



## Cooperative Update

from

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## Co-op Day At The S.C. State House

Downtown Columbia is a ways outside Fairfield Electric Cooperative's assigned territory, but your electric cooperative is working for you there, too.

Every year, we send cooperative liaisons to the S.C. State House to represent your interests on everything from energy policy to economic development. What happens in that big granite building can have a massive impact on your community and your wallet.

That's why last month, Fairfield Electric took part in an event we call Co-op Day at the State House. Our people were among the hundreds of South Carolina electric cooperative linemen, staff, and trustees who visited the offices of our state representatives and swarmed the lobby to remind them of what's important to our members and to thank them for their support.

Over the last few years, state lawmakers have debated bills that affected power costs, cooperative governance, electric reliability, and funding for crucial services your cooperative provides. This year's session is no different. We expect legislators to focus heavily on energy issues this year as our state seeks to address the need for more generation to supply our growing demands.

We spend a lot of time talking with state leaders about energy, safety and empowering our communities. We also need to say "thank you" to the policymakers who have listened and had our back through thick and thin.

That's why we recently presented Senate President Thomas Alexander with the first-ever Electric Cooperative Outstanding Public Service Award. The new honor recognizes distinguished leaders who have demonstrated unwavering support of South Carolina's electric cooperatives.

If history is any indication, we're confident there will be worthy candidates for the award for years to come.



Top Left: Representative Annie McDaniel (right center) with several employees and trustees.



Top Right: Bruce Bacon talks with Representative Randy Ligon and trustees Mitch Rabon and Derial Ogburn.



Bottom Right: Senator Tameika Isaac Devine and trustee Robert Entzminger.





## We Put The Power In Your Hands

Manage your account whenever—and wherever—you are with the free **FEC mobile app**.

The **FEC Mobile app** allows you to:

- make bill payments
- review bills and payment history
- check account balance
- check on monthly energy usage
- set up payment reminders

Download your **FREE FEC Mobile app** on all your smart devices



## Simplify The Way You Pay Your Electric Bill By Enrolling In **BANK DRAFT**

This free, easy and convenient payment option allows you to pay your bill on time every month without writing a check or calling in to the payment line.

- When you sign up, Fairfield Electric will begin automatically drafting your checking or savings account for the amount of your monthly electric bill on the due date.
- You will continue to receive statements showing the kWh use and the amount due, but you will not have to write a check or visit the office.
- There are no convenience fees

*To sign up, call (800) 628-0336 to speak to a member service representative.*



**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**

Spring is also a great time for home and yard projects. However, if any of your plans include a shovel—like planting trees and shrubs or installing fences and mailboxes—you might want to make sure you won't run into any underground lines. **Call 811 or go to [sc811.com](http://sc811.com)** a few business days before digging to request that the approximate location of buried utilities be marked so that you don't unintentionally dig into an underground utility line.



## Offering Peace Of Mind To Members...



Fairfield Electric Security Services is here to serve all your home security needs. Alarm system technology has changed significantly through the years, and the new systems of today offer many options, including remote access from a smartphone, tablet, or computer. **The basic wireless monitoring fee is only \$26.50 per month.** If you have an existing system, give us a call. We may be able to monitor the system if the equipment is compatible.

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