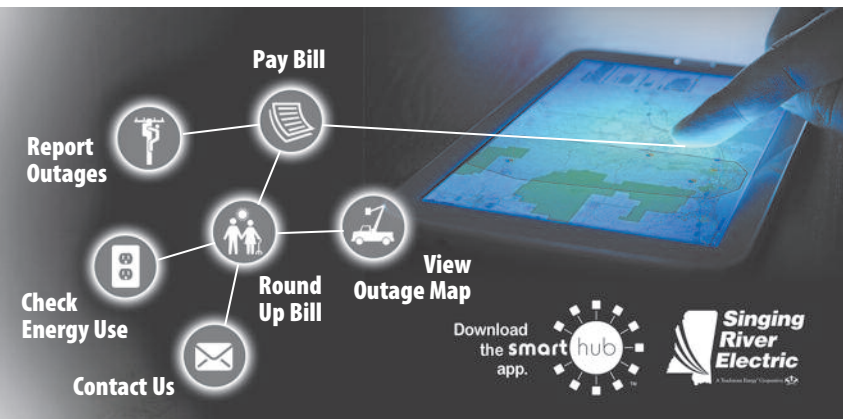


# Singing River Electric Cooperative

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

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Brian Hughey  
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## CEO's Message

### New year brings new opportunities

As we welcome the new year, the leadership team of Singing River Electric is mindful that we must always be looking forward. While 2018 brought numerous accomplishments for your cooperative, it is important that we only glance in our rearview mirror and stay focused on what lies ahead.

Various infrastructure improvements were completed in 2018, such as constructing the Helena Industrial substation in Jackson County, replacing aging copper lines in Greene County, and re-clearing more than 1,000 miles of right-

of-way throughout our system. Our linemen built more than 70 miles of overhead power lines and 30 miles of underground lines. Our team moved forward in modernizing our pole and line inspection program as another way to provide the most reliable electric service possible for members. Singing River Electric remained PCI compliant as we keep members' personal information secure. Our employees engaged with members and supported the communities we serve through energy fairs, school presentations, the youth leadership program, and more.

Looking ahead at 2019, our team of skilled employees will continue to make

sure you are getting value for your co-op membership, as well as your energy dollar. We are evaluating new technology offerings, such as Nest thermostats and prepaid billing, to determine how these programs would benefit our membership. Ever-changing technology is a challenge, but in many cases, implementing it is in the best interest of our cooperative. The safety of our employees and members remains a top priority, and we will complete the Electric Cooperatives of Mississippi's Safety Accreditation program in 2019. And as always, we will continue striving to provide excellent service to you, our member, 24/7. Happy New Year!



Jeff Gray  
 Energy Service Representative  
[gray@singingriver.com](mailto:gray@singingriver.com)

### Chilly savings in the new year

Thanks to recent improvements in insulation and compressors, today's refrigerators use much less energy than older models. By properly recycling or disposing your old refrigerator and replacing it with a new Energy Star-certified refrigerator, you can save more than \$270 over the next 5 years.

If you have an old refrigerator in your garage or shop, Energy Star recommends you recycle or dispose of that one too. Refrigerators over 10 years old could be costing you an extra \$110 on your power bill. Older units are much less efficient, and dirty coils, broken door seals, or low freon can cause the compressor to run continuously or for extended periods of time, which increases monthly energy costs.

So get rid of that old, energy wasting refrigerator and replace it with a new Energy Star-certified model today. For more information visit [singingriver.com](http://singingriver.com) and [energystar.gov](http://energystar.gov).

#### Notice of Singing River Electric Director Qualification Period

Candidates seeking election to the board of directors for Singing River Electric Cooperative must visit Singing River Electric's Lucedale office (11187 Old 63 South) and obtain a Director Candidate Packet. The forms and petitions in the packet must be completed and returned by close of business on the last business day in February (Thursday, February 28).



### Ask about our Heat Pump Rebates

A new electric heat pump can help you stay comfortable year-round, while increasing your energy savings. Our heat pump rebates can add to the savings if replacing an electric or gas furnace. Visit [www.singingriver.com](http://www.singingriver.com) for more information.

