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The Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Talquin Water & Wastewater, Inc. Boards regularly schedule their workshops on the 1st Monday of each month and meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Headquarters' Office in Quincy, FL at 6:30 PM. If necessary, an Executive Session may be held in conjunction with any regular meeting, special meeting, or workshop. Notice of any changes will be listed at www.TalquinElectric.com/About/Board-Meetings-Workshops/.

STAND UP. SPEAK OUT. MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!



Joe Alexander
President



Tracy Bensley
General Manager

At Talquin Electric, we understand that our mission goes beyond simply providing safe, reliable, affordable electricity to the communities we serve. We are here to support you, the Member-Owners, and help power a future that is both sustainable and prosperous for everyone. That's why Talquin is proud to be part of Voices for Cooperative Power (VCP), the grassroots arm of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

What is Voices for Cooperative Power?

Imagine if decisions that affect your family, your home, your wallet and your access to safe, reliable, affordable power were made without your input. That's what happens when we don't let policymakers know how their energy policy decisions affect our families and communities.

VCP is a network of advocates working together to ensure that the unique needs of Cooperatives are heard in Washington, D.C. This group of dedicated Co-op Member-Owners—just like you—actively influence federal policies that directly impact rural communities and the Cooperatives that serve them. With over 42 million Americans relying on Cooperatives for their electricity, VCP has become a strong and influential voice in shaping the policies that affect energy affordability, reliability, and access across the nation.

How Can You Help?

Your voice matters. By signing up to become an advocate for Cooperatives, you're helping ensure that decision-makers in Washington understand the importance of rural electric Cooperatives and the needs of Cooperative Member-Owners.

- **Join VCP:** Sign up today for regular updates on key issues and opportunities to let policymakers know if their decisions help keep the lights on.
- **Share Your Electric Co-op Story:** Sharing your story about the important role your Co-op plays in your community is one of the most effective ways to make your voice heard. And your policymakers want to hear from you!
- **Follow VCP on social media:** Follow VCP on Facebook, Instagram, X and LinkedIn. Ask your friends, neighbors, and family to join and follow VCP!

We encourage every Talquin Member-Owner to join and become a part of the VCP movement. The more voices we have, the stronger our message becomes. Visit the Voices for Cooperative Power website today to sign up and take action on the issues that matter most.

Together, we can ensure a brighter future for all.

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to sign up today!

★ 2025 ANNUAL MEETING ★

The 85th Annual Meeting will be held and streamed live online on Saturday, April 26, 2025 beginning at 9:00 AM ET. An Annual Meeting notice will be mailed to Members via USPS.

Trustee nomination petitions were received from incumbent Trustees for District 2, District 5 and District 8 during the nomination period. No other candidates submitted petitions during the nomination period. Due to the 2023 Bylaw amendments approved by the Members, an election of Trustees is not required when there is only one qualified candidate from each District and the unopposed candidates will be deemed elected upon the conclusion of the 2025 Annual Meeting (Article IV, Section 3(e) Unopposed Candidates).

Cooperative Trustees and key staff will attend the business portion of the Annual Meeting in-person. Members may also attend the business portion of the Annual Meeting in-person at the Lake Jackson Member Services office (4808 Portal Drive, Tallahassee FL 32303); however, **no bill credits or door prizes will be offered to Members for in-person attendance.** Members are strongly encouraged to watch the annual meeting remotely, either live or on demand after it concludes, using the broadcast link provided below in red.

Officer's Report



Financial Report



Cooperative Update

**Links to the live stream will be available on Saturday, April 26, 2025
on the website, www.TalquinElectric.com, and on Talquin Electric's Facebook page.**

★ BOARD OF TRUSTEE CANDIDATES ★

The following candidates have been nominated by petition and qualified to serve on the Board of Trustees:

DISTRICT 2

Tony Miller (Incumbent)

2210 Luten Road, Quincy, Florida 32352

Mr. Miller is the Trustee for District 2, Northwest Gadsden County. A Gadsden County native, after graduating high school Mr. Miller earned a Bachelor's degree in Management Information Systems from FSU. He has worked for the same organization since 2001 and is currently working on the e-commerce side for Civitek Solutions in Tallahassee. Mr. Miller is a Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) with the NRECA. Mr. Miller is married to his wife Jessica and they have 3 children, Anna, Owen and Marguerite (Meg).



