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# Still Evolving 75 Years Later

**S**erving with electric cooperatives for more than 30 years has been a privilege, and when I think about how it all got started, it makes me proud to be a part of its development over the years. CAEC will be celebrating its 75th anniversary, and throughout the year, we will be sharing bits of history about your co-op.



You might be curious as to how your co-op began. In 1936, a group of optimistic rural residents came together to get something they wanted: electricity for their farms, businesses

and homes. By working collectively in a grassroots movement, they formed Central Alabama Electric Membership Corporation on Nov. 28, 1938, (the name changed on Aug. 30, 1940 to Central Alabama Electric Cooperative) and a new era of electricity began on Nov. 14, 1939 after the first line was energized.

We served 810 meters with one substation located in Speigner, and today, 75 years later, your co-op serves more than 42,000 meters, approximately 100,000 consumers, over 5,500 miles of line.

During this timeframe the grassroots movement to energize rural America was taking place in states across the country. Electric co-ops have fostered a reputation on Capitol Hill as a “grassroots” organization and legislators know that our members are actively involved and make sure their voices are heard on issues that affect them. Grassroots advocacy is a significant tool when it’s important to influence the views of policymakers as they make decisions that directly affect our lives.

We rely on members, like you, to continually stay engaged while educating our elected officials on developing policies and regulations that will keep electricity reliable and affordable. We make it a practice to follow Cooperative Principle number five (education, training and information for our members and elected representatives) and keep you informed on legislation, policies and topics that directly impact the end users of electricity.

Looking back over 75 years at the growth that has taken place at your co-op, we continue to work toward meeting your needs for electric service. This includes our investment in new technologies, increased customer services and the infrastructure required to supply it. With that being said, I am pleased to share with you that this year, construction of a new headquarters will begin. Our first headquarters was a storefront located in downtown Prattville and in 1968, we built the facility that we presently occupy. At the time the new facility opened, there were 14 employees working from this location and today we have 55 of 120 employees. Unfortunately, the existing building was not originally designed to occupy 50 employees and even after much restoration, we currently are bursting out of every corner. Not only is space an issue – our current building was not designed for the technology needs of today. Our goal is to have the new building, which will be located on five acres owned by CAEC in the Interstate Business Park (next to our present location), completed during the first half of 2015.

Additionally this year, we plan to revisit topics such as the fundamental principles of power generation, the role of coal, renewable energy, nuclear, natural gas and hydropower to help keep you up to date with industry challenges.

So as we welcome another year, I look forward to continuing our service to you as well as sharing opportunities that—together—will help us stay in touch with our elected officials on important industry issues. ■

Tom Stackhouse  
President/CEO

## 2014 Board Election Timeline

### March 25

Trustees appoint Nominating Committee (Article IV, Section 4.05 of Member Bylaws).

### April 11

Nominating Committee meets (Article IV, Section 4.05).

### May 9

Nominating Committee posts slate of nominees for Districts 1, 4 and 6 at all CAEC customer service centers and on CAEC's website, [www.caec.coop](http://www.caec.coop) (Article IV, Section 4.05).

### May 20

Nominations by petition must be received by 4:30 p.m. (Article IV, Section 4.05).

### June

All nominations by petition will be verified and posted at CAEC customer service centers and our website, [www.caec.coop](http://www.caec.coop) (Article III, Section 3.03).

### July

*Alabama Living* magazine will include all candidates' names and the mail-in ballot.

### July 24

Record date for voting (Article III, Section 3.07). Must be a member by this date in order to vote.

### August

Magazine will include CAEC's 2013 Annual Report. If you choose to vote at Annual Meeting, please bring your registration form to the meeting.

### August 1

Deadline for mail-in ballot to be postmarked (Article III, Section 3.03).

### August 8

Annual Meeting, Prattville headquarters, 1802 U.S. Hwy. 31, north of Prattville (4 p.m. registration, 6:30 p.m. business session). Election results will be announced.



## High School Seniors: CAEC Scholarship Forms Available!

**C**ollege scholarship applications are now available to high school seniors graduating this spring.

Two \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded by the Electric Cooperative Foundation, Inc. (ECF), which provides scholarships for post-secondary institutions.

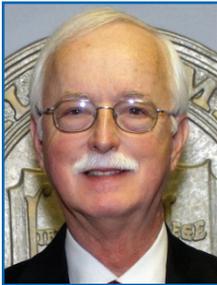
Applicants must be dependents of CAEC members. The scholarship will be paid by ECF directly to the educational institution for credit to the student's account.

Applications are available at [www.caec.coop](http://www.caec.coop), any of our service centers or by calling (334) 351-2125 or 1-800-545-5735, ext. 2125 to have an application mailed to you.

