

Energy emergency deferred billing

SLECA's Energy Emergency Deferred Billing Program provides eligible customers with a mechanism to defer utility payments in the event the Louisiana Public Service Commission should declare an "Energy Emergency."

To qualify for the program, a residential customer or government entity must meet certain requirements and be pre-qualified and pre-enrolled prior to any LPSC declared energy emergency. (Acct. No. 106472001)

For details and the requirements to become a "Qualified Consumer," contact SLECA at P.O. Box 4037, Houma, LA; 985/876-6880.

Eligible consumers—Eligible customers include any one of the following:

- Those persons whose income does not exceed 150% of the poverty level as established by the Federal Government and who are 65 years of age or older.
- Those persons who receive either one of the following: (1) Food stamps; (2) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).
- Those persons whose sole income consists of Social Security payments.
- As determined by the Commission or other vital government entities who provide services, the absence of which could result in imminent peril to the public health, safety, and welfare.
- Those persons who need life-sustaining, electrically operated equipment, or life-sustaining medical treatment that requires electricity in order to live.

Across the Board

June 11, 2012

Present were directors Alexander Doyle, president; David Luke, vice-president; Brian Rivet, secretary; Terry Trahan, treasurer; Tracy Duval, J. D. Boudreaux, Eroy Acosta, Roger Dale DeHart, Larry J. Daigle and Lloyd Gibson, advisor. Also attending were Joseph Ticheli, general manager, James Funderburk, attorney, and Elaine Robertson, member services supervisor.

After the invocation and pledge, the board approved the minutes and summary of the May 7, 2012 regular board meeting, 141 new members and the ALEC Report.

The financial report, approved by the board, highlighted interest earnings, cash on hand, rate comparison showing SLECA having the lowest rates compared to other area utilities, line loss, kilowatt hour sales for the month, cumulative sales to date, cost of service, equity, TIER and electric and total revenue verses cost per kilowatt hour.

Following an update on upcoming schools, meetings and events, Mr. Ticheli reported on the following: (1) SLECA's rates are the lowest in the area; (2) SLECA's Member Services Department was put on alert about a scam taking place in Louisiana and east Texas claiming the federal government will pay customers' utility bills; (3) SLECA has gone through its preliminary preparations for hurricane season and the Emergency Work Plan was filed with the Public Service Commission on June 1, 2012; (4) There was an incidence of copper theft at SLECA's Falgout Canal Substation on June 6th; (5) The community outreach at Dularge Middle School on May 14th conducted by Touchstone Energy employees went very well; and (6) Representatives of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) and of the electric cooperatives will be meeting to manage the overall relationship between GOHSEP and the cooperatives and to find ways to streamline the FEMA reimbursement process.

The board then approved a resolution and certificate of authority allowing Mr. Ticheli to conduct business with RUS, a resolution approving 219 forms for the months of October, 2011 through January, 2012, the manager's report, and the safety report showing employees have worked 2,548,200 hours without a lost time accident since December, 1996. The board then approved the attorney's report and fees. (Acct. No. 101939001)

The meeting was then adjourned.

You may obtain copies of the minutes by contacting SLECA, P.O. Box 4037, Houma, LA 70361 or by calling (985) 876-6880 or 1-800-256-8826.

SLECA SWEEPSTAKES

Did you know that each month SLECA gives away CASH just for reading LOUISIANA COUNTRY? It's true. Every month, four lucky SLECA consumers have their account numbers randomly selected by computer. The numbers are then hidden in the articles in the SLECA News section of LOUISIANA COUNTRY. Then it's up to you. If you see your account number, call SLECA and win \$25.00 in cash or have your winnings applied to your bill. It's that simple. So, if you are not reading LOUISIANA COUNTRY you're missing out on great local articles and the possibility of winning extra money.

