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*Innovation through vision.
Quality through service.*

Got an outage?

Diverse Power's upgraded outage notification system has been going strong for a year.

Designed to keep members informed on power outages and restoration efforts, the online system features a map representing the 80-plus communities within our service territory. When storms or other sources interrupt power, the map is color-coded to reflect the severity of outages in each area. Members away from home—either at work or travelling—can quickly access the website via computer or mobile device to determine if their neighborhood is affected. The interactive map is updated in real time, showing the progress electric crews are making in restoring power.

To view the site, which includes instructions on how to report an outage, visit <http://outages.diversepower.com>.

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Spring cleaning? We can help!

As the weather warms, the mood to spring clean heats up, too. This year, don't stop at clearing out your carport. Take the time to do some spring cleaning on your energy use.

The average American home annually requires \$2,200 in energy to operate. The experts at personal finance company Wallet Hub offer these seven suggestions for reducing your monthly energy bill:

1. Get an energy audit. You'll have an easier time sealing an energy leak if you know where it is, and an auditor can show you. (Diverse Power offers an online self-audit at diversepower.com. Simply open our Energy Info tab, then visit our Home Energy Suite, where you'll find the Home Energy Calculator to complete your audit. Or, for \$50, we'll conduct an energy audit for you, including a study of your home's energy history and a thermal camera house evaluation. A premium audit, which costs \$350, adds an HVAC inspection, blower door and duct blaster examinations and entitles you to rebates when upgrades are made.)

2. Replace incandescent lightbulbs—even if they're not burned out yet—with compact fluorescent lights, or CFLs. Incandescent lighting wastes more money in energy costs than you'll spend by replacing them. (We have CFLs for sale at our LaGrange office at 1400 S. Davis Road; stop by and take a look.)



3. To avoid energy-stealing drafts, caulk gaps around windows and add attic insulation.

4. Learn about the energy use of your appliances. The more you understand about energy, the less you'll waste.

5. If building a new home, choose an architect or builder committed to green building and energy efficiency. Many green building strategies don't cost any more when they're incorporated during construction—like making energy-efficient choices for the direction the house faces and where windows are placed. We'll answer your questions regarding new home energy efficiency. Just call us at (706) 845-2000 in LaGrange or (229) 732-3171 in our Pataula District.

6. Replace outdated furnaces and air-conditioning systems with updated models designed to work more efficiently, waste less energy and save you money.

7. When you replace appliances, look at more than the price tag. Consider the operating costs; often, the savings on your energy bill will more than make up for the slightly higher price you pay for more efficient models.

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ity and related services to almost 35,000
meters on 5,500 miles of power lines in
Troup, Harris, Meriwether, Heard, Muscogee,
Coweta, Calhoun, Clay, Quitman, Randolph,
Early, Stewart and Terrell counties in Georgia
and Chambers County, Ala.

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A Word from Wayne

Come home to Annual Meeting

If you grew up in the South like I did, chances are you spent at least one Sunday each summer at a church homecoming. Inevitably, there would be gospel singing, long lines of folks waiting in line for fried chicken and pecan pie and, best of all, we'd get to see longtime friends, some of whom we'd not seen since the last homecoming.

The Diverse Power Annual Meeting of Members is a lot like homecoming. It's a time set aside each year for handling business and electing directors, but the part we like best is reconnecting and making new friends. If you've never been to Annual Meeting, try to come this year. We'll have lines of folks waiting for hot dogs and ice cream, and we'll even have gospel singing.

This year's Annual Meeting is set for Wednesday, May 13, at 1400 South Davis Road in LaGrange and, simultaneously, at Andrew College in Cuthbert.



Wayne Livingston
President/CEO

Registration begins at 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch,

entertainment, door prizes and a 2 p.m. business meeting. Local educator Jack Morman will emcee the event in LaGrange with entertainment provided by gospel duo Randy and Sherri Miller, of Nashville, Tenn. A simulcast of the business meeting will be televised at Andrew College for Pataula District members.

Registered members will receive a gift and be eligible to win a door prize. Five grand prizes of a \$200 power bill credit will be presented. Diverse Power personnel will staff booths, providing information about services offered by your electric cooperative.

Mark it on your calendar. We hope to see you there.



This Month: New TV trends

Before you shop for your next big screen, check out these five TV trends:

- 1. Smart TVs.** Manufacturers are getting support from content providers like Netflix and telecommunications companies that offer fiber optics to get Internet-based TV into more homes. Smart TVs let the viewer "watch" the Internet to view movies, TV shows, games and anything else they could view on a computer. Watch for more models to appear.
- 2. 4K.** These ultra-high definition TVs (UHDTV) have four times the resolution of a typical high-def television, providing a much sharper picture.
- 3. Curved TVs.** With a curved screen, these models give the impression of a deeper viewing area and offer a movie theater experience.
- 4. OLED displays.** Organic light-emitting diodes (OLED) serve as their own light source, so the TV needs no backlighting; the result is the thinnest TV on the market, superior color contrast and greater energy efficiency than most TVs.
- 5. Big and small screens.** While the typical man cave has a TV screen that barely fits the wall, many teens and young adults bypass the big-screen experience in favor of viewing TV programming on their smartphones and tablets.



