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What is Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment?

You may have noticed the Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment (WPCA) line item on your power bill and wondered what this is for. The Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment is the component on your electric bill that directly reflects the cost of fuels (natural gas, propane, oil and other fuels) that are used to generate electricity. We recover these fluctuating costs through the WPCA.

Rutherford EMC's board of directors recently approved a decrease in the WPCA from \$0.001 per kilowatt-hour [\$1 per 1,000 kilowatt-hours] to \$0.000 per kilowatt-hour [\$0 per 1,000 kilowatt-hours]. The decrease took effect on August 1, 2019 power bills.

Attention Educators:

Bright Ideas Final Deadline is September 23

It's the final call for Bright Ideas Education Grant applications! Rutherford EMC is partnering with local educators to bring learning to life through the Bright Ideas education grant program again this year. Educators can submit their applications for Bright Ideas grants of up to \$1,000 for innovative, hands-on classroom projects that would not otherwise be funded. Learn more about this awesome program; find helpful grant writing tips and even apply online at www.ncbrightideas.com.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Bright Ideas Education Grant program. "Rutherford EMC is proud to have supported teachers by providing this great opportunity since 1994, we see firsthand how dedicated and creative our local educators are and certainly understand the important role they play in our future generations," said Dirk Burleson, vice president of member and corporate services at Rutherford EMC. "By providing these new tools to help educators reach students, we are investing in young minds and the future of our local communities." Rutherford EMC expects to award over \$15,000 in grants to very innovative and deserving educators again this year. These grants are available to qualifying K-12 teachers for projects in any subject. Educators can apply individually or as a team. Applications can only be submitted online and will only be accepted through Sept. 23, 2019, so hurry!

The application process is all on-line and simple to complete, you can even

start the application and save your work until you have a chance to return to it. To apply you must include a budget; explain the implementation, goals, creative elements and evaluation of the project; and have approval from your school's principal. Applications will be judged through a competitive evaluation process, with judges looking for projects that feature inventive and creative approaches to learning. Grants for the 2019-2020 school year will be awarded in November.

Bright Ideas grants are made available through each of North Carolina's 26 independent electric cooperatives, including Rutherford EMC. In 2018, North Carolina's electric cooperatives collectively set a record by awarding more than \$675,000 in Bright Ideas funding – the most awarded in a single year in the history of the program. Since the program began in 1994, educators statewide have received more than \$12.2 million in Bright Ideas grant funding to sponsor nearly 11,700 projects benefiting 2.3 million students.

As a member-owned cooperative Rutherford EMC is committed to supporting local communities. During the 2018-2019 school year, Rutherford EMC awarded over \$15,600 in Bright Ideas Education Grants to 19 very deserving local educators. This could be your year, so get your Bright Ideas application submitted online today!



SWAP SHOP

Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation provides Swap Shop ads as a free service to its members. Guidelines are as follows: Ads are published first-come, first-served. When the space allotted for ads each month is full, remaining ads will be held over for the next issue. Ads will not be run more than once unless re-submitted. Commercial ads will not be accepted. We reserve the right to edit, condense or deny publication of any advertisement. Rutherford Electric Membership Corp. assumes no responsibility for the content of any advertisement and does not endorse or warrant any of the goods so advertised. Please include your account number with your ad.

Mail your ads to:

Newsletter Editor, Rutherford EMC, PO Box 1569,
Forest City, NC, 28043-1569 or e-mail at cbailey@remc.com.
No phone calls, please.

FOR SALE

Delta floor model band saw, used very little, \$250; two horse wagon w/large bed, kept inside, museum cond., \$3,000; antique Mahogany chest w/four drawers on bottom, lift off top w/drawers & ornate mirror, very nice, \$125; solid Maple 3 piece queen size bedroom suite, one drop down drawer to make desk, \$350; Edwin M. Knowles collector plates in boxes. 704-435-2361.

Assortment of 8 new unopened VCR movies & 9 used VCR movies, \$15; assortment of 18 used DVD movies, \$15; 72 assorted music CD's - rock & country music, \$50, all in very good cond. 980-429-5319.

Two cemetery plots located side by side, Level 74 on Hillside 1 at McDowell Memorial Park in Marion, N.C., \$2,000 for both; vented Toyostove Laser Clean, includes a 250 gal. oil tank w/stand, \$500 for all. 828-803-7930.

1977 model Ford 400 big block 4 bolt main motor & C-6 transmission, in great shape, \$600; 1993 model Ford Taurus 3.0 motor & transmission, \$500; 1987 Toyota Celica motor & transmission, in great shape, \$700; 1976 model Ford 360 motor & 3 speed transmission, uses very little oil, \$500. 828-851-1330.

