



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

Bringing power and energy services to local communities

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CEO

Time to move forward



Brian Hughey
General Manager
& CEO

As we continue to navigate these unprecedented times, our employees recognize how important it is for your electric cooperative to be ready to assist you 24/7. We also understand many of our members are going through stressful times as families adapt to new and unexpected challenges. Over the past three months, as the public was called to help “flatten the curve,” some of our employees began working from home or participating in staggered work schedules. This proved to be effective for Singing River Electric even with the challenges associated with increased outages due to recent weather events. Beginning last month, we noticed a slight uptick in member requests and inquiries, as more businesses were allowed to reopen. This resulted in the decision to bring all employees back to their respective offices to assure member service was not

compromised.

As of now, 100 percent of our employees are physically reporting to our offices, some with the aid of staggered schedules. The importance of physical distancing, office sanitation, and frequent hand washing continue to be emphasized as we get back to our normal work schedules. Additionally, we plan to reopen our office lobbies by mid-June, barring no changes in state or local recommendations. The exact date is also dependent upon the completion of ongoing work in our lobbies, designed to reduce the risk of spreading any virus. As our lobbies reopen, we ask members to adhere to physical distancing recommendations, new office procedure signs, and minimized traffic requirements.

Like many of you, we look forward to things getting closer to normal, but we must continue to be patient and proactive when it comes to recommendations from our local officials and health agencies.

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Residential Solar

Residential solar installations have gradually increased over the past several years here in south Mississippi.

As your trusted energy advisors, Singing River Electric's energy services team would like to be a resource for you if you are considering installing solar panels at your home.



A starting point for members is our solar web page dedicated to answering basic questions about residential solar. Also on that web page, is the residential solar member application and an interconnection agreement. The application, along with a one-line diagram of your system, should be submitted to Singing River Electric before your solar system is installed.

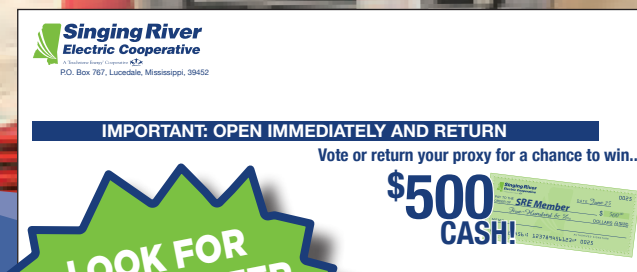
If you have additional questions, please call one of our energy services representatives. We are here to assist you.

For more information, visit
singingriver.com/solar-energy.

2020 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTICE

JOIN US AT THIS YEAR'S MEMBERSHIP MEETING!

Singing River Electric is member-driven and built by the communities we serve.



LOOK FOR
PROXY LETTER
IN THE MAIL!

2020 Annual Membership Meeting

Thursday, July 23
11187 Old 63 South, Lucedale
Registration begins at 5:00 p.m.
and ends at 5:45 p.m.
Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m.

Participate by voting online or returning your proxy.

Co-op bylaws require a **10 percent** quorum of the membership in order to conduct business. Your participation is crucial to our success, and with it you will be eligible to win prizes including **\$500** in cash!

Eight members who vote online or return their proxies by the July 14 deadline will be selected to receive a \$250 CASH prize.
One member who votes online or returns the proxy by the deadline will receive a special grand prize of \$500 CASH!



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THERE ARE **THREE** WAYS TO PARTICIPATE: IN PERSON, BY PROXY AND ONLINE



Voting in person can be done the night of the membership meeting on **Thursday, July 23, at 6 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the SRE Lucedale office at 11187 Old 63 South and **will likely be held outdoors to comply with COVID-19 restrictions.**



To vote by proxy, simply complete the proxy in this notice and return it using the enclosed self-addressed, postage-paid envelope by **Tuesday, July 14.** You may still attend the meeting; your presence will rescind the proxy and allow you to vote in person.



Voting online is easy! Members can vote online beginning **Tuesday, June 9, through Tuesday, July 14.** Simply click on the “Vote Here” icon on either the SmartHub app or website at singingriver.com. By entering your membership ID and zip code, you can view candidate biographies and cast your vote.

