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The TECI and TWWI Board 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 7:00 p.m. For specific dates, times and locations, please refer to our website at www.talquinelectric.com. Notice of any changes will be listed on the website.

We would like to take this opportunity to once again recognize the great effort that everyone put forth towards assisting us in the aftermath of Hurricane Hermine.

We want to express our appreciation for our employees at Talquin. Their service and unrelenting commitment to restoring service was remarkable. The amount of pride we have in our employees is immeasurable.



Carrie Durden
Board President



Tracy Bensley
General Manager

We would also like to extend our gratitude to the crews from numerous other cooperatives and utility companies who partnered with us to restore power to over 38,000 Members in just six days. This was a Herculean effort, and there is no denying their high level of commitment and dedication to the work they did at Talquin Electric Cooperative. With this type of commitment, we were able to restore services quickly, but, just as importantly, we restored these services with zero accidents and zero injuries. This was an extraordinary feat!

Finally, we would like to express additional gratitude to our Members for their patience and understanding as we worked tirelessly to restore your services. It is our pleasure to serve our Members, but you all made it even more pleasurable with your kind attitudes, words of encouragement, and thoughtful expressions of thanks.

Thank you once again, and we are happy to be here for you.

— Tracy A. Bensley

Always Notify Us When Your Power is Out:

In order to ensure that we know when your power is out, ALWAYS contact us in one of the following ways if you experience an outage:

Report your outage on our website at
www.talquinelectric.com

Report via Phone:

Automated System: 1-866-899-4832

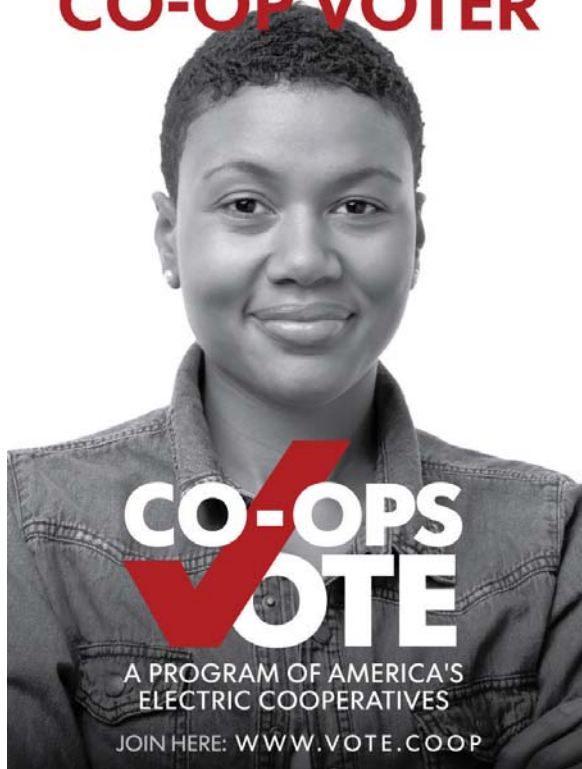
Live Operator: 1-888-802-1832

Or the fastest way to let us know if your power is out is via text.

Register to report your outage via text on our website.

Once you are registered, you can just text #OUTAGE to 85700 to report electric outages at your service address. You will also receive text updates when the power is restored at your service location.

PLEDGE TO BE A CO-OP VOTER



Pledge to make your voice heard in 2016! And don't forget these important voting dates:

- Voter Registration Deadline
Oct 11th
- Early Voting Period
 - Gadsden County
Oct 24th – Nov 5th
 - Leon County
Oct 24th – Nov 6th
 - Liberty County
Oct 24th – Nov 5th
 - Wakulla County
Oct 29th – Nov 5th

Contact your county Supervisor of Elections office for more information.

thank
you
FOR
38 YEARS
OF LEADERSHIP



Congratulations and Thank You!