Deep freezer - 27" wide x 34" high, make offer. 828-879-9288

Frick 00 sawmill w/4 cylinder International diesel power unit, great shape, shed kept, has been restored, \$4,000; 1987 Chevy Luv 4wd parts truck, \$850. 828-851-1330.

Firewood - Ford Ranger truck loads: dry or green hardwood, \$40/load; dry or green Poplar \$30/load; dry Pine, \$25/load; wood is cut in 2 lengths, either 12" or 20", you haul. 828-851-1330.

52" ceiling fan w/light kit & remote control, new in box, paid \$199, asking \$85; fine china - complete service for 12, includes cover dishes, plates & etc., 24kt trim and handles, set is approximately 80+ years old, 95 pcs. in all, excellent cond., \$275; Jenny Lind antique high back rocking chair w/wide seat, approximately 80 years old, \$75; Limoges porcelain dresser set - tray, perfume & powder

box, very old, \$65; hammered green wrought iron baker's rack, very heavy, \$60; turn of the century child's wicker high back rocker, \$75. 828-435-1920.

Burning barrels, \$10 ea.; plastic barrels w/solid or open top, \$10 ea.; plastic barrels w/lids & rings, \$15; water totes, \$75; 15 gal. jugs, \$10 ea. 828-327-4782.

Registered Miniature Sheltie & Miniature Pinscher pups. 828-334-4257.

Land - 16 acres in Lattimore, N.C. 704-692-9974.

1946 Rat Rod truck - has 1939 Ford front end, 1978 302 V8 engine, C-4 transmission, disc brakes, mag wheels & new tires, \$8,800 OBO; 1967 Ford F100 style-side short bed truck, 351 Windsor engine, AT, mag wheels, \$8,800. 828-442-8569.

Vintage upright player piano by P.A. Starck Company, \$500, early 1900's, all keys intact, good condition (not great), but restoration worthy, must pick up from Morganton, N.C., pictures available, text or call. 336-880-0535.

Guineas - Pearl, 2019 hatch, \$5 ea & up. 828-738-8533.

Copper Chef XL, 6-in-1 pan & brand new Copper Chef induction cooktop to be used on counter, \$80. 980-429-5319.

Pure honey & honey comb, screened quarters, \$15. 704-748-3258.

2007 Sea Doo jet ski w/supercharger, black & yellow, only used 125 hrs., garaged 10 mths. of the year, currently on a double trailer, will sell for \$5,000 with trailer or \$4,000 without. 704-735-6792.

Kerosene - approximately 205 gallons of K1 kerosene in a 280 gallon tank, \$300 for oil, tank & stand, you move. 704-678-5256.

Yakima Hully rollers & Mako saddles to transport kayak on roof top of car, \$150; 26 gal. sprayer w/cart, battery & charger, \$150; NordicFlex Ultralift exercise home gym, \$100; Renology 100 watt/12 volt solar starter kit, \$180. 828-659-3168.

Focal 18" rally sport mag wheels, red & black, \$300; 4 Continental tires, size 245/45/R11 x 18", \$100; 2 Good Year P225/50/R18, \$50; 1 Cooper 235/40/R18, \$20; 1 Ultra Sport 235/40/R18, \$20; 7,000 BTU Commercial Cool standup indoor air conditioner, like new, \$100. 828-292-8798.

2007 Harley Davidson Heritage Softail, 29,000 miles, always garage kept & serviced, includes motorcycle jack, 2 helmets & luggage, \$6,500; Troybilt riding mower w/new battery, runs & cuts great, \$400. 828-874-3539.

Ovation acoustic guitar w/hard shell case, Model 1612, has internal pickup with volume control, includes stand, very good cond., \$380; Cannon EOS 60D camera w/battery, charger, strap & 3 manuals, very good cond., \$375. 704-866-0811.

Farmall M tractor, 1945 model, runs & pulls well, 12

volt system w/GM alternator, had a \$1,900 engine overhauled many years ago, look over it & make an offer, asking \$2,500. 704-867-7148.

Powerhorse 4,000 watt generator, \$300; GE white electric range w/coil tops, \$60; 21" cut push mower w/rear bagger, \$60; wooden dining room table w/6 chairs, \$100; propane gas logs w/glass doors, \$200. 704-689-5385.

Land - 111 acres with an old farm house, barn & root cellar in the mountains of Avery County, N.C. \$4,500 per acre. 828-243-4583.

Tiny Toy Yorkie pups - AKC registered w/all vet care, \$1,200 females & \$1,000 for males. 704-923-5834.

Sho-Bud, 10 string w/pedal, \$2,000; Kent 4 string tenor guitar, \$500; hammer dulcimer, \$275. 704-276-6595 or 704-884-6037.

