



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CEO

Giving back is the cooperative way

The holiday season brings a spirit of generosity and compassion and is the time to reflect on our many blessings and uplift those in need. While this is certainly a special time of year, cooperatives like Singing River Electric are deeply rooted in giving back to their local communities year-round.

Our mission is reliable power. Our purpose is people—the members we are proud to serve. That's why we volunteer our time for local projects, help non-profit organizations through the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Community Grant Program, and participate in youth safety education at local schools – all to make a positive, meaningful impact on our community.

You help us power that purpose too. Our Neighbors Helping Neighbors Energy Assistance (NHNEA) program is made possible through members' participation in 'rounding up' electric bills to the next whole dollar amount. Annual donations average just \$6 per household. Your generous contributions help less fortunate families in our community with their power bills when they need it most.

Another way Singing River Electric gives back is by investing in tomorrow's leaders. Through presentations at local schools, scholarship

opportunities through our local chambers of commerce, and the Youth Leadership Program, we aspire to empower students for a brighter future. When we invest in our local youth, we strengthen the fabric of our community.

As a not-for-profit electric cooperative, we believe in giving credit where credit is due—to the members who shape our co-op. One of the ways we do this is through capital credits. Because Singing River Electric operates at cost, we give back any remaining revenue to our members rather than outside shareholders or investors. As stated in last month's column, more than \$5 million in capital credits was retired to Singing River Electric members this year. Giving back to our local members instead of outside parties is one of the many aspects that set cooperatives apart from other businesses.

Our members guide every decision we make and are the reason our cooperative exists. To us, you're more than a customer – you are a member. This holiday season, we hope you're proud to be a part of a community-focused cooperative that puts people before profits.

From your friends and neighbors at Singing River Electric, we wish you a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.



by **Brian Hughey**

General Manager and CEO

Energy Tips



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Holiday lighting and timers

When decorating your home this holiday season, consider using LED light strings. Energy Star certified light strings use 75% less energy than traditional incandescent light strings. These LEDs also last up to 100,000 hours vs. 3,000 hours for incandescents. They are available in a variety of colors, shapes, and lengths.



Installing an outdoor timer on your decorations can help manage your Christmas lights when unexpected delays happen in your day-to-day life. If you forget to turn the lights off or have an overnight stay, your outdoor timer will control the decorations for you – less worry and more enjoyment during the holidays.

The outdoor timer will work for inflatable decorations as well. Running an inflatable can cost around \$16-25 a month if it runs 24 hours a day. With the outdoor timer, you can eliminate unwanted run time without manually doing so and reduce your energy consumption.

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!

Our offices will be closed December 24-25 for Christmas and January 1 for New Year's Day.

Dispatchers will be on duty for emergencies and power outages.

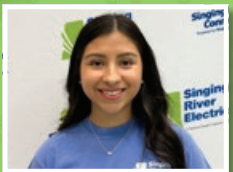
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SRE Cooperative Youth Leaders

These three students will attend the 2025 Cooperative Youth Leaders Workshop in Jackson and Youth Tour of Washington, D.C.



Camila Cristobal
George County High School



Aliya Douglas
St. Martin High School



Brett Jackson
East Central High School



Cooperative University

Singing River Electric hosted its Youth Leadership Cooperative University on October 31. Fourteen high school juniors nominated by their schools learned about the cooperative form of business, how SRE provides power and restores outages, and Singing River Connect fiber internet.

A legislative panel discussion driven by student questions was a highlight of the day. Thank you to Secretary of State Michael Watson, Senator Chris Johnson, Representative Elliot Burch, and Representative Steve Lott for serving on the panel.

Each student also participated in a 10-minute interview. Based on participation and interview rankings decided by out-of-town judges from electric cooperatives across the state, three students were selected to attend the 2025 Cooperative Leaders Workshop in Jackson, Miss. and 2025 Youth Tour of Washington, D.C.

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



Jolee Brewer
Moss Point High School



Natalie Carnahan
Perry Central High School



Stella Dobbins
St. Patrick Catholic High School



Zoe Drymon
Vancleave High School



Keri Graham
Greene County High School



Reese Hitchcock
Richton High School



Kenneth Knox, Jr.
Gautier High School



Kamdyn McLain
Wayne County High School



Reagan Nelson
Ocean Springs High School



Naomi Smith
Pascagoula High School



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Resurrection Catholic High School



Singing River Connect *in our communities*

A highlight for Singing River Connect representatives is visiting with subscribers and Singing River Electric members in our local communities, like we did at Vancleave High School football, East Central High School football and homecoming, and George Regional Health System Foundation's annual golf tournament.

Singing River Connect is proud to be your trusted local provider of lightning-fast fiber internet.

Get Connected. Stay Local.



Fiber Construction Timeline - December 2024

Step 1: Make-ready engineering

Examine. Design.

Bayou Cassotte and Kreole substation areas



Step 4: Splicing

Connecting the dots.

St. Martin and Tucker Road substation areas



Step 2: Make-ready construction

Planning the most efficient approach to fiber deployment.

Monaco Lake, Fountainbleu, Singing River Mall, Gautier, and Hamill Farm substation areas



Step 5: Service drop & drop splicing

The last outdoor step. Almost there...

Forts Lake, Helena, Helena Industrial, Escatawpa South, Wade, Cumbest Bluff, Benndale, Rocky Creek, Leakesville, Lucedale North, Vancleave, Joe Batt, and all previously opened areas



Step 3: Fiber Construction

Building a network from the ground up.

Sunplex, Ocean Springs, Gulf Park Estates, Fort Bayou, Martin Bluff, and Hickory Hills substation areas



Step 6: Installation

The speed of light, right to your home.

Forts Lake, Helena, Helena Industrial, Escatawpa South, Wade, Cumbest Bluff, Benndale, Rocky Creek, Leakesville, Lucedale North, Vancleave, Joe Batt, and all previously opened areas



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RESTORING POWER AFTER HURRICANE MILTON

For the second time this hurricane season, Singing River Electric linemen traveled to Florida to help fellow electric cooperatives in need.

On October 10, the 11-man crew first went to Clay Electric Cooperative, based in Keystone Heights, Fla., where 34,911 of their 195,523 meters were without power after Hurricane Milton. Their service area is vast, covering 15 counties and including areas around Gainesville, Jacksonville, and Daytona Beach.

"We're going to get some lights on," said Construction Foreman Chris Lloyd, who was also a crew member who helped Clay Electric in 2017 after Hurricane Irma.

After finishing power restoration at Clay Electric, the linemen drove south to Glades Electric Cooperative based in Moore Haven, Fla. Glades Electric had 11,686 of their 18,000 meters without power the morning after the storm passed and 75 broken poles caused by tornadoes.



Renew Our RIVERS

Singing River Electric employees joined Mississippi Power and Singing River Federal Credit Union for the Renew Our Rivers event, removing more than six tons of debris and trash from the lower Pascagoula River on October 18.



GIVE 

JOY

THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Round up your electric bill to the nearest whole dollar and help a neighbor in need. Donations average only \$6 per year and collectively help pay power bills for fellow Singing River Electric members needing a helping hand.

To round up, click the "Give Joy" button on the SmartHub app, visit singingriver.com/give-joy, or text a member service representative at 228-591-9166.