**Deadline is March 14**

*CAEC Offices will be closed Jan. 20 for the  
Martin Luther King/Robert E. Lee Holiday*

# STATE SENATORS in your area



**Sen. Jerry Fielding (D)**  
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**Sen. Dick Brewbaker (R)**  
District 25  
Year Elected: 2010  
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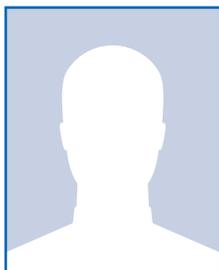
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**Rep. Ralph Howard (D)**  
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**Rep. Kurt Wallace (R)**  
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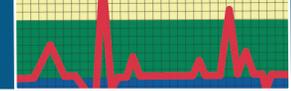
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# CAEC's Peak Shaving Program Benefits Our Members



**Cindy Browder**  
is CAEC's Energy  
Advisor

**C**AEC offers many different programs to help use energy more efficiently, and the Peak Shaving Program is just one of them. The program was implemented Oct. 1, 2007 and currently targets water heaters, which consume approximately 18 percent of a home's annual

electricity usage. The objective of the program is simple – if CAEC's system energy usage can be reduced during peak times, then we can lower the impact of our wholesale power cost. Peak energy can cost two to three times more to produce than off peak power, but this program offers a way to manage electricity use at the most expensive times.

## So as a member, how does the program benefit you?

- Simply, if we can keep CAEC's wholesale power costs down, we can help keep rates stable for all of our members.

## How does the program work?

- A peak shaving device (PSD) is installed for your electric hot water heater to reduce its energy usage during peak times. Peak demand is when consumers collectively use the most electricity, such as during the winter months 5:30–8 a.m., when people start their morning routine of showering and making coffee and breakfast. During the summer months the peak demand is 3-7 p.m. The PSD allows the water heater's reheating cycle to be delayed to off-peak times.

**The most common concern about the device is whether there will be a loss of hot water when you need it most.**

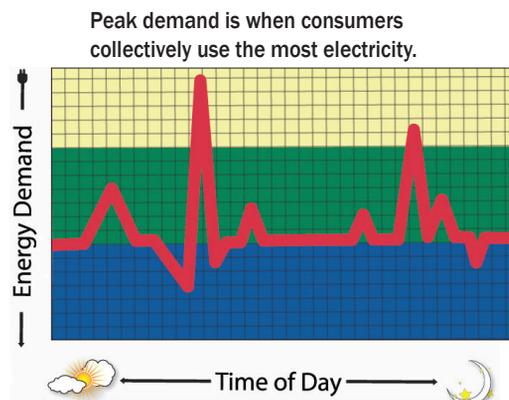
- The reheating process is simply delayed for a brief period to off-peak times. Your water heater will continue to hold hot water – you will not be able to detect when the event is actually occurring.

## What about the cost involved in installing one of these devices?

- The PSD is installed by a licensed electrician at **NO COST** to you. The electrician will call and schedule a convenient time for your installation.

Additionally, other cooperatives of PowerSouth (our wholesale power provider) are participating in the peak shaving program, and we have an overall goal to have 50,000 water heaters in the program by 2016, possibly eliminating the need to build one peaking plant, which can cost at least \$200 million!

If you want to sign-up for the Peak Shaving Program, or have questions, call (800) 545-5735, ext. 2118 or (334) 351-2118. You can also fill out the form on page 34 of this magazine and mail it in or drop it by one of our service centers. ■





# We Did Our Part

We're participating with other members in CAEC's peak shaving program. Simply put, we're allowing our co-op to delay the re-heating cycle on our water heaters. It's a win-win program – we still have hot water when we need it, and the co-op avoids paying peak-time power costs. If enough of us join this effort, we can have a positive effect on our future rates – will you join us?

*The peak shaving device for your electric water heater is free, and will be installed by a licensed electrician at no cost to you.*

Yes, I agree to do my part by joining CAEC's peak shaving program.

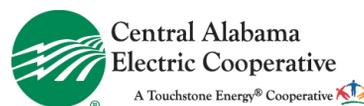
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Account #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number & Size(s) of Water Heater(s): \_\_\_\_\_



[www.caec.coop](http://www.caec.coop)

Mail form to: Central Alabama Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 681570, Prattville, AL 36068



# Recipe for *Efficiency* from CAEC

## Dryer Lint Traps and Vents

Clothes dryers are one of the many appliances that add convenience to our lives, but if not maintained properly, they can increase your home's energy usage.

Lint from clothes can become caught in traps and vents which decreases air flow in your dryer,

causing it to run longer and use more electricity. Simple maintenance can help keep your dryer running smoothly.

Lint can also pose a safety hazard since it's highly flammable. Follow the steps below to keep your dryer running efficiently and safely.

### Utensils (tools):

Clean Towel

Toothbrush or small brush

Screwdriver

Water

### Cleaning the Lint Trap:

1. Remove your dryer's lint trap.



2. Remove any accumulated lint and discard (this step should be done each time you use your dryer).

3. To remove any waxy buildup deposited from fabric softeners, wash with warm water and a small brush (such as an old toothbrush). Gently brush over the mesh grate of the trap.



4. Pat dry with a clean towel and let the lint trap air dry before placing back into your dryer. This process should be done every four to six months.

### Cleaning the Dryer Vent Hose

1. Unplug your dryer and pull away from the wall. Using a screwdriver, loosen the vent clamp from the vent hose (you may have to remove the back panel of the dryer to access the clamp).



2. Remove the vent hose. Reach into the hole in the back of the dryer and pull out any lint buildup.



3. Reach into the vent hose and remove any lint. Most lint will accumulate at the ends, but also check the middle of the hose. Be careful not to puncture or damage the hose.

4. Slide the clamp back on vent, reattach the hose to the dryer and tighten the clamp. Slide the dryer back into place, making sure you do not kink the vent hose and that you keep it as straight as possible.



**Remember, lint is your dryer's worst enemy. By removing it, you help your dryer run more efficiently and safely.**