

cooperative REVIEW

for members of Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Environmental
Information for
SMECO's SOS 4

Watch for your
capital credits
refund in mid-July 5

Plug into green 6

Around Town 6

Summer heat
making you melt? 8

SMECO Honors Local Math and Science Teachers

SMECO and the school systems of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties recently honored 17 local educators for their accomplishments in the fields of mathematics and science.

Receiving honors this year were eight math teachers and nine science teachers from schools in the three counties. The teachers were chosen for their outstanding

Teachers

continued page 2

Want to save energy and save money? One way to reduce energy use is to dispose of your "deer and beer" fridge or freezer. SMECO will recycle your old refrigerator or freezer and pay you a \$50 reward. To schedule a pick up, visit www.smeco.coop/save or call 1-866-261-5970.



Teachers

CONTINUED

performance in the areas of creativity, rapport with students, enthusiasm for teaching, professionalism, and innovative teaching methods. Each teacher received a plaque and a cash award. This is the 20th year that the Cooperative has recognized local math and science teachers.

SMECO president and CEO Austin J. Slater, Jr. welcomed the award recipients and their guests to a

OUTSTANDING MATHEMATICS TEACHERS

Calvert County

Catherine Martin,
Huntingtown
High School

Julie Morrison,
Calvert High
School



Charles County

Elizabeth Thoma,
La Plata High
School

Linda Breitinger,
Piccowaxen
Middle School

Brad Buzby,
Dr. Thomas L.
Higdon Elementary School



St. Mary's County

Bernadette
Scheetz,
Esperanza Middle
School

Linda Ronniger,
Leonardtwn
Elementary School

Jessie DeLorme,
Park Hall Elementary School



dinner held in their honor. He explained SMECO's role as being "focused on providing reliable service and member programs, as well as helping to develop our communities." Slater also emphasized that "a good education, brought about by good teachers, is critical to the future of our youth and vital to the continued success of businesses like SMECO, because well-educated students bring valuable math and science skills to the workplace."

OUTSTANDING SCIENCE TEACHERS

Calvert County

Donna Miller,
Windy Hill
Middle School

Nancy Elliott,
Southern
Middle School

Lisa Burkett,
Huntingtown High School



Charles County

Carrie Lamb,
Benjamin Stoddert
Middle School

Erin Beauvais,
Milton Somers
Middle School

Daryl Faustini,
Westlake High School



St. Mary's County

Karen Myers,
White Marsh
Elementary School

Jessica Yohe,
Chopticon
High School

Emily Meny,
Esperanza Middle School



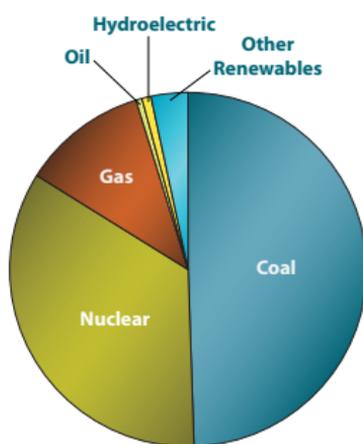
Environmental Information for SMECO's SOS (As of 2010)

The following environmental information is for Standard Offer Service, which commenced on January 1, 2001. The data are published at the request of the Maryland Public Service Commission and are based on regional averages. Since the data are PJM Interconnection (the regional transmission organization) wholesale market averages, the SMECO-specific emissions and energy source (fuel mix) data may vary from these averages.

Electricity can be generated in a number of ways with different costs and impacts on the environment. The standardized environmental information shown below allows you to compare this electricity product with electricity products offered by other electricity suppliers. For additional information, contact SMECO at 1-888-440-3311, extension 4458.

Energy Source (Fuel Mix) values represent 2010 averages for this region: 49.8% coal, 35.0% nuclear, 11.41% natural gas, and 0.49% oil. Renewable energy: 0.28% methane gas, 0% geothermal, 0.97% hydroelectric, less than 0.01% solar, 0.57% solid waste, 1.28% wind, and 0.19% wood/other biomass.

Air Emissions are the amount of air pollution associated with the generation of electricity production for this region, given in pounds emitted per megawatt hour of electricity generated, as follows: Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x): 1.32, Sulfur Dioxide (SO_2): 5.24, and Carbon Dioxide (CO_2): 1,167.56.