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Give your oven a break and cook
outdoors. Your family gets to
enjoy being outside, and
you save energy.

singingriver.com/ways-to-save

CREWS RESTORE POWER FOLLOWING STORMS



April left in much the same way it started — with severe storms. Crews responded on Thursday, April 23, to restore electric service following damage from severe weather and three EF-1 tornadoes that tore through George and Greene counties.

One of the worst hit areas was along Rocky Creek Road in George County. Singing River Electric crews were joined by contract crews to untangle and untie existing power lines from broken trees and power lines left scattered. “It normally would take one month to build this new,” said Project Engineer Clark Rounsaville, who supervised the work on Rocky Creek Road. “To do this in one day is remarkable and speaks to the quality of the personnel.” Being able to reuse the existing power lines greatly helped speed restoration time.

Manager of Engineering Tom Davis reported more than 30 broken poles were replaced throughout the system, and crews had to replace 75 percent of the main power lines coming out of the Rocky Creek substation as well as 30 spans of 3-phase distribution lines.





Representatives from Jackson County Emergency Services and Northeast Fire Department accept the Singing River Electric NHN Grant check. Front row: Earl Etheridge, Director of Jackson County Emergency Services, and Terry Jackson, Chief of the Northeast Fire Department. Back row: Matt Freeman, Northeast firefighter, and Donald Piegras, Jackson County firefighter.

Supporting first responders

SRE NHN Grant assists Jackson County Emergency Management

NHN Community Grants

Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN) Community Grants help Singing River Electric merge efforts with the hard work of those within our communities.

Since the program's inception in 2001, \$297,836 has been awarded to local non-profits in local communities.

Jackson County's Office of Emergency Services through the Northeast Fire Department received a \$2,500 Singing River Electric Neighbors Helping Neighbors Community Grant. The funds purchased medical-grade gloves, masks and cleaner, all to be used by our local first responders to assist with their COVID-19 protection needs. Their dedication and commitment to serving their neighbors in south Mississippi is appreciated.

For more information on SRE NHN Community Grants or how to apply, visit singingriver.com/my-community. Grants for up to \$2,500 are awarded to nonprofits in SRE's service area three times a year in January, May and September.



June begins hurricane season

Ensure you have emergency supplies ready, have an evacuation plan and invest in a weather radio. Follow social media channels for Singing River Electric and local National Weather Service as well as local media to stay ready and informed.

Medical assistance



If you rely on electrical medical equipment, have an evacuation plan or somewhere to go in the event of a power outage. No utility can guarantee uninterrupted power. Severe weather can knock out power for two hours or two days. Hurricanes can cause power outages that can last up to a week or more. Be prepared. Be ready.



Jackson County Recreation Department Director Darcie Crew with SRE Right-of-way Coordinator Nick Greer.

Supporting conservation

SRE donates 100 trees to Jackson County Recreation Department

As electric cooperatives, we belong to the communities we serve.

We adhere to a set of seven cooperative principles, and the seventh is concern for community. It is a part of all that we do.

Singing River Electric Right-of-way Coordinator Nick Greer recently donated 100 trees to Jackson County Recreation Department's Recreation Director Darcie Crew. The hardwood and decorative bare-root seedlings will serve as a natural barrier for a dog park being erected in Vancleave.

"Conserving our green spaces and planting local hardwoods helps preserve our communities for generations to come," said Greer. "The barrier will be a great choice that is dog-friendly and adds natural beauty."

Tree donations were also made to the Pascagoula River Audubon Center and to the Nature Conservancy for planting in George and Greene counties.

Visit singingriver.com/my-community for more information on community donations.



June 14 is National Flag Day

Did you know our nation's flag has an official code or set of rules for civilian use of the flag? The U.S. Flag Code was adopted by Congress in 1942. It includes instructions on retiring a worn flag, when to properly fly the flag and more. Happy Flag Day!

Happy Father's Day!

We honor all fathers this month. Thank you to all the dads, granddads and all of those who step up to fill this role in the life of so many.