SLECA News



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Get to know your SLECA directors

SLECA has been ranked as one of the most efficient and best run electric utilities in Louisiana. The key to the success of SLECA, including its low rates, excellent service reputation and one of the best employee safety records in Louisiana, can be found in the directors that the SLECA membership has elected. (Acct. No. 106428001)

"Unlike investor-owned electric utilities, SLECA consumers are able to select their neighbors and fellow members to serve on their Board of Directors," notes General Manager Joe Ticheli. "These individuals come from all walks of life and various backgrounds, but they all share common goals—to make SLECA a progressive and responsive organization that always puts the best interests of its members first."

"And while you may know the neighbor you helped select to represent your local district on the SLECA board, we'd like to offer this opportunity for our consumers to meet ALL of the directors," Ticheli adds.

David Luke

Board vice-president David Luke, a board member since 1981, is a wholesale seafood processor. For more than 36 years, the Dulac native has worked in seafood processing, beginning as a boy in his father's plant (Luke Seafood). He and his wife, Elaine, are former owners of D'Luke's Seafood, Inc. in Dulac. The couple owns St. Michael Ice & Fuel in Biloxi, MS, which not only provides fuel and ice to the Gulf Coast but also has two shrimp loading piers. Luke added two ice plants to his Biloxi operation. A lifetime member of the VFW 4752 Rifle Team and the 2nd Marine Division Assn., Luke is also a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 7722 and the Grand Cailou Volunteer Fire Department. District 4 consists of the Grand Caillou and Dulac areas.



Terry Trahan

Director Terry Trahan, elected to SLECA's Board of Directors in 1987, currently serves as the board treasurer. He retired from Trahan's Heating and Air Conditioning after 34 years. Trahan is a native of Bayou Black who enjoys hunting often on his property in north Mississippi. He serves District 7, which includes areas of Bayou Black, Gibson, Southdown West, Ouiski Bayou and The Lakes.



Larry J. Daigle

Bayou Blue native Larry J. Daigle was elected to the SLECA board in April 2004 representing District 3. Having served 39 years as senior vice-president of Caro Produce and nine years as president of Prime Source and Southland Distribution, he is currently the local produce buyer and grower liaison for Rouse's Supermarket. A SLECA member since 1965, Daigle serves on the finance committee of St. Louis Catholic Church and has served on the parish council of the church for eight years. Mr. Daigle, who served as advisor to Bishop Boudreaux on the Pastoral Council, received the Bishop's Award in 1988 for outstanding service to the parish.



Tracy Duval

Amelia resident Tracy V. Duval has served on SLECA's Board since 1993 and currently serves as one of two representatives on the board of the electric cooperatives statewide group, the Assn. of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives. Duval is Justice of the Peace for Ward 9 in St. Mary Parish as well as serving as the liaison between the Policy Council and the St. Mary Community Action Committee and secretary of the Community Action program. She is also a commentator and the Eucharistic Minister of the Bread and Wine at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Amelia. Duval represents SLECA District 9, which covers areas of Amelia, Siracusaville and part of Bayou L'Ourse.



Alexander Doyle

Alexander Doyle, a resident of Houma, is president of the SLECA Board and has served in this capacity since his election to the Board in 1985. An attorney, Doyle is a member of the Louisiana Bar Assn., the Terrebonne Parish Bar Assn. and is qualified to practice law in Federal Court. Additionally, Doyle served as Terrebonne Parish's Assistant District Attorney for 12 years. Doyle is a former captain in the Louisiana National Guard and serves the District 6 areas of Mulberry, Barrios, Summerfield, Little Bayou Black, Coteau and Oakshire.

Brian Rivet

Gheens resident Brian Rivet, owner of a logging and sawmill business, has served on SLECA's Board since 1983. He is presently secretary of the SLECA Board, is a former member of the Cajun Electric Power Cooperative Board of Directors, and serves as a board member of the Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives, Inc. as well as a past director of Western Fuels. Rivet serves District 1, that includes the Gheens, Raceland and Mathews areas, and portions of Upper Bayou Blue, Coteau and Lockport.