Talquin Electric Cooperative would like to recognize the outstanding leadership of Board Trustee, Mr. Bobby Strickland, who retired in August of 2016. Mr. Strickland has faithfully served the cooperative for over thirty-eight years. In addition to serving Talquin, Mr. Strickland is a long term resident of Wakulla County and spent a successful career with the Department of Transportation for the State of Florida. Thank you, Trustee Strickland, for your dedication and service to Talquin and our membership!

trading post

Miscellaneous

Adler Pump Organ in good working condition. From 1902 vintage. Bellows have been reconditioned. Greensboro, FL. \$1000 OBO. 442-4488

Outdoor & Indoor Yard Sale everyday. All items \$0.25 – \$10. Items are shoes, children clothes, some school uniforms. Women clothes sizes 22W-24W, miss size clothes 12-18. 856-5878/856-5216

MISC ITEMS: 2 Twin size comforters including pillow shams \$30; fish scaler \$55, BBQ grill \$50. 877-2407

Currier & Ives mugs \$8, cups and saucers \$8, various pictures, large pitcher. 668-0890

Thule 4 bike carrier \$65. Steel 500 lb cap. cargo carrier. Like new \$30. Both items fit into 2" trailer hitch openings. 926-9992/274-5974

MISC ITEMS: Two storm doors \$150; two antique French Provincial chairs \$150; shabby chic multi-colored arm chair \$50. 544-5799

250 gallon propane tank with 150 gallons of propane. \$500. Also **square dance clothes** and crinolines. 519-6507

2 ton water source Heat Pump. Approx 2 & 1/2 years old. Excellent condition \$1,200. Also a black **electric hood** for over area of Range. Has 2 speed switches for the fan and one for the light \$150. 933-9672

Kamado Joe Classic Grill 18-inch, Red. Lots of extras! Call for specifics. Lots of pictures on request. Normally \$1,200. will sell for \$600. 765-2717

HP LaserJet 4300DTNS workhorse; 45ppm; 7825 out of 200,000 pages since maintenance; toner >50%; duplex and much more included: \$150 OBO - original cost \$2500. 385-2505

Solid oak poker/bumper pool/dining table, Bumpers and balls included \$500; Vanguard Craft-work custom oversized sofa 7 ft long. Both great condition \$800. 545-9788

AIDS FOR THE ELDERLY, sliding transfer bench for shower/bath, used only a few times \$75, bath bench w/ arms & legs \$40, toilet guard rails \$15, padded swivel seat cushion \$10. All for \$125. 363-3814

Raw Wildflower Honey: \$5 half pint, \$10 pint, \$20 quart. 926-2658

Gold's Gym XR-18.9 Weight Bench. Leg lift, leg curls, preacher pad, adjustable weight crutches, bar and weights - \$75; **Wavemaster Free Standing Punching/Kick Bag** \$50. (352)239-2572

Four Ballroom Dance Dresses: Latin (copper); Tango (black); Waltz (red); and Foxtrot (white). Excellent condition. Size S/M. Only worn twice. Best Offer. 942-0070

Casket and vault -\$3200. privately owned but purchased through Abbey Funeral Home in Tallahassee 678-957-9138

Automotive

2007 Toyota Camry, one owner, in good condition inside and out, well maintained, \$5400. 661-6887

Concession trailer 6x12: meets states, county and city regulations – fully equipped. Retired because of health. Asking \$15k will consider offers. 385-9972

30 ft Travel Trailer – with slide out. Great condition. 643-2992

Trading Post Guidelines

In order to continue to provide The Trading Post in every issue of *The Current*, we ask Members to adhere to the guidelines listed below when submitting an ad. If an ad does not meet the criteria, it will not be published. There is no cost to place an ad in The Trading Post.

- Members may submit one ad every three months (four 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
- Deadlines are the first day of the month preceding the month of publication (For example, December 1st is the deadline for the January edition.)
- Members must provide name, phone number, and account number.

Mail ads to: "The Current", Talquin Electric Cooperative P.O. Box 1679, Quincy, FL 32353-1679 or e-mail to: tradingpost@talquinelectric.com

2010 Harley Davidson Ultra Classic, black all original, 8556 miles. \$12,500 Firm. 728-8999

2001 Yamaha 1100 V-Star Classic. Great condition, below average mileage, good tires and brakes, stored indoors. Many extras. \$3,000. 878-3230

07 Chrysler Crossfire convertible-showroom condition, 44k miles, new tires, leather, spoiler. See it/ Love it/Drive it/Want it. 893-8000