## Check out our new website

The new site contains large photos, bold clickable links, and five main tracks. The redesign considered Singing River Electric's member requests and aimed to make this site a highly-valued resource tool.

Singing River Electric Cooperative recently completed a redesign of its website located at [singingriver.com](http://singingriver.com). The website focuses information in five main tracks: home, business, membership, community and co-op. The site is easily accessible from either a desktop or mobile device, and information is changed regularly to keep it fresh and timely.

### The new site features include:

- Residential and business New Service sections are a one-stop shop for information needed before the member calls or visits an office.
- The Storm and Outage Center, christened by Tropical Storm Gordon, houses many tips and tools to help you prepare for any storm.
- Four efficiency pages (Ways To Save, Manage Your Bill, Energy Savings Tips and Energy Calculators) located in the My Home track are great resources for members wanting to conserve their use or lower their bill.
- There are pages devoted to electric safety and the benefits of cooperative membership, as well as links to request a speaker or community donation.



## RESOLVE TO SAVE ENERGY

Make a home energy resolution and reap the benefits all year long!

### Three easy ways to save energy:

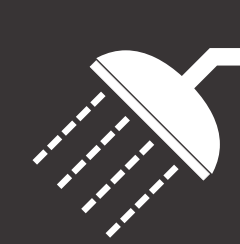
1 Install a programmable thermostat. You could save an estimated \$180 annually!



2 Ditch incandescents. Did you know incandescent bulbs release 90% of their energy as heat? Use LEDs instead.



3 Reduce energy used for water heating. Lower your water heater's temp and consider installing low-flow showerheads.



# The Mississippi Legislature convenes in January for the 2019 session

Singing River Electric salutes Mississippi's senators and representatives who represent our state in Washington, D.C., and at our state capital in Jackson. We appreciate their dedication and willingness to serve in the spirit of public service to help shape the future of our state.



*We are proud to present our elected officials who serve electric cooperative members and our great state.*

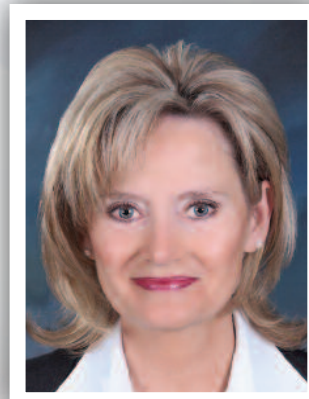


**PHIL BRYANT**  
Governor



**TATE REEVES**  
Lieutenant Governor

## CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION



**CINDY HYDE-SMITH**  
United States Senator



**ROGER WICKER**  
United States Senator



**STEVEN PALAZZO**  
United States Representative  
Fourth District



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Our easy-to-use mobile app provides information on Mississippi's state and federal elected officials. Look for "Mississippi Legislative Roster" in the Apple AppStore. An Android version is also available through Google play.



## SENATE



**Sen. Dennis DeBar, Jr.**  
District 43: George, Greene and Wayne counties  
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Leakesville, MS 39451  
Years in Legislature: 7



**Sen. Billy Hudson**  
District 45: Forrest and Perry counties  
Address: 27 Troon Circle  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401  
Years in Legislature: 11



**Sen. Joseph M. "Mike" Seymour**  
District 47: Jackson, Pearl River and Stone counties  
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Vance, MS 39565  
Years in Legislature: 7



**Sen. Michael Watson**  
District 51: Jackson County  
Address: P.O. Box 964  
Pascagoula, MS 39568  
Years in Legislature: 11



**Sen. Brice Wiggins**  
District 52: Jackson County  
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Pascagoula, MS 39568  
Years in Legislature: 7



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



**Rep. Shane Barnett**  
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Waynesboro, MS 39367  
Years in Legislature: 3



**Rep. Roun McNeal**  
District 105: George, Greene and Perry counties  
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Leakesville, MS 39451  
Years in Legislature: 3