DISTRICT 5

Carla Pararo (Incumbent)

7882 Bandits Run, Tallahassee, Florida 32309

Mrs. Pararo is the Trustee from District 5, northeast Leon County. She has lived in Tallahassee since 1964, graduated from Leon High School, and attended TCC with an emphasis in business. She retired as an independent contractor from the Social Security Administration in 2021. Mrs. Pararo has been a Talquin Member since 1992, and she served the Membership on the Talquin Election Committee for 12 years prior to her election to the Talquin Board of Trustees in 2016. She also serves on the Board of Trustees of Seminole Electric Cooperative, Talquin's primary generation and transmission provider. Mrs. Pararo is a Credentialed Cooperative Director and holds a Board Leadership Certificate from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.



DISTRICT 8

Cliff Bristol (Incumbent)

15333 N.W. CR 12 Bristol, Florida 32321

Mr. Bristol is the Trustee from District 8, Liberty County, and part of Wakulla County. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Clemson University and an M.D. Degree from the University of Miami. He completed a residency in Family Medicine and a fellowship in OB and Pediatrics from Tallahassee Memorial Hospital. He moved to Liberty County and opened his medical practice in Blountstown in 1980, and retired after 36 years in practice. Mr. Bristol is a Credentialed Director and holds a Board Leadership Certificate through the NRECA. He currently serves as Vice President of Talquin's Board of Trustees and is one of Talquin's representatives to Seminole Electric Cooperative's Board. He has been married to his wife, Lisa, for 40 years. They have two daughters, Natalie and Anna Jo, and three grandchildren.



If you have questions, please call (850) 627-7651, email MemberFeedback@TalquinElectric.com or post a question on the Annual Meeting page at www.TalquinElectric.com.



Talquin Electric Cooperative Empowers Local Youth with Educational Tour

Sixteen high school juniors from Gadsden, Leon, and Wakulla Counties were selected to participate in the Talquin Youth Tour February 12th through 13th. The two-day Youth Tour included a visit and tour of the Florida Supreme Court. Students had the unique opportunity to sit in the same chairs as the Florida Supreme Court Justices. The highlight of the tour was a visit to the Florida Capitol on Thursday, where the students had the opportunity to observe the Florida Senate and Florida House of Representatives debate and cast votes on legislation during Special Session C.

Out of the sixteen exceptional participants, four delegates and two alternates were selected to represent Talquin Electric Cooperative at the National Rural Electric Association's Youth Tour in Washington D.C. in June and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for college or post-secondary education. These students will serve as delegates, showcasing their leadership and community involvement on a national stage. The delegates are: Ava Files, Florida State University School; Metrius Hadley, North Florida Christian School; Troy Thaxton, Wakulla High School; and Sadie Donaway, St. John Paul II Catholic High School. The alternates are: Jada Salter, Leon High School; and Zion Dixon, Crossroad Academy Charter School of Business.

The students who will receive a \$500 scholarship for representing their schools at the Talquin Youth Tour in Tallahassee are: Addison Davis, Maclay School; Adeline Kitchen, Lawton Chiles High School; A'Kayla Gilliam, Crossroad Academy Charter School of Business, Dax Dichio, Wakulla High School; Dion Rogers II, Maclay School; Grayson Stevens, Maclay School; Isaiah Smith, St. John Paul II Catholic High School; Sanhvi Kalathil, Lawton Chiles High School; Taylor Hounshell, Leon High School; and Tobias King, North Florida Christian School.