96 Harley VRod. Excellent condition mechanically and physically. Garage kept. Recently serviced with new tire, battery & fluids. Nice blue color. 15K miles beautiful blue color. \$6,100. 251-643-0145

97 Harley Davidson Heritage: Low miles, like new, will be an antique in just a few short years. \$12,000 or best offer. 859-620-5852

2001 Yamaha 1100 V-Star Motorcycle: below average miles, great condition, great tires and brakes, stored indoors, many extras. \$3000 OBO. 878-3230

RealEstate

28 x 56 DWMH w/deck, 3BD/2B, walk in closets, fireplace, AC, refrigerator, stove, washer/dryer hook-up, on 3.4 acres. \$60k. 443-0459/539-5398

1989 Liberty MH, ½ acre lot; recent roofover, paint and drain field; very nice, good condition. \$39,500 OBO. 421-9783

Fully furnished park model cabin near Highlands NC totally remodeled Dec 2012 all new appl, propane tank huge deck good views paved close to town. \$49,500 OBO. 567-8673 serious inquiries only

Port St. Joe Vacation Rental: Available by the wknd or wk \$100 /night + \$50 cleaning fee; 2/1 cottage; full kitchen; sleeps 6; fenced yard; grill, small dogs ok; 2 blks from bay; 539-8055 or lorigergal0425@yahoo.com. 3 night min. holiday wknds

Ochlocknee Riverfront high and dry 2BR2BA home, dock. Kayak, fish, hunt national forest across river. \$94,000 possible trade condo or house, Tallahassee, Apalachicola. 566-1719.

Carrabelle riverfront condo at Pirates Landing! Luxury with great views and reasonable rates! See: www.vrbo.com/840068

FSBO Move-in Ready 3br/2ba NW Tallahassee. Renovated kitchen, stainless appliances, KraftMaid cabinets. New roof 2015. Fenced yard. Indoor laundry. 5652 Maple Forest Dr. \$127,900. 228-0183

St. Marks - Residential & Commercial lots for sale in the Villages of St Marks. \$6,000 ea OBO. 591-6062

Shell Point Lot w/ Tiny House/ Camping: 2 sheds

set up w/ fire pit & canopy sitting area. 1st shed insulated w/ 10x10 living room, 8x 13 bedroom, shower & toilet. 2nd shed is cooking area w/ table, water heater, fridge, storage, shower & toilet. RV hookup. \$69k. (478)396-2843

Aucilla River – Hunter Haven, 1/2 acre. Near upper boat ramp above Hwy 98 bridge. Not waterfront. Chestnut Oaks, Cabbage Palms. \$25k. 216-4024

Marine

15 ft camouflage bass boat. SeaNymph, side console steering, heavy duty trailer, trolling motor, pedestal seats & other extras such as a bimini top. Hull in good condition. Motor is 25 hp Evinrude in poor condition. \$1200 OBO. 933-6230

Hummingbird Fishfinder package never opened \$100. Prianhamax 197cDi. 350-9596/510-2216

16' Fiberglass Canoe all essential gear, many extras. 766-3677

Boat Dock – \$4500 OBO. Drive-on "Jet Dock" for up to 20' Boat. Located in Shell Point. Quick, permit-free solution for your docking needs. 770-856-7956

17 foot aluminum canoe, very good condition, includes paddles, 2 flotation cushions, and car-top foam blocks for transport. \$100. 893-9642.

Bayliner 185 I/O with trailer, transceiver, depth-finder, garaged, excellent condition, \$8,500. 668-5997

Farm/Garden

Caroni Mower Deck. Has been in use but needs a few repairs. \$400. 545-9788

2 adult male pigmy goats, father and son pasture "work horses" keep your fence line clean and pasture mowed. Not appropriate for young children or consumption. Located in eastern Leon. Both for \$175. 894-1160/570-3968.

Armadillo traps. Humane, 2 - door, pressure treated wood construction. Pre-scented. No bait or funneling required \$70. 668-1368

Wanted

Female full bred Chocolate Lab—10 months to 2 years old—needing a good home. 766-2201

Did you know?