CO_2 is a greenhouse gas, which may contribute to global climate change. SO_2 and NO_x released into the atmosphere react to form acid rain. NO_x also reacts to form ground level ozone, an unhealthy component of smog.

Watch for your capital credits refund in mid-July

SMECO is issuing capital credit refunds totaling more than \$4.25 million. The general refund amounts to approximately \$3.073 million and the special refund to estates of deceased members and to unpaid final bills is \$1.185 million. The general refund will be issued beginning in mid-July as a credit on customer-members' bills.

All active customer-members will receive a credit on the bill for their primary account. If you wish to contact SMECO to designate your primary account, call 1-888-440-3311. Inactive members will receive a full refund of the balance in their capital credit account if the balance is \$50 or less. Capital credits are used to pay any amount due if a customer had an unpaid final bill for electric service.

According to Austin J Slater, Jr., SMECO president and CEO, "This is our favorite time of year. Our customers realize the benefit of being electric cooperative members when they receive a portion of the co-op's margins as a credit on their bill. That's something the customers of an investor-owned utility would never see."

SMECO's margins for 2010 totaled \$17,054,000. Because SMECO is a cooperative, margins—revenue minus expenses—are retained to provide working capital for new construction and system improvements. Margins are refunded to customer-members in the form of capital credits when SMECO's Board of Directors determines that the co-op's financial conditions can be met.

Each member's share of the co-op's margins is based on how much electricity the member purchased and the rate at which the account was billed.





plug into Green

Use the dishwasher. "If you still wash your dishes by hand, you're wasting more than just time." Using dishwashers instead of hand washing can cut your utility bills by more than \$40 a year. Added bonus: you don't have to wash any dishes.

Source: www.energystar.gov

around **TOWN**

July 3

An Independence Day Concert Celebration

Sponsor: Historic
Sotterley, Inc.

1 to 4 p.m.

Sotterley Plantation,
Hollywood. Celebrate
America's birthday with
a concert on the front
lawn. A Silent Auction
and Brown Bag Raffle will
be featured. Food and
drink will be available for
purchase. An admission fee
will be charged; military
service members will
be admitted
free with ID.

\$ Admission

301-373-2280

www.sotterley.org



July 4

Independence Day
SMECO offices closed

Call Center is available
24/7: 1-888-440-3311

July 9

Point Lookout

Lighthouse Open House

Sponsor: Point Lookout
Lighthouse Preservation
Society (PLLPS), Inc.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Scotland, MD. Docents
will be on hand to answer
your questions. No charge
to enter the lighthouse,
however standard park
entrance fees apply.

301-872-5688

www.PLLPS.org

July 14

AARP Driver

Safety Program

Sponsor: AARP and
Office on Aging

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

North Beach
Senior Center
Attendees should
arrive 30 minutes
prior to complete
paperwork. Payment
is due at the time of



Visit www.smeco.coop/community/aroundtown for more events.

registration, which must occur at least one week prior to the class date.

\$ Admission

410-257-2549

July 18–22

Intergenerational Camp

Sponsor: Calvert County Office on Aging

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Office on Aging,

450 W. Dares

Beach Rd.

This camp

is a week

filled with

fun for

grandparents

and their elementary-aged grandchildren.

Registration forms are available at your local senior centers. Early registration is required to ensure class selection.

\$ Admission

410-535-4606

301-855-1170



July 23

Bel Alton VFD

Vendor Show

Sponsor: Bel Alton VFD

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

9765 Bel Alton Newtown

Road, Bel Alton

We will be hosting indep. representatives from many direct sales companies.

Admission is free. There will be door prizes, bake sale, and other activities.

301.751.2885

www.bavfd.org

July 23–24

Tidewater Archaeology Weekend

Sponsor: Historic

St. Mary's City

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Historic St. Mary's City

Uncover bits of MD's past at one of the finest colonial archaeology sites.

\$ Admission

240-895-4990

stmaryscity.org/events.html

Summer heat making you melt?



Receive \$75–\$400 in rebates on HVAC equipment and services.

As much as half of your summer energy goes to cooling your home.

SMECO has rebates available for:

- New HVAC Equipment
- HVAC Quality Installation
- HVAC Diagnostic Tune-up
- HVAC Duct Sealing
- Room Air Conditioner

To learn more about the rebates available for making your heating and cooling system more energy efficient, or to learn other ways you can save energy and save money, please visit SMECO's website at:

www.smeco.coop/save
or call 1-877-818-4094