



Singing River Electric Cooperative

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

Bringing power and energy services to local communities

BRIAN HUGHEY
General Manager & CEO

AMANDA PARKER, CCC
PR and Marketing Specialist

LORRI FREEMAN, APR
Manager of PR and Marketing

SAMUEL GOFF
PR and Marketing Coordinator

For more information, call 601-947-4211 or 228-497-1313.

SRE is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

www.singingriver.com



@singingriverelectric



@SRECooperative



@singingriverelectric

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CEO

Ways to save this winter

As we enter the peak of the winter season, it is a good time to remind ourselves of ways to save on our electric bill. Cold weather, especially extended and extreme cold, can cause higher electric bills because it takes more energy to heat a home than to cool one. Depending on the type of heating system you own, about 50% of your electric bill is a direct result of heating your home.

Setting your thermostat to 68 degrees or lower during winter days will result in energy savings. Programmable thermostats are a great tool used by many members to automatically adjust the temperature, even when no one is home.

With heat pumps, manually raising your thermostat by more than two degrees at a time may cause your auxiliary heat to turn on – resulting in the need for more energy. When increasing the temperature in your home, it is recommended to do it one-to-two degrees at a time, let the heating unit catch up, and then continue to raise the temperature incrementally until the desired temperature is reached. To keep your system operating efficiently, it is important to replace air filters monthly. A dirty

filter can clog your system and make it work harder.

Other ways to save include making sure attic ductwork is sealed and properly insulated, making sure attic insulation is rated appropriately, keeping curtains and shades open during the day to let the sun in, applying weatherstripping around doors and caulk around windows, and keeping the fireplace flue closed when not in use.

It is possible to curtail kilowatt-hour use and maintain or lower your power bill in cold weather. Singing River Electric has many resources and tools available for our members and works to partner with you for energy savings. For more information, visit singingriver.com/ways-to-save.



by **Brian Hughey**

General Manager and CEO



Energy Tips



Gabe Robbins
Energy Services Representative
robbins@singingriver.com

Space heaters use more energy than you think

Portable space heaters are meant to do exactly as their name says: heat a small space. Although they are convenient and affordable, the cost of operating an electric space heater can take a toll on your energy bill. Just two space heaters can use the same amount of power as a 3-ton high-efficiency electric heat pump!

If your home is energy efficient but you're cold-natured and want a specific room to be cozier than the rest, a space heater may work. Remember to use a properly sized space heater and only use it in small spaces that you're occupying. Shut doors in that room to keep the warmth contained in your space.

Purchase a newer model that includes the most current safety features and make sure it carries the Underwriter's Laboratory (UL) label. Place the heater on a level surface away from furniture, blankets and foot traffic when in use. Always keep children and pets away from space heaters.

Consider alternative ways to stay warm like extra layers of clothing or UL-approved electric blankets. If you have hardwood or tile floors, lay down area rugs to provide additional insulation and maintain warmth.

For additional energy-saving measures rather than relying on space heaters for supplemental warmth, visit singingriver.com/ways-to-save.

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 located at 11187 Old 63 South and obtain a director qualification packet.

The forms and petitions included must be completed, and the packet returned by the close of business on the last business day of February (Thursday, February 29, 2024).



Pathways2Possibilities

Interactive and hands-on career exploration for 8th graders

Celebrating its 10th year, the annual Pathways2Possibilities (P2P) Career Expo is an opportunity for our employees to share their knowledge about the many career opportunities available in the energy industry. Singing River Electric employees participated in the P2P event on November 15-16 at the Mississippi Coast Convention Center in Biloxi.

Making up the Energy Pathway were Singing River Electric, Cooperative Energy, Coast Electric, Mississippi Power, and Chevron. Students enjoyed a true hands-on experience where they performed tasks like climbing a power pole and framing a pole—all while wearing rubber lineman gloves. They also experienced role-play at the member service representative booth and learned about fiber internet from our fiber technicians at the Singing River Connect booth.

The P2P event is a unique opportunity for both students and SRE employees. It provides our employees with a way to mentor area youth and give back—which also fulfills our seventh cooperative principle – Concern for Community. Almost 7,000 8th graders from area schools and homeschool associations were introduced to careers in energy, aerospace, agriculture, finance, hospitality, information technology, construction, and other industries.



Inside the Energy Pathway, students learned about the importance of customer service through interactive role-play, had their picture made from inside a lineman's bucket, and experienced climbing a pole in a lineman's gear.

Background on P2P Gulf Coast

P2P now serves to educate eighth graders in Mississippi, Tennessee and South Carolina. It was started by members of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Education Issues Manager Group. They attended a career expo in Alabama called Worlds of Opportunity (WOO) and decided to bring this career fair to the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

P2P debuted on November 13-14, 2013, covering the 133,000 square-feet of the Mississippi Coast Convention Center. Singing River Electric began its P2P participation at this event. It was attended by 6,000 8th graders and became an instant success, expanding to the Tupelo, Delta and northwest Mississippi areas. This was followed by career fairs in Tennessee and North Carolina.

For more information, visit pathways2possibilities.org.



Fiber Construction Timeline

STEP 1: Make-ready engineering

Examine. Design.

Forts Lake, Helena, Escatawpa South and Helena Industrial substation areas



STEP 2: Make-ready construction

Planning the most efficient approach to fiber deployment.

Benndale and Wade substation areas



STEP 3: Construction

Building a network from the ground up.