Did you know that Talquin has a 10kW Peak DC (or 9 kW Peak AC) solar array at the Bradfordville operations center? The 48 panels were installed in 2008 and produce an average of 12,619 kWh each year. To learn more about the system, visit www.sunnyportal.com/Templates/PublicPageOverview.aspx?page=36037fd0-6103-42fa-8e25-4a658e5a1fd2&plant=287bbb8f-d68d-4d25-8dc7-a2d5b10ed-0f9&spLang=en-US.



With Fall, comes tailgating and football. Here is a recipe with a Florida twist and it's sure to win you a touchdown!

Crab Dip

1 - 8 ounce crab meat

2 - 8 ounce cream cheese
(lower fat Neufchatel cheese can be substituted)

1 stick butter

1 tablespoon minced onion

2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

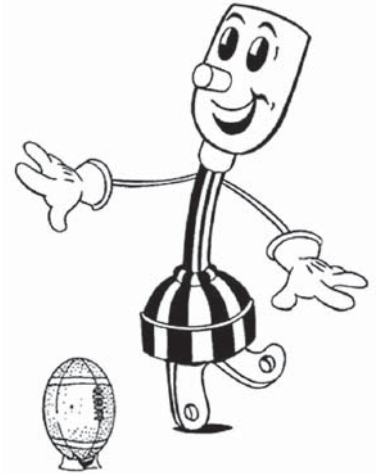
Optional – dash hot sauce

Put the cream cheese, butter, onion, crab and Worcestershire sauce in a large bowl. Microwave 1 minute and mix. Microwave another minute, mix. Microwave 1 final minute and mix again.

Serve warm with crackers.

Joseph Cooper, Talquin Member

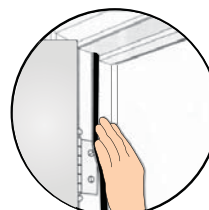
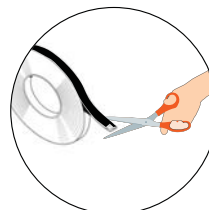
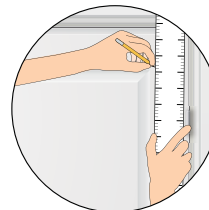
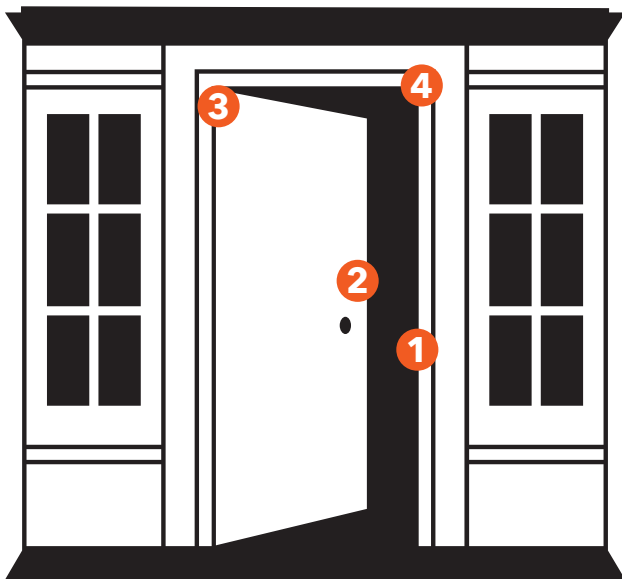
**can be found in the 2015 Talquin Cookbook*



WEATHER STRIPPING DOORS

Capturing Energy Savings by Sealing Air Leaks

Save energy and seal air leaks by weather stripping exterior doors. How do you know if you need to weather strip? If you can see any amount of light between the door frame and the floor, weather stripping should be applied to eliminate energy waste. This DIY energy-saving project is relatively easy and inexpensive depending on the type of materials selected. The most common weather stripping material is self-adhesive foam strips, although rubber, vinyl, metal, or a combination of materials may also be used.



1 CLEANING SURFACES - Clean the door and door jamb to be weather stripped. For best results, weather stripping should be applied to clean, dry surfaces above 20°F.

2 MEASURING DOOR & DOOR JAMBS - To ensure greater accuracy, measure your space twice before cutting the material. It is best to plan for one continuous strip for each side of the door and door jamb.

3 CUTTING FOAM - Cut long pieces of self-adhesive weather stripping material (foam, vinyl, etc.) for each side of the door jamb and door.