Pictured above, left to right; Front row: Adeline Kitchen, Sanhvi Kalathil, Sadie Donaway, A'Kayla Gilliam, Jada Salter, Ava Files; Second row: Taylor Hounshell, Addison Davis; Third row: Troy Thaxton, Zion Dixon, Grayson Stevens, Dax Dichio; Fourth row: Dion Rogers II, Isaiah Smith, Metrius Hadley, Tobias King.

Congratulations, Jackson!

We are pleased to announce Jackson Rudd has officially earned the title of Journeyman Lineman! Jackson joined Talquin in June 2019 as a helper and advanced to an apprentice by December 2019. He then enrolled in a 5-year apprenticeship program through North West Lineman College, where he completed online coursework and hands-on training in Climbing, Construction, Operations, and Leadership. Jackson's hard work and dedication have paid off, and we're excited to celebrate his success as he continues to grow in his career with Talquin Electric.



Left to right: Tracy Bensley and Jackson Rudd

Meet The Department:

Meet the Finance Department at Talquin Electric Cooperative! This Department plays a crucial role in ensuring the smooth operation of Talquin's financial and material management systems.

Finance at Talquin Electric



Sean Alderman

The Finance Department, led by Director of Finance Sean Alderman, is at the heart of Talquin's financial operations. This team is responsible for managing budgets, overseeing financial planning, and ensuring that resources are allocated effectively across all areas of the Cooperative. Through their strategic financial guidance, they ensure the Cooperative's long-term financial stability and health, helping to support Talquin's operational needs and future growth. By managing financial risk, providing analytical insights, and facilitating cost-effective strategies, the Finance Department powers Talquin's ability to invest in its infrastructure and deliver value to Members.

Sustaining Talquin's Operations

The Supply Chain Department, led by Byon Smiddy, supported by five Area Material Clerks, Mikayla Flournoy, Garrett Speed, Tammie Sanders, Damon Gilstrap, and Frank Mozolic; and one Supply Chain Purchasing Specialist, Stacy Stone, is responsible for purchasing, storing, and issuing all materials used by our outside and inside staff for all aspects of our business. From everyday items like paper and pencils to essential materials like utility poles and transformers, this team ensures that the necessary resources are always on hand. Their mission is to implement cost-effective procurement and warehousing strategies, ultimately providing the best value for the Membership.



Left to right: Mikayla Flournoy, Garrett Speed, Tammie Sanders, Damon Gilstrap, Byon Smiddy, and Stacy Stone. Not pictured: Frank Mozolic

Fueling Talquin's Financial Success

The General Accounting team plays a crucial role in maintaining Talquin's financial health and integrity. Led by Julie Proch and supported by Lynn Mayo and Silvia Hernandez, this team is responsible for preparing and closing financial statements across all departments, ensuring accurate and timely reporting. They manage accounts payable, oversee fixed assets, and handle work orders while ensuring compliance with all regulatory requirements. In addition, they coordinate financial audits and monitor internal controls to maintain the highest standards of financial accuracy and transparency. This team works behind the scenes to keep Talquin's finances in order, providing the foundation for the Cooperative's continued success.



Left to right: Silvia Hernandez, Julie Proch, and Lynn Mayo

Supporting Grant Management and Emergency Response



Lisa Burnett

With a strong background in Supply Chain Management, Lisa transitioned into her current role as Grant Administrator/Development Coordinator three years ago, where she now oversees FEMA Public Assistance and manages grant applications from initial request through completion across all four counties in our service territory. Additionally, Lisa coordinates Talquin's annual Emergency Response training and plays a key role in the development process, collaborating closely with developers, engineers, internal teams, and county staff.

