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Cold weather this winter is the direct cause of higher electricity bills



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You may ask, why is this important? In the first two months of this year, our area of the country has nearly met our annual winter heating load hour average.

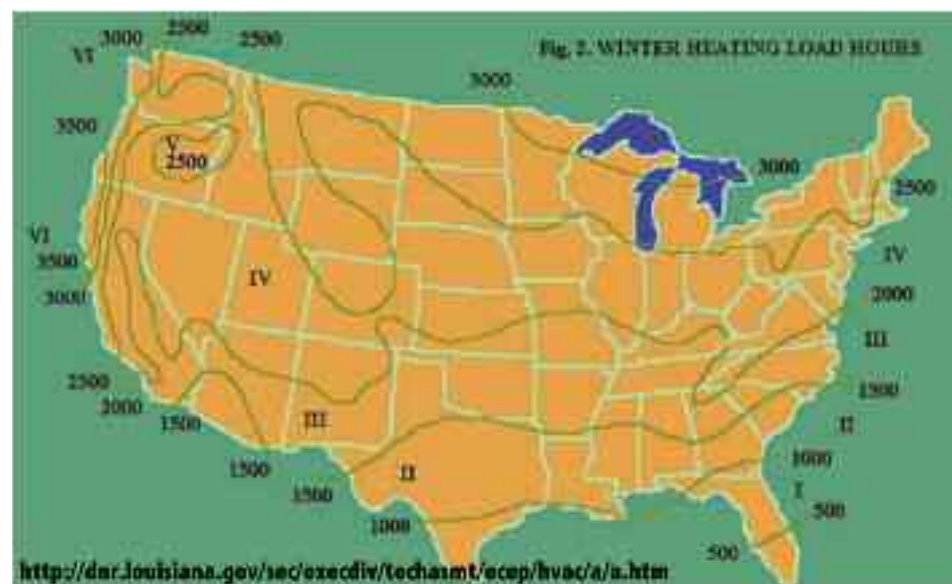
According to Dr. Bill Williams, Director of the Coastal Weather Research Center for the University of South Alabama, we have had one of the longest stretches of sustained cold since the mid-1970's and December of 1989.

"Temperatures haven't been brutal, but the area has received sustained cold. In early January, we had 13 days in a row at or below freezing... and so far this month, 15 of the first 18 days have been below normal," said Williams.

"This time of year, when you don't see the azaleas blooming, you know it's cold," he added.

The map below shows winter heating load hours across the nation. Heating load is described as the amount of heating required to keep a home or building at a specific temperature regardless of the outside temperature. Heating load hours are often used by energy professionals to size HVAC equipment.

Southeast Mississippi sits at about 1200 annual winter heating load hours whereas New York is at 2500 and Miami is about 300.



Notice of Singing River Electric Director Qualification Period
Candidates seeking election to the board of directors for Singing River Electric Power Association must visit Singing River Electric's Lucedale office (11187 Old 63 South) to obtain a Director Candidate Form and a Petition for Nomination. The form and petition must be completed and returned by close of business on the last business day of March (Wednesday, March 31, 2010).

Winter wonderland causes limited outages in Greene, Wayne and Perry counties



The snow didn't fall for everyone, but it did fall heavily in the northern part of Singing River Electric's service territory.

Wayne, Perry and Greene counties received between 2-5" of snow. The winter weather affected about 75 homes and businesses. Singing River Electric crews were ready, and repairs were made by mid-afternoon that same day.

"We were very pleased with the low number of outages following the winter weather and attribute this to our fairly aggressive right-of-way re-clearing policy," said Singing River Electric general manager and CEO Lee Hedegaard.

"We keep the areas above and around the power lines free of tree limbs and debris and this is when it pays off," he said. Re-clearing in our area is usually done due to concerns for high winds and hurricanes; however, winter weather has the same effect.