4 APPLYING WEATHER STRIPPING - Peel back the self-adhesive foam. Apply one continuous strip of material snugly along each side. Make sure the weather stripping meets tightly at the corners and is pressed firmly onto the door and door jamb. The material should compress tightly between the door and door jamb, without making it difficult to shut.

SOURCE: Department of Energy

**VOLUNTARY MEMBER ENROLLMENT
TO DONATE TO THE TALQUIN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP)**

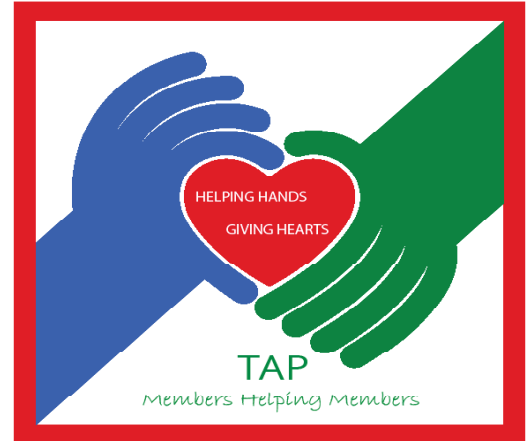
Member Name _____

Electric Account Number _____

Water Account Number _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone Number _____



Option 1: By signing this form and submitting it to Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Talquin), I authorize Talquin to add \$_____ per month to my bill to be used in connection with the voluntary Talquin Assistance Program (TAP).

Option 2: By signing this form and submitting it to Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Talquin), I authorize Talquin to round-up my monthly utility account(s) each month to the nearest whole dollar amount, with the added sum to be used in connection with the voluntary Talquin Assistance Program (TAP). In the event my monthly account(s) display(s) a credit, then the credit due will be rounded down to the nearest dollar, and the funds retained will be donated to TAP. I understand that the funds I donate each month will be used by Talquin for charitable purposes which will primarily focus on assisting other Talquin Members who cannot pay their utility bill. I understand that, should the total amount of donations exceed this charitable purpose, the excess donations may be used for such other charitable purposes as are approved by the Board and reported to the Membership.

I understand that participation in TAP is voluntary. I also understand that this is an on-going agreement, and that I must notify Talquin Electric Cooperative if I choose to discontinue my participation in this voluntary program, and that the processing of a termination request may take up to thirty days. I also understand that any donations I make to TAP are non-refundable.

I understand that Talquin may utilize third party agencies (for example, Capital Area Community Action) to handle disbursements of TAP funds to Members. Members who seek assistance under TAP may be referred to these third party agencies for screening, and any person so referred will be screened on the basis of that agency's criteria. Members seeking assistance will not be required to be contributing to TAP.

I understand that contributions to this program are not tax deductible, and that Talquin will not publish the names of Members who contribute; however, overall program statistics and benefits of the program may be reported to the Membership at least annually.

Signature _____

Date: _____

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO TAP, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN WITH YOUR PAYMENT OR TO ANY TALQUIN MEMBER SERVICE OFFICE. YOU MAY CONTACT US AT ANY TIME TO ENROLL IN THIS PROGRAM.

Employee Spotlight



Talquin Electric Cooperative Board Member, Joe Alexander, received a message from a Member stating that they wanted to discuss a Talquin water services issue. Mr. Alexander assumed that the Member had a complaint regarding their water services. However, when Mr. Alexander talked with the Member, it was such a pleasure to learn that the Member wanted to express their appreciation for the “outstanding customer service” they received from one of our TWWI employees, Wade Nelson. The Member stated that they had a broken water line and had reported it to Talquin Electric Cooperative earlier the night before. The Member informed Mr. Alexander that Wade promptly responded to the call to repair the broken line. The Member stated that they apologized to Wade for him having to come out late that night, and Wade informed the Member that it is his job and “he enjoys providing satisfactory services for our Members”. The Member was extremely complimentary of Wade’s professionalism and stated that they were proud of Talquin to have an employee which reflects such high customer service standards. The member stated that Wade was “very friendly and demonstrated the type of customer service which all Talquin members can be proud of.” Thank you, Wade, for doing such a great job of representing Talquin and for providing exceptional service for our Members.