Powering Financial Excellence

The Treasury and Finance team, led by Kristy Mock and supported by Rebecca Heitkemper, is responsible for overseeing the Cooperative's treasury, banking, payroll, and financial reporting activities. Kristy supervises the overall financial operations, ensuring efficient and accurate management of these areas. Rebecca plays a key role in coordinating and executing the payroll and tax reporting functions, ensuring compliance and timely processing. Together, this team works diligently to maintain financial integrity, support operational efficiency, and contribute to continued growth and stability of the Cooperative.



Left to right: Kristy Mock and Rebecca Heitkemper

Let's celebrate our beautiful planet by taking steps to be more energy efficient. Here are a few simple ways you can save energy at home:

- **Switch to LED Bulbs:** They use up to 75% less energy than traditional bulbs!
- **Unplug Devices:** Save energy by unplugging chargers and electronics when not in use.
- **Adjust Your Thermostat:** A small change in temperature can make a big difference.
- **Seal Leaks:** Weatherproof doors and windows to keep the heat or cool air in.
- **Use Energy-Efficient Appliances:** Look for the ENERGY STAR® label when upgrading.



5 STEPS FOR SAFE DIGGING

Working on an outdoor project? Careless digging poses a threat to people, pipelines and underground facilities. Always call 8-1-1 first. Here are five easy steps for safe digging:



1. NOTIFY

Call 8-1-1 or make a request online two to three days before your work begins. The operator will notify the utilities affected by your project.

2. WAIT

Wait two to three days for affected utilities to respond to your request. They will send a locator to mark any underground utility lines.

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3. CONFIRM

Confirm that all affected utilities have responded to your request by comparing the marks to the list of utilities the 8-1-1 call center notified.



4. RESPECT

Respect the markers provided by the affected utilities. The markers are your guide for the duration of your project.



5. DIG CAREFULLY

If you can't avoid digging near the markers (within 18-24 inches on all sides, depending on state laws), consider moving your project location.



Source: call811.com

2025 FLORIDA LINEMAN RODEO

In March, linemen and apprentice linemen from Talquin participated in the Annual Florida Linemen Competition Rodeo, hosted by the Florida Municipal Electric Association. The event routinely draws up to 25 journeyman teams and over 75 individual apprentices from Municipal, Cooperative, and Investor-Owned Utility companies across Florida. These professionals compete to determine the safest, fastest, and most accurate team – making the event a great opportunity to engage with the community and raise awareness about the vital work linemen do every day. We greatly appreciate all the linemen and apprentice linemen who proudly represented Talquin Electric at the competition this year!



Left to right: Top Row: Josh Blankenship, Mason Brown, Jackson Rudd, David McDaniel, Jerry Orama, Jeremy Parmer, Charles Mathis, Tylor Hudson, Mike Harper, Vicente Trinidad, Mitchell Phillips, Wayne Young, Donnie Kinsey, Jarred Roddenberry, Reed Towles, Luke Mayo, Elder Romeriz, Dalton Gilhousen, Logan Carter; Bottom Row: Donnie Gilbert; Not Pictured: Sam Brooks

Water and Sewer Rate Adjustment

Talquin Water and Wastewater (TWWI) recognizes that Members want their Cooperative to have competitive rates while remaining financially stable to provide safe and reliable services. TWWI recently reviewed revenue requirements. Based on those findings, TWWI water and sewer rates will be adjusted effective May 1, 2025. These changes do not affect Talquin's electric rates.

For a standard Residential account using a 0.75" meter and 5,000 gallons per month:

- With water service: the adjustment will be 15% or \$4.65 per month.
- With water and sewer services: the adjustment will be 18.4% or \$18.24 per month.

The tables below show the existing and new rates for each meter size.

