

“Lineworker” is listed as one of the top 10 most dangerous jobs in the U.S. This is understandable as lineworkers perform difficult tasks near high-voltage power lines. Regardless of the time of day, they brave stormy weather and other challenging conditions. Lineworkers must climb 40 feet up a pole, often carrying heavy equipment, to get the job done. They also bear the responsibility of getting your power back on and returning home safely to their families.

Being a lineworker is not a glamorous or easy profession. It takes years of specialized training, ongoing education, dedication, and equally important, a sense of service and commitment. How else can you explain their willingness to leave the comfort of their homes to tackle a challenging job in difficult conditions, when most are sheltering at home?

This dedication and sense of service to the community is truly what sets them apart. That’s why we set aside the second Monday in April to celebrate and recognize the men and women who work around the clock to keep the lights on.

While lineworkers may be the most visible employees at Fairfield Electric, it’s important to note that there is a team of highly skilled professionals working behind the scenes. Engineers provide ongoing expertise and guidance on the operations side of the co-op. Member

You may get a survey from us

Delivering reliable and affordable energy to you in the future will require an understanding of how you use electricity. What kind of heating/cooling system do you have? Which large appliances do you use the most and how old are they?

We will send residential appliance surveys to select members of Fairfield Electric Cooperative on April 12. This survey will either come as a paper copy, a postcard or an email. Participants’ names will not be associated with their responses and information is protected by privacy agreements.

service representatives are always standing by to take your calls and questions. Our information technology experts are continuously monitoring our system to help safeguard sensitive data. These are just a few of the folks who work together to ensure we can deliver the service and reliability you expect and deserve. Without them, our lineworkers wouldn’t be able to “bring the light” to our community.

Our dedicated and beloved lineworkers are proud to represent Fairfield Electric, and they deserve all the appreciation and accolades that come their way on Lineworker Appreciation Day.

On April 12, and any time you see a lineworker, I hope you’ll join me in thanking them for their exceptional service. I also hope you’ll remember that you have a dedicated team of professionals working behind the scenes at the co-op whose commitment to service runs just as deep.

BRUCE G. BACON
 Chief Executive Officer

Capital credits assigned for 2020

AS AN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, each dollar of payment by cooperative members in excess of the costs of providing electric service is an investment in the cooperative. An assignment of capital supplied by each member is recorded on the cooperative's books each year.

This assignment is made by applying the percentage of the cooperative's margins (revenues in excess of expenses) to the member's total billing for the year. In addition, margins are assigned to Fairfield Electric by other organizations with which it is associated, including our generation and transmission cooperative and other associated organizations.

Retirement of capital credits is made on a periodic basis when the board of trustees determines that the financial condition of the cooperative will not be impaired.

The allocation resulting from Fairfield Electric's margins for the year 2020 for all rates, except Rate 60 (Industrial), is \$.07030195 per \$1 of revenue. The allocation for Rate 60 (Industrial) is \$.02552220 per \$1 of revenue.

Patronage capital from the cooperative's generation and transmission provider and associated organizations is separated from margins generated from the sale of electricity.

The allocation from our generation and transmission cooperative for the year 2020 for all rates, except Rate 60 (Industrial), is \$.00149958 per \$1 of revenue. The allocation for Rate 60 (Industrial) is \$.0005440 per \$1 of revenue.

The allocation resulting from associated organizations for the year 2020 for all rates, except Rate 60 (Industrial), is \$.00409434 per \$1 of revenue. The allocation for Rate 60 (Industrial) is \$.00148640 per \$1 of revenue.

The table below shows examples of how your capital credit can be calculated. To compute your individual assignment, apply the percentage figures to the total of your electric purchases for 2020.

Capital credit illustration (non-industrial)				
If the total electric portion for 2020 was:				
2020	Percentage	\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500
Patronage Capital Assigned from Fairfield Electric	\$.07030195	\$35.15	\$70.30	\$105.45
Patronage Capital Assigned from Generation & Transmission Cooperative	\$.00149958	\$0.75	\$1.50	\$2.25
Patronage Capital Assigned from Associated Organizations	\$.00409434	\$2.05	\$4.09	\$6.14

Join the movement, you could win



LAKESHIA TEW won a \$100 gift card in the winter gift card local contest for members participating in Beat The Peak. The program asks participants to shift their use of electricity during peak times, when demand for power use is high, to off peak times.

Members who register for Beat The Peak notifications by June 30 will be eligible to win a \$500

Visa gift card in a statewide prize drawing. In addition, one member will win a \$100 gift card from a local prize drawing. If you are already participating in Beat The Peak, it is not necessary to register again to be eligible for the prizes.

Go to **BeatThePeak.com** and complete a simple form and indicate how you want to receive peak alerts.



Capital credit refunds coming soon

Capital credits are a benefit of membership in a member-owned utility. Each year Fairfield Electric uses the revenues that exceed costs as equity. These funds and borrowed capital allow the cooperative to serve a growing number of members while implementing the latest technology to provide the best service possible. Fairfield Electric later returns these revenues to the members who originally paid them in their electric bills.

This year, the board of trustees has authorized the distribution of capital credits totaling \$1,720,728. Your cooperative will retire the remainder of capital credits for 2005, 40% of 2018 and 75% of 2019.

The capital credit refunds will be issued in the form of a check or a credit on your electric bill. If your assigned capital credits total is less than \$75, you will receive your refund as a credit on your bill during late April or early May, depending on your billing cycle. For those refunds over \$75, a check will be mailed in early May.

We are very proud that we are able to return capital credits. It is a direct reflection on the financial strength and stability of your cooperative and that's something in which we can all take pride.