Watts Happening

Leon County Senior Outreach: Explore “Lunch and Learn” to stay connected

No reservations needed to join the fun. 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM. Featuring a delicious catered lunch for \$6 per plate. Call 891-4065 for more information.

September 20 Fort Braden Community Center

September 27 Chaires/Dorothy C. Spence Community Center

October 6 Miccosukee - Miccosukee Community Center

October 12 Bradfordville – Wildwood Presbyterian Fellowship Hall

October 13 Woodville - Woodville Community Center

October 18 Fort Braden Community Center

Wakulla County Coastal Cleanup

Saturday, September 17th – 8 AM
www.kwcb.org

University of Florida/IFAS presents Art & Garden Fall Family Festival

Discover creative ways to explore visual art and the art of gardening through demonstrations and fun activities for the whole family. Take a trolley tour of the beautiful NFREC gardens. Speak with experts about all your gardening questions or concerns or purchase unusual, hard-to-find, top-performing plants developed for our area. Children’s arts and crafts activities will take place in a “Kid Zone” located in a shaded,

ed, garden area. Locally grown produce and garden plants as well as arts and crafts will also be for sale. Food and beverages will be available. The event is FREE and open to the public.

Saturday, October 1st, 9AM – 2 PM

North Florida Research and Education Center (NFREC)

155 Research Rd, Quincy FL

Pumpkin Festival: The streets are lined with art, crafts, and food vendors selling their wares. The town comes alive in a carnival like atmosphere full of activities for the entire family; pony rides, obstacle courses, a costume contest for children of all ages and adults as well as a doggie costume contest, face painting, magicians, pumpkin decorating and much more. \$2 per adult and \$1 per child.

Saturday, October 8th – All Day

Downtown Havana, FL

All Aboard the Ghost Train! Trains will depart from the Tom Keenan depot for a spooky 25 minute ride around the park. Children 2 and under are free.

7:00 - 10:00 PM

Oct. 21, 22, 28, 29, 31 - non steam trains - \$5.00

Oct. 22, 29 - Steam Train - \$10.00

Veterans Memorial Railroad

10561 NW Theo Jacobs Way, Bristol FL

850-643-6646 or 850-643-5491

Fast Track Tickets available online at www.VeteransMemorialRailroad.org

Word of the Month

Economic: ec-o-nom-ic (adjective)

Of or relating to the production, development, and management of material wealth, as of a country, household, or business enterprise.

Talquin Electric Cooperative is committed to working with local **economic** development entities to improve the quality of life for our Members.



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 (live operator)

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 report your outage quickly and to
 receive outage information.



Members of the Month
Fred & Lucy Harris

Leave it better than you found it — this is something Talquin Members Fred and Lucy Harris firmly believe in. They were already interested in solar power, but the 1970's oil crisis brought to focus how dependent the world is on fossil fuels. Mr. and Mrs. Harris decided they needed to become more respectful of the environment and do less harm. They moved to Gadsden County and eventually turned a dream into reality with their daughter Katie and her fiancé, Aaron when they started Full Earth Farm. Their farm grows organic seasonal vegetables that they sell online, at a farmers market, by subscription, and to local restaurants. In 2010 the Harris Family even helped establish the Red Hills Small Farm Alliance which is a non-profit organization committed to helping small farms in the Red Hills Region. In 2012 they finally got their first solar panels

installed, followed by another set in 2013. The panels, which supply power to their home and the farm, are all part of their belief in being good stewards of the earth. But their dream doesn't stop there. This fall they are planning on opening Damfino's, a market/deli on the Quincy courthouse square. The community will be able to purchase seasonal vegetables, eat lunch, and enjoy other goods produced by local farmers and vendors. Thank you, Fred and Lucy, for being our Members and for taking such good care of the community — which we all love and call home.

Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment Reduction

Effective September 1, 2016, Talquin Electric Cooperative will reduce the Wholesale Power Cost rate from a credit of -\$0.0035 to a credit of -\$0.0060 resulting in an overall reduction of 2.5 mills. The WPCA adjustment will benefit all rates and save the average residential member \$2.50 per 1,000 kWh used. Water and WasteWater rates will not be affected by the WPCA reduction.



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