AVERAGE MONTHLY BILLING FOR RESIDENTIAL USAGE OF 5,000 GALLONS		
0.75" Meter	Water Only	Water & Sewer
Existing	\$30.93	\$98.92
New	\$35.58	\$117.16
Change	\$4.65	\$18.24
% Difference	15.0%	18.4%

WATER SYSTEM ACCESS CHARGES									WATER USAGE (per 1,000 gallons)		
Meter Size	0.75"	1"	1.5"	2"	3"	4"	6"	8"	First 5,000 Gallons	Next 15,000 Gallons	Over 20,000 Gallons
Existing	\$19.68	\$31.48	\$49.22	\$74.80	\$129.87	\$196.80	\$383.79	\$604.59	\$2.25	\$2.87	\$3.46
New	\$22.63	\$36.20	\$56.60	\$86.02	\$149.35	\$226.32	\$441.36	\$695.28	\$2.59	\$3.30	\$3.98
Change	\$2.95	\$4.72	\$7.38	\$11.22	\$19.48	\$29.52	\$57.57	\$90.69	\$0.34	\$0.43	\$0.52
% Increase	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	15.1%	15.0%	15.0%

SEWER SYSTEM ACCESS CHARGES									SEWER USAGE (per 1,000 gallons)	
Meter Size	0.75"	1"	1.5"	2"	3"	4"	6"	8"	All Usage	
Existing	\$40.69	\$65.10	\$101.75	\$146.48	\$292.95	\$451.61	\$923.63	\$1,464.75	\$5.46	
New	\$48.83	\$78.12	\$122.10	\$175.78	\$351.54	\$541.93	\$1,108.36	\$1,757.70	\$6.55	
Change	\$8.14	\$13.02	\$20.35	\$29.30	\$58.59	\$90.32	\$184.73	\$292.95	\$1.09	
% Increase	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	

Sewer volume charges are per 1,000 gallons and are the same for all meter sizes.

A complete list of Talquin's rates can be found on our website at www.TalquinElectric.com. If you have any questions about Talquin's rates, please contact Member Services at MemberFeedback@TalquinElectric.com or (850) 627-7651.



We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the Members who joined us for our recent Talk with Talquin Member Update Events. This year, attendance at each Talk with Talquin exceeded all prior years. These gatherings provided a valuable opportunity to connect directly with the Board of Trustees, General Manager, and Talquin team.

Key Updates Pertaining to Each County:

- **Gadsden County:** Talquin's water and wastewater plans include the new DuPont Well, well rehabilitation at I-10 and Highway 90, and a new well at Shiloh. The Gadsden East Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) expansion and Midway sewer improvements are also in progress. On the electric side, Talquin is replacing aging lines and poles and conducting vegetation management in areas like Wetumpka, Midway, and north of Havana to improve service reliability and reduce outages.
- **Leon County:** Talquin's water projects include improvements at the Killearn WWTP and a wetland upgrade, as well as the replacement of mains on Kinhega Dr and Beech Ridge. Additionally, there was an update on unidirectional flushing for the Killearn Lakes area. For electric services, Talquin plans to replace aging lines and poles across various areas and complete a post-storm vegetation management trimming project to address cleanup after major events. These efforts aim to improve service and system reliability for Members.
- **Liberty County:** Talquin's water projects include completing approximately 230 remaining meter change-outs in the Hosford/Telogia system, along with pipe and well rehabilitation efforts. The Cooperative is also encouraging Members to enroll in mobile app notifications for PBWNs (Precautionary Boil Water Notices). On the electric side, plans include the Bristol Tie Line, which is near completion pending FDEM approval, and the rebuild of Vilas Sumner Road. Vegetation management efforts in the Bristol area will focus on mechanical trimming to enhance service reliability.
- **Wakulla County:** Talquin's water and wastewater projects include, recently completed unidirectional flushing on the Riversink system to improve performance. Additionally, the Cooperative has successfully finished work on the new Aaron Strickland Well and tank painting, as well as the Songbird filter aeration. A new well at The Park is expected to be completed later this year. For electric updates, Talquin is focusing on increasing the capacity of the distribution line on Hwy 319, from the end of the Crawfordville Highway construction to Osceola Ct. (approximately 1.5 miles), which will help with back-feeding. In addition, a new 4-year work plan is being launched, which includes expanding capacity within the electric system to accommodate the growing needs of the county.