1976 Corvette - original owner, 63,000 miles, flame orange, runs, \$13,000; Vega GT w/new silver paint, original owner, runs, 54,000 miles, \$5,600; Honda 1987 Honda 250 XR 4 wheeler, runs & in great cond., \$1,300. 704-922-8151.

John Deere 1935 B, restored, unstyled factory flats, new decals, \$8,200; 1960 Farmall Cub, cultivators, turning plow, scrape & disc, \$3,250; 1991 Honda XR 600, good shape, like new, \$1,300. 704-922-8181.

92 ft. of chain link fencing with gate, you take it down, \$300. 980-241-9976.

2003 Coachman camper, 25 ft., self-contained, sleeps 6, everything works, includes tow bars, new roof & canopy, \$5,500. 704-922-0175 or 704-678-7421.

China cabinet, \$100; G.E. freezer, 28" wide x 59" tall, \$75; electric sewing machine, \$30. 704-263-1861.

Square Dance caller's equipment - 2 amplifiers, 3 speakers w/stands & lots of 45 rpm square dance records. 828-413-6135.

30 ft. Lakewood travel trailer, new TV, stove, microwave, sleeps 3, queen size bed & table makes bed, has full shower w/tub, lots of storage space, full kitchen, AC & central heat, 4 new jacks, all tow gear included, this unit is like new & in the best condition you will find for its age, \$10,500. 704-864-0078.

MISCELLANEOUS

For Rent: 1 BR mobile home in Lincolnton, N.C., \$450 per month. 704-980-9169 or 704-922-7917.

Free: 30 quart jars & 20 pint jars. 828-879-9288.

Free: Used deck boards & other wood. 704-964-1641.

For Free: Muscovy ducks - have 48 new ducklings ranging from 1 week to 1 month old, more ready to hatch, lay great eating eggs. 704-241-3734.

WANTED

12 ft. split rails for fencing. 336-674-8023.

All Rutherford EMC Offices will be closed

**Monday,
September 2, 2019**

FOR LABOR DAY



Don't Wait. Be Prepared Before the Storm.

It's your worst-case scenario. A major storm was predicted and this time, the predictions were right. Many power lines are down, and your electricity may be out for several days. You are low on everything—food, pet supplies, toilet paper, batteries, diapers and your medication.

Imagine how you would feel in this situation. While you can't predict which weather forecast will come true, you can plan ahead so when a severe weather event strikes, you have the tools and resources to effectively weather the storm. The Department of Homeland Security offers several resources to help you prepare for major weather events and natural disasters. Visit www.ready.gov/make-a-plan.

Preparedness Actions and Items

- Stock your pantry with a three-day supply of non-perishable food, such as canned goods, energy bars, peanut butter, powdered milk, instant coffee, water and other essentials (i.e., diapers and toiletries).
- Confirm that you have adequate sanitation and hygiene supplies including towelettes, soap and hand sanitizer.
- Ensure your First Aid kit is stocked with pain relievers, bandages and other medical essentials, and make sure your prescriptions are current.
- Set aside basic household items you will need, including flashlights, batteries, a manual can opener and portable, battery-powered radio or TV.
- Organize emergency supplies so they are together in an easily accessible location.

With Advance Warning

If a severe storm such as a hurricane is expected with high winds and sustained rain, you may need to take extra steps to safeguard your home. Shutter windows and securely close exterior doors. Fully charge all cell phones, laptops and devices so you have maximum power in the event of a power outage. If you plan to use a small generator, make sure it's rated to

handle the amount of power you will need, and always review the manufacturer's instructions to operate it safely.

During a Prolonged Outage

In the event of an outage, turn off appliances, TVs, computers and other sensitive electronics. This will help avert damage from a power surge, and will also help prevent overloading the circuits during power restoration. That said, do leave one light on so you will know when power is restored. If utilizing a small household generator, consider using LED holiday lights to illuminate a living area. A strand of 100 white lights draws little energy yet produces considerable light. Solar lights also work, if they can receive some sunlight during the day for charging.

During thunderstorms, the American Red Cross recommends avoiding electrical equipment and land-based telephones. Use battery-powered TVs and radios instead. Keep away from windows. Listen to local news or a weather radio for emergency updates. You can always check Rutherford EMC's website at www.remc.com to view a current outage map and follow the restoration updates.

After the storm, avoid downed power lines and walking through flooded areas where power lines could be submerged. Allow ample room for utility crews to safely perform their jobs – including on your property.

Power in planning

Advance planning for severe storms or other emergencies can reduce stress and anxiety caused by the weather event and can lessen the impact of the storm's effects. Sign up for NOAA emergency alerts and warnings and install the REMC Mobile app on your phone to stay abreast of restoration efforts and other important co-op news and information. Act today, because there is power in planning.

Source: Anne Prince of NRECA

YOUR POWER OUTAGE PANTRY

We do our best to avoid power outages, but unfortunately, Mother Nature occasionally has different plans. Stay ahead of the storm by stocking your pantry with a variety of non-perishable items.