**Rep. Douglas D. "Doug" McLeod**  
District 107: George and Stone counties  
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Lucedale, MS 39452  
Years in Legislature: 7



**Rep. Manly Barton**  
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Moss Point, MS 39562  
Years in Legislature: 7



**Rep. Jeramey D. Anderson**  
District 110: Jackson County  
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Escatawpa, MS 39562  
Years in Legislature: 6



**Rep. Charles Busby**  
District 111: Jackson County  
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Years in Legislature: 7



**Rep. John O. Read**  
District 112: Jackson County  
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Gautier, MS 39553  
Years in Legislature: 26



**Rep. Henry B. "Hank" Zuber III**  
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Ocean Springs, MS 39564  
Years in Legislature: 19



**Rep. Jeffrey S. Guice**  
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Ocean Springs, MS 39564  
Years in Legislature: 10



# Singing River Electric Cooperative University

WORLD WAR I  
WORLD WAR II  
GULF WAR

VIETNAM WAR  
KOREAN WAR  
IRAQ WAR

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**100<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY  
Veteran's Day**  
11-12-2018

Singing River Electric hosted its Youth Leadership Program Cooperative University and interviews at its Lucedale office on Monday, November 12, 2018. This date also marked the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day, which later

became known as Veteran's Day in the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War. The event's patriotic T-shirts and decorations paid tribute to this important date and the brave men and women who have served our country.

All high schools serving Singing River Electric's service territory were invited to nominate one member of the junior class to represent the school at the Cooperative University and interview.

Student nominees were required to have a minimum 3.0 grade point average, be involved in extra-curricular activities, be active in church, civic and community activities, and receive electricity from Singing River Electric at their main residence.

During Cooperative University, students got to

know each other through networking activities, learned about the cooperative form of business and took a closer look at how Singing River Electric provides power to its members, restores power after an outage and emphasizes electric safety.

A legislative panel discussion driven by student questions featured Representative Charles Busby, Senator Dennis DeBar, Representative Doug McLeod, Representative Roun McNeal and Senator Michael Watson.

Each student also participated in a 10-minute interview moderated by a panel of out-of-town judges from electric cooperatives across the state. Following the Cooperative University and interviews, Madison Henderson, Sarah Hults, Carly Jones and Jeb Wells were selected to attend the Youth Leadership Workshop in Jackson in February 2019, and the Youth Tour of Washington, D.C. in June 2019.



Students take a photo with their legislators following the panel discussion. On the front row are (l-r): Rep. Doug McLeod, Sen. Dennis DeBar, Sen. Michael Watson, Rep. Charles Busby, and Rep. Roun McNeal.



Madisyn Peterson helps ready a digger derrick truck for work under the supervision of SRE's Kevin Slay.



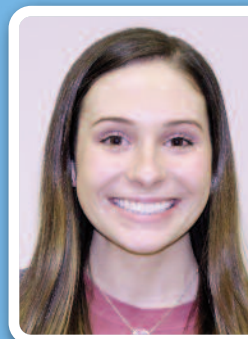
SRE's Tom Davis shows students how fast a power outage can be reported with the SmartHub app.



Cooperative Energy's Tonya Williams explains how a circuit works.

## SRE Youth Leadership Students

These four students will attend the 2019 Youth Leadership Workshop in Jackson and Youth Tour of Washington, D.C.



Madison Henderson  
Richton High School



Sarah Hults  
Resurrection High School



Carly Jones  
East Central High School



Jeb Wells  
Vanceleave High School

These students were their high school's representatives based on their leadership skills and community activities.



Sareena Chao  
Ocean Springs High School



Jaiden Downs  
Moss Point High School



Abby Ellis  
Perry Central High School



ReAnna Foster  
Gautier High School



Adisyn Gainey  
Wayne County High School



Ashley Jenkins  
George County High School



Avery King  
St. Patrick High School



Dayhath Marte-Herrera  
Pascagoula High School



Madisyn Peterson  
St. Martin High School



Jordan Pittman  
Sacred Heart High School



Kylie Grace Stagner  
Fruitdale High School



Dylan Tribble  
Greene County High School