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Guest Column

How Energy Use Changes with the Seasons

AS YOU LOOK AROUND YOUR home, you likely have more devices in your household that require more electricity than ever before. Our lives increasingly depend on electricity each day to function. As a member of Somerset Rural Electric Cooperative, you know how to conserve electricity to save money, but did you know that when you use electricity can be just as important as the amount you use.


Our regional transmission organization, PJM Interconnection LLC, monitors and identifies the five highest days of electric use. “High-five” hours will always occur June through September and will always be five separate days. During these months, we will make announcements during the expected high-five days asking members to reduce the amount of electricity used between the hours of 1 and 6 p.m. These announcements will air on local radio stations and WJAC-TV Channel 6.

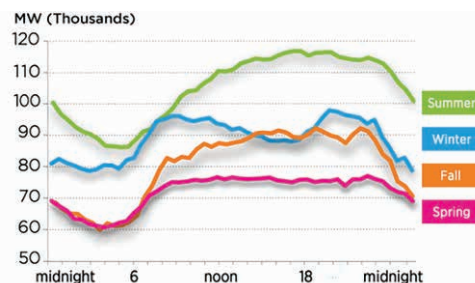
Throughout the day, energy use fluctuates based on consumer demand. In the morning, most people are starting to get ready for their day, and when they return home for the evening, they are cooking dinner, washing clothes, and watching TV. “Peak” hours are times when people in our community are using more electricity at the same time.

In the summer, electricity use increases gradually throughout the day as outside temperatures increase rapidly, air conditioners are in use and pool pumps are on. The peak then drops when the sun and temperatures go down.

By shifting energy use to hours when the demand is lower, also known as off-peak hours, we can conserve high-priced electricity and continue to provide quality service to our members. By conserving our electricity use, we can save the co-op money. Your co-op is working hard to keep you informed, and together we can make a difference!

Here are simple ways to shift energy use:

- ▶ During the summer months, adjust your thermostat a couple of degrees higher during peak hours.
- ▶ Close curtains and blinds to keep things cooler in your home.
- ▶ Operate washers, dryers, dishwashers, stoves and other appliances in the early morning or evening.
- ▶ Cook with an outdoor grill or a microwave oven.
- ▶ Turn off any unnecessary lights.
- ▶ Unplug devices from their outlets when not in use.
- ▶ Run pool pumps at night.
- ▶ Hang clothes on a clothesline instead of using the dryer. 



BEAT THE PEAK: Shifting energy use outside of peak hours can help reduce future energy costs.

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We owe these people money. Can you help us find them?

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST of names of people who have unclaimed capital credits (money) waiting for them at the cooperative office. Their capital credits checks were returned by the post office as undeliverable. These checks were part of the capital credits retirement mailing in December 2022 for capital credits earned from a portion of 1998 and 1999.

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Recapping Our 84th Annual Meeting

THE 84TH SOMERSET RURAL ELECTRIC Cooperative (REC) Annual Meeting was held May 25 at the Somerset Area High School auditorium. It was the first in-person meeting since 2019. The co-op had an exceptional turnout with more than 600 attendees, including 433 registered members.

Many members provided positive feedback about their satisfaction and experience by commenting, “We’re happy with REC service. REC has trained trustworthy employees, and we’re confident in REC and satisfied with the service!” and “We are blessed to be in the Somerset REC area. We appreciate all that you do!”

Upon arrival, members formed two lines for registration. Each registered member received a \$20 bill credit. After registration, members proceeded to the cafeteria for refreshments and cookies, which led to 40 basket-raftle items and seven grand-prize items members could have a chance to win. When entering the auditorium, members received an annual report that included the 2023 director nominees, a financial report, scholarship recipient recognition, a member satisfaction survey and information about the SmartHub app, which is a convenient way to manage your Somerset REC account. Copies of the annual report are available upon request.

During the meeting, 10 of the 12 recipients of the \$1,000 Somerset REC scholarship were recognized. Steve Brame, Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association (PREA) and Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Allegheny) president & CEO, was the guest speaker. There was no entertainment this year.

As the meeting was ending, employees collected member satisfaction surveys as part of the cooperative’s effort to continuously improve its member service. Questions were aimed at member satisfaction and expectations, preferences on paying electric bills, what Somerset REC programs members participate in, preferences for an in-person or drive-thru annual meeting, social media engagement, and future use of text messaging.

Re-elected directors were Russ Hillegas for District 2 and Lowell L. Friedline for District 3, while Jason Huston claimed the director position in District 7 in a contested election. During the board reorganization meeting, the following officers were elected: C. Ben Waltermire, president; Jerry Engle, vice president; and Friedline, secretary/treasurer. Floyd Lehman, director of District 1, will replace Friedline on the Allegheny board. 🍷



FUTURE EDUCATION: Somerset REC awarded \$1,000 scholarships to 10 high school seniors at the annual meeting. These students plan to attend higher education in the fall with a variety of career paths. Students and their respective schools recognized are, from left: Will Latuch (Rockwood), Clara Hoover (Northern Garrett), Reagan Emory (Northern Garrett), Mia Rosman (Somerset), Ava Rhoads (North Star), Olivia Vaughn (homeschool), Abigail Barlow (Rockwood), Ava Hair (Turkeyfoot), Abygail Floyd (Rockwood), Alex Barclay (Rockwood). Missing from photo are Jennifer Countryman (Berlin) and Lilianna Hug (homeschool).



GRAND PRIZE WINNER: Randy and Jenna Harrold and their daughters, Parker and Emersyn, were the recipients of the \$50 electric bill credit during the grand prize drawing at the annual meeting.



DEMOCRATICALLY CONTROLLED: PREA/Allegheny President & CEO Steve Brame, left, and Somerset REC General Manager Rus Ogburn, right, congratulate members elected to the cooperative board of directors. Directors are, from left: board Secretary/Treasurer Lowell Friedline, Jason Huston and Russ Hillegas.