Set these items aside for extended outages only, and your storm prep will be a breeze!

Don't forget to stock up on disposable goods, like paper plates, napkins, plastic cutlery and cups.

- BEANS
- CANNED FRUIT
- CANNED TUNA
- CANNED VEGETABLES
- CEREAL
- DRIED FRUITS
- DRIED MEATS/JERKY
- GRAHAM CRACKERS
- PASTA
- RICE
- SPAM
- OATMEAL



Nominating Committee Chooses Board Candidates

Three candidates for REMC's Board of Directors have been selected by the Committee on Nominations which met July 9, 2019 at the cooperative's General Office in Forest City, NC. The names of these members will be presented for consideration for three-year terms at the 2019 Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, October 26, 2019 at East Rutherford High School in Forest City, NC.

The nominees are:

Directorate District One

Jill P. Lovell, 301 St. Luke's Church Rd., Kings Mountain, NC 28086

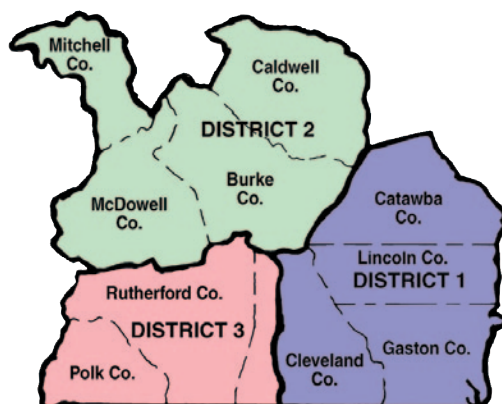
Directorate District Two

Joseph N. Quinn, 14036 221N, Marion, NC 28752

Directorate District Three

Robyn D. Houser, 573 John Queen Rd., Casar, NC 28020

In accordance with the Bylaws, the membership will elect one director from Directorate District One, one director from Directorate District Two, and one director from Directorate District Three. The approximate geographical boundaries of the directorate districts are shown in the drawing.



Prepaid Metering Puts You in Control

Prepaid metering is as simple as it sounds: consumers pay for electricity before it is used, then use the electricity until the credit expires. A terrific analogy for prepaid metering is putting gas in your car. Say you only have \$30 for the week to pay for gasoline. You drive down to the station, pump in \$30 and drive off. As you drive during the week, what happens? You monitor the gauge and make sure each trip is necessary. If you drive too much, you burn up your \$30 before the week is out. Literally, by checking the gauge throughout the week, you became more prudent with your gas use and made informed decisions on when and how much to use.

Now let's transfer that analogy to your account with Rutherford EMC. With normal metering, you get a bill after you have used the electricity. Sometimes it comes as a shock. "How could I possibly have used so much electricity?" Prepaid metering is designed to ease – and hopefully eliminate that shock. Let's take a look at how it works.

The components of a prepaid metering system aren't too different from regular metering. Two extra pieces are required; a way to turn off the power when all your money is used and a way for REMC to tell you how much you have left in your account; think of this as your "electricity tank gauge." On the cooperative's side, we handle the extra software and processes.

Now let's see it in action. You have the prepaid metering equipment installed. Prepaid users often receive electricity use notifications through emails and text messages. Any member can monitor their daily kilowatt-hour usage on line by visiting REMC's website www.remc.com, and clicking

on the member portal tab, which is password protected.

Now you decide how often you want to buy electricity. Monthly? Weekly? Then you budget for a certain amount of power and pay on-line, by phone, U.S. mail, or dropping by any REMC office location. Bingo, your electricity tank is full!

During the time period you have paid for (let's say a week for this example), you receive regular feedback on how much you have left in your tank.

As you approach "empty," you add more money to your account and are then set for the next period. If you run out, the power goes off just like your car stops when it runs out of gas. To complete the analogy, let's look at what you have been doing during the week. You become quite aware of how you are using electricity. You turn things off more often. You may change the setting on your thermostat so you don't cool or heat as much. You might cook outside to avoid using the oven or make sure your dishwasher is really full before running it. Industry studies show that consumers who participate in prepaid metering plans use as much as 10 percent less electricity than their counterparts.

Prepaid metering teaches the value of electricity, what uses watts in your home, provides absolute control over how much you pay and helps you reduce your energy use. It is a tremendous way to power your life. Contact any REMC office, or log onto www.remc.com to learn more about prepaid metering.

RUTHERFORD EMC'S STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Cookware Tip: Copper-bottomed pans heat faster on the stove. In the oven, ceramic and glass dishes are better than metal. With ceramic and glass dishes, you can turn the oven down about 25 degrees, and your meal will cook just as quickly.

Source: energy.gov