Cooperative-wide: Talquin's solar facilities have been successful, and have saved Members about \$340K in 2024 across all three sites (located in Wakulla, Gadsden, & Liberty Counties). General Manager, Tracy Bensley, emphasized Talquin's commitment to member service and data protection. He also provided an overview of the four major events the service area experienced in 2024: Winter Storm Finn, the May tornadoes, and Hurricanes Debby and Helene, which caused significant damage and resulted in substantial recovery efforts. Other discussions included details about the Talquin Youth Tour, the new online application process for services, and addressing concerns over recent higher usage due to the cold weather.

As a thank you for attending, every participant received a \$20 bill credit. Additionally, five lucky winners at each location were chosen to receive a bill credit in the amount of \$50, \$100, or \$250!

We are grateful for your continued support and look forward to continuing this journey together. Thank you for being such an important part of our Cooperative community.



TRADING POST MISCELLANEOUS

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- **Members may submit one ad per issue (six times a year)**
- **Ads must be twenty-five words or less**
- **Must be typed or printed legibly in ink**
- **No registered businesses may run an ad**
- **No changes after ad submission**
- **No event promotion of any kind**
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Mail ads to: "The Current", Talquin Electric Cooperative, PO Box 1679, Quincy, FL 32353-1679 or email to: TradingPost@TalquinElectric.com

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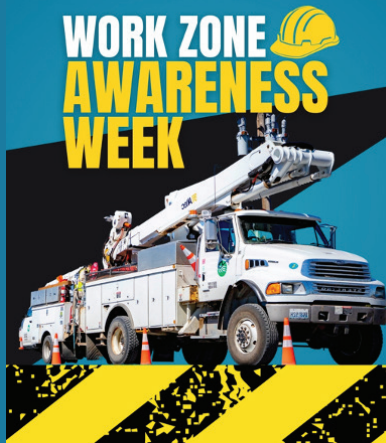
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April 21-25 is Work Zone Awareness Week

As we observe Work Zone Awareness Week, let's work together to prioritize safety on the roads, especially for roadside utility and construction crews.



1. **Stay Alert:** Pay attention to signs signaling roadside work.
2. **Follow Signs:** Respect posted speed limits and lane closures for everyone's safety.
3. **Be Patient:** Delays may be possible, so plan ahead to avoid rushing through work zones.

Let's work together to ensure the safety of roadside workers and travelers alike.

Happy Retirement!

Raymond "Ray" Evans began his career with Talquin Electric in 1999 as a Tree Trimming Chief. For the past 26 years, Ray has been responsible for clearing areas around power lines, removing hazardous trees near these lines, and inspecting power lines to prevent outages. All 26 years of his service have been based out of our Headquarters in Quincy. Prior to his career at Talquin, Ray worked as a contractor on the Talquin system beginning in the 1980s. After his retirement, Ray looks forward to spending quality time with his family and continuing to compete in his bowling league. We will miss Ray, along with his knowledge and expertise. Thank you, Ray, for your outstanding service to Members!



Left to right: Chad Locke and Ray Evans

Springtime Recipe: Bright, Bold, and Delicious!

Classic Deviled Eggs

Recipe from: <https://www.southernliving.com/recipes/classic-deviled-eggs>

Prep time: 15 minutes | Cook time: 12 minutes | Serves: 3

Ingredients:

6 large eggs	1 teaspoon yellow mustard
Ice	1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
2 tablespoons mayonnaise	1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1 1/2 tablespoons sweet or dill pickle relish	Garnish: paprika (optional)



1. Fill a large pot with water, and bring to a boil. Lower the eggs into the boiling water with a slotted spoon. Cook for 11 minutes and 30 seconds.
2. After time is up, use a slotted spoon to move each egg to a bowl filled with ice and water. Let sit at least 5 minutes in the ice bath.
3. Remove egg shells with your preferred technique. We like to gently crack the shell all over, and then run water over the egg to help the shell come off easily.
4. Split each egg lengthwise, and separate the egg yolk from the egg whites. Move egg yolks to a bowl.
5. Smash the egg yolks with the mayonnaise, sweet or dill pickle relish, kosher salt, and black pepper. Mix well.
6. Spoon the deviled egg filling into the egg whites. Sprinkle with paprika if desired.