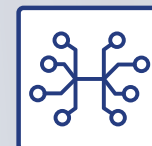
Rocky Creek, Lucedale South, Leakesville, Joe Batt and Vancleave substation areas



STEP 4: Splicing

Connecting the dots.

Sand Hill, Big Point (Highway 613 S feeder), and Frank Snell substation areas



STEP 5: Service drop & drop splicing

The last outdoor step. Almost there...

Big Point (Highway 613 N and Three Rivers feeders), Cumbest Bluff, State Line, Kittrell and McLain substation areas and all previously opened fiber areas



STEP 6: Installation

The speed of light, right to your home.

State Line, Kittrell, McLain, Big Point (Highway 613 N and Three Rivers feeders), Cumbest Bluff substation areas and all previously opened fiber areas



SR Connect is delivering lightning-fast, fiber internet.

New fiber areas are announced by electric substation and feeder. You can search open fiber areas and your address at singingriverconnect.com/signup.

To find out which SRE substation and feeder serves your home, text SRE MSR during business hours at 228-591-9166. **Scan here!**



SR CONNECT SPONSORS COFFEE FOR GEORGE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM

We are partnering with our local communities in many ways, including assisting with the recent Veteran program at George County High School. When you see the SRC logo and our employees out and about, stop by and say, hi! We work in the communities we call home, and that's what makes giving back such a natural effort.

If you don't have SRC's fiber internet, visit www.singingriverconnect.com/signup to search open fiber service areas or to sign up TODAY! We recently met the milestone of 6,000 active subscribers and are building more than 180 miles of fiber construction each month.



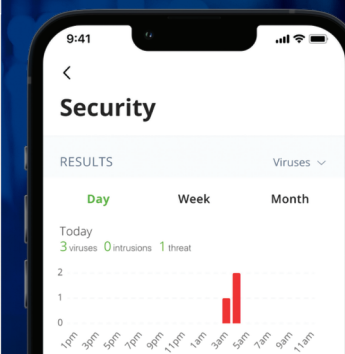
SR Singing River Connect

singingriverconnect.com

ProtectIQ

SAFEGUARD YOUR DIGITAL LIFE

Defend against online threats with ProtectIQ®



Sign up TODAY at singingriverconnect.com

SR Singing River Connect
Powered by Singing River Electric



Meet your 2024 Mississippi Elected Officials

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.



TATE REEVES
Governor



DELBERT HOSEMANN
Lieutenant Governor



MICHAEL WATSON
Secretary of State



ROGER WICKER
United States Senator



CINDY HYDE-SMITH
United States Senator



MIKE EZELL
United States Representative
Fourth District

CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION ★



Sen. Robin Robinson
District 42: Forrest, Greene, Jones, and Wayne counties
Address: P.O. Box 1963
Laurel, MS 39441



Sen. Dennis DeBar, Jr.
District 43: George, Greene and Wayne counties
Address: P.O. Box 1090
Leakesville, MS 39451



Sen. Chris Johnson
District 45: Forrest and Perry counties
Address: P.O. Box 18247
Hattiesburg, MS 39404



Sen. Joseph M. "Mike" Seymour
District 47: Harrison, Jackson, Pearl River and Stone counties
Address: 15417 Indian Fork Rd.
Vanceville, MS 39565



Sen. Scott Delano
District 50: Harrison County
Address: P.O. Box 4524
Biloxi, MS 39535



Sen. Jeremy England
District 51: Jackson County
Address: P.O. Box 6363
Vanceville, MS 39565



Sen. Brice Wiggins
District 52: Jackson County
Address: P.O. Box 922
Pascagoula, MS 39568

MISSISSIPPI SENATE ★

AVAILABLE!

A free, interactive legislative app for Mississippi

The Electric Cooperatives of Mississippi offers a free, easy-to-use mobile app, which provides information on Mississippi's state and federal elected officials. Look for "ECM Legislative Roster" in the Apple App Store. An Android version is also available through Google Play.



Available on the App Store

ANDROID APP ON Google play

MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ★



Rep. Shane Barnett
District 86: Greene, Perry and Wayne counties
Address: P.O. Box 621
Waynesboro, MS 39367



Rep. Elliott Burch
District 105: George, Greene and Perry counties
Address: P.O. Box 1215
Lucedale, MS 39452



Rep. Ronald Steve Lott
District 107: George and Stone counties
Address: 1125 Ashton Dr.
Lucedale, MS 39452



Rep. Manly Barton
District 109: George and Jackson counties
Address: 7905 Pecan Ridge Dr.
Moss Point, MS 39562



Rep. Jeramey Anderson
District 110: Jackson County
Address: P.O. Box 311
Escatawpa, MS 39562



Rep. Jimmy Fondren
District 111: Jackson County
Address: 906 Convent Ave.
Pascagoula, MS 39567



Rep. John O. Read
District 112: Jackson County
Address: 2396 Robert Hiram Dr.
Gautier, MS 39553



Rep. Henry B. "Hank" Zuber III
District 113: Jackson County
Address: 503 Minor Lane
Ocean Springs, MS 39564



Rep. Jeffrey S. Guice
District 114: Jackson County
Address: 1208 Iola Rd.
Ocean Springs, MS 39564



Rep. Zachary Grady
District 115: Harrison County
Address: P.O. Box 6326
D'Iberville, MS 39540



Rep. Casey Eure
District 116: Harrison County
Address: 11839 Sleeping Deer Lane,
Saucier, MS 39754