Eroy Acosta

Stephensville native Eroy Acosta, elected to the Board in 1987, served his community as a restaurant and lounge owner for many years. Acosta is president of the combined St. Martin Parish Sewage District Board and St. Martin Parish Water District Board. The Stephensville Volunteer Fire Dept. was established through his fundraising efforts and he served 21 years as president of the department. Acosta serves District 8, which includes Stephensville, Bayou L'Ourse, Deadwood and parts of Gibson, Morgan City and Greenwood. Acosta has also represented SLECA on the board of directors of the Assn. of Louisiana Electric Co-ops. Acosta says he enjoys serving the community at both the state and local level.



Roger Dale DeHart

Dularge native Roger Dale DeHart was elected to the SLECA Board of Directors in March of 1997. DeHart represents District 5 covering all of Bayou Dularge and Ashland North Subdivision. He is a member of the Terrebonne Parish School Board and served as its vice-president and president. He was appointed to and served on the Terrebonne Parish Home Rule Charter Commission. DeHart served more than seven years as a commissioner for Fire District 10. He is very active in his community and is very serious about all of his commitments.



J.D. Boudreaux III

Donner resident Julien Dennis (J.D.) Boudreaux III, has been active in the Donner-Chacahoula Fire Dept. and Jaycees and has served on the St. Lawrence Church Parish Council, receiving the Bishop's Medal in 1987. A self-employed grocery operator and bulk-fuel dealer, he served as the last president of the Terrebonne Parish Police Jury and was first chairman of the Terrebonne Parish Council. A former Justice of the Peace, he received the Roland J. Thibodaux Award as a Terrebonne Parish school bus driver. He was appointed District 2 director (serving Donner and parts of Northwest Bayou Black Dr. and Northwest Bayou Blue Rd.) in January 2006 and has been re-elected ever since.



SLECA employees honored for working over 2.5 million safe hours

SLECA was recognized for logging 2,564,560 employee hours without a lost-time accident since December 1996 at a banquet held July 30 in Baton Rouge during the annual meeting of the Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives (ALEC).

SLECA's 89 employees working out of offices in Houma and Amelia were recognized for their consistent, professional performance on the job.

General Manager Joe Ticheli said all SLECA employees should be very proud of this achievement.

"Working safely is something our employees do not take for granted," Ticheli said. "We are determined to provide our consumers with the most reliable service possible and we are committed to do it in the safest possible manner."

Ticheli said SLECA is known as a leader in safety among the state's electric cooperatives.

"This is a real credit to the extensive training our employees receive," Ticheli said. "As everyone knows, the work of a lineman is dangerous, and this shows how alert, skilled and conscientious our employees are when they go about their jobs."



Shown above at the Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperative's Annual Meeting are Danny LeBlanc, Suzanne Woods, Jonathan Fanguy, Aaron Graham, Joe Ticheli, Mike Bergeaux, Steve Giroir and Marc Caldwell. Shown at right are Woods (representing SLECA's inside employees), Ticheli and Fanguy (representing SLECA's outside employees).



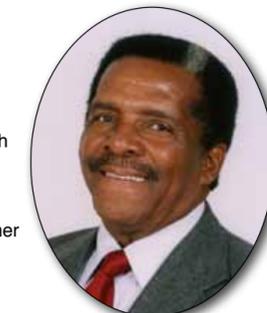
Beware of utility scam

SLECA wants to alert its members to a utility scam where customers of various utility companies in Louisiana are being told that their utility bills will be paid by the federal government under a grant authorized by President Obama. There are various versions of the scam but all of them have one thing in common: they are all scams. (Acct. No. 94381001)

Avoid fraud. Do not give out your personal or financial information and use only bank account information for which you are authorized.

Lloyd Gibson

Lloyd Gibson, serving as advisor to the board since 1984, is a general contractor and owner of Cookie's Construction Co., Inc. A resident of Gibson, he has served as the Terrebonne Parish Constable in Ward 8 for 28 years. Gibson served as chairman of Terrebonne Parish Recreation Board, District 8, for 19 years and was senior deacon and chairman of the Board of Trustees of the St. James Baptist Church of Gibson for 26 years. He also serves on the board of the START Corp. and is the current president of H.O.P.E. of Terrebonne, a community civic organization. Gibson is very concerned about his community and is actively involved in its development.



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