Deviled Egg Recipe Variations

A sprinkle of paprika is the traditional topping, but you can use cayenne powder to add a spicy kick. Or mix things up with other flavorful filling additions, such as chives, shallots, chili peppers, hot sauce, bacon, blue cheese, and more. Deviled eggs recipes are endlessly versatile to your menu and preferences.



ATTENTION TALQUIN FOODIES: WHAT'S COOKING IN YOUR KITCHEN?

We are in the market for some of YOUR favorite recipes to be shared here in our bi-monthly newsletter. If you like to cook, bake, or have a scrumptious family recipe you'd be willing to share, please send it our way! Submit your culinary delights to us at TradingPost@TalquinElectric.com, drop them off at any of our Member Services offices, or mail to us at PO Box 1679, Quincy FL 32353.

Levelized Billing

Dealing with fluctuating energy bills due to seasonal temperature changes? Levelized Billing is the solution that will bring stability to your monthly budget.

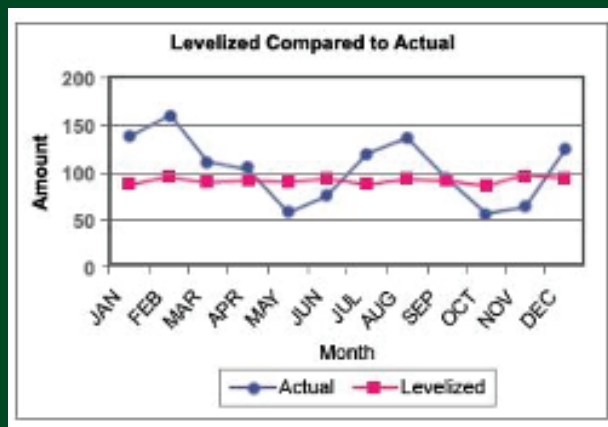
Predictable Payments, No Surprises

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- Talquin Member with:
 - ▶ Residential rate
 - ▶ 13 months of established billing history at location
 - ▶ Good credit
 - ▶ \$0 account balance at enrollment

If interested, contact Member Services for more details by emailing MemberFeedback@TalquinElectric.com or calling 850-627-7651.





Springtime Tallahassee Grand Parade

March 29 | 10:30 AM

Admission: Free

Join us as we celebrate the 57th annual Springtime Tallahassee Grand Parade on March 29, 2025 at 10:30 AM.



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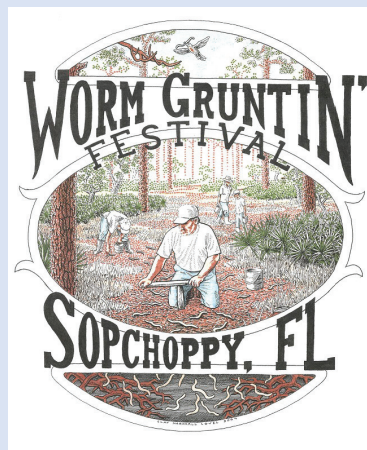
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April 12 | 10:00 AM

Sopchoppy Depot Park
Sopchoppy, FL

Join us for the Annual Sopchoppy Worm Gruntin' Festival. This is a unique and lively event in Sopchoppy, Florida, where participants gather to celebrate the tradition of worm grunting, a technique used to lure earthworms to the surface for fishing.

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TALQUIN'S 2025 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS

Saturday, April 26, 2025 ★ 9:00 AM

**Links to the live stream will be available
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and on Talquin Electric's Facebook page.**

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