Continuing our green energy efforts

Diverse Power Incorporated offers consumer-members the opportunity to supply their electric needs with cleaner, renewable energy from Georgia's natural resources by utilizing biomass as a green source of energy. This biomass consists of methane gases and wood waste that are burned in facilities that use the heat from the burning process to generate environmentally friendly electric energy.

In 2005, Diverse Power joined other Georgia electric cooperatives by signing on with Green Power EMC, the first renewable energy program in Georgia. A not-for-profit cooperative founded in 2001, Green Power EMC supports Georgia's electric cooperatives in their search for renewable resources by finding, screening, analyzing and negotiating power purchase agreements with Georgia-based renewable resource providers. Green Power EMC now provides environmentally friendly electricity through 18 member EMCs.

The environmentally friendly electricity offered by Diverse Power's green power program is Green-e Energy Certified by the Center for Resource Solutions (CRS).

The Product Content Label on this page is published as a source of information for you, our members, to fulfill one of the criteria for maintaining our certification. The Product Content Label includes the renewable energy mix delivered to members purchasing green power during 2014, along with the projected renewable energy fuel mix to be delivered to members purchasing green power during 2015. Diverse Power's green energy is purchased by members who feel the need to help the environment by supporting this program.



PRODUCT CONTENT LABEL

The product is sold in blocks of 100 kilowatt-hours (kWh). The product will be made up of the following renewable resources.

Green-e Energy Certified New³ Renewables in Diverse Power Green Power Program			Generation Location
	2014¹	2015²	
Biomass	100%	100%	Georgia
Geothermal	0%	0%	
Eligible hydroelectric	0%	0%	
Solar	0%	0%	
Wind	0%	0%	
TOTAL	100%	100%	

1. The 2014 figures reflect the resources that were supplied for the year ending Dec. 31, 2014.
2. The 2015 figures are prospective and reflect the power that we have contracted to provide. Actual figures may vary according to resource availability. We will annually report to you the actual resource mix of the electricity you purchased during the preceding year.
3. For energy supplied in 2014, New Renewables come from generation facilities that first began commercial operation on or after Jan.1, 2000. For energy to be supplied in 2015, New Renewables come from generation facilities that first began commercial operation on or after January 1, 2001.

For comparison, the current average mix of resources supplying Diverse Power includes: coal (32%), nuclear (17%), oil (0%), natural gas (31%), hydroelectric (20%) and other (0%).

The average home in the United States uses 900 kWh per month. [Source: U.S. EPA]

For specific information about this electricity product, please contact Diverse Power, (706) 845-2000, www.diversepower.com/green_power.php.

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Green-e Energy certifies that the Diverse Power Green Power Program meets the minimum environmental and consumer protection standards established by the nonprofit Center for Resource Solutions. For more information on Green-e Energy certification requirements, call 1-888-63-GREEN or log on to www.green-e.org.

Community Connections

Sherri King retires

Recent Diverse Power retiree Sherri King was honored Feb. 5 at a luncheon at Diverse Power, where her co-workers celebrated her 15-year career with the cooperative.

King joined the Diverse Power staff in 1999 as a customer service representative and worked in that department until her retirement on Jan. 2.

“Sherri was a very dedicated employee who used her wisdom and talents with our customers,” says Customer Service Manager Wendell Cox. “She gave our department a family atmosphere and loved everyone here. You couldn’t ask for a better employee. We all enjoyed and adored her and are really going to miss her, but we wish her well in retirement.”



JACKIE KENNEDY

Diverse Power’s Sherri King shows off the watch she received upon her retirement as her husband, Phil, looks on.

Save cash with your Co-op Connections Card

Approximately 100 area businesses participate in Diverse Power’s Co-op Connections® Card program, which offers money-saving deals to our members and increased business to our partners. There is no cost to businesses to participate in the program.

To learn how your business can become a Co-op Connections Card partner, contact Residential Services/Marketing Coordinator Ken Pope at (706) 845-2000, ext. 347. Some of our Co-op Connections Card deals are listed below. For a complete listing of Co-op Connections Card deals, visit our website at diversepower.com.



Home Improvement

AAA Air Conditioning Company

LaGrange, Ga. 706-845-0070
5% off everything.

Ace Air

LaGrange, Ga. 706-812-0450
\$50 off repair with purchase of annual maintenance agreement.

Air Force Heating and Air

LaGrange, Ga. 706-882-8888
\$25 off repairs.

All Pro Materials and Service

Columbus, Ga. 706-507-5016
For every case (6) of S6215 23-watt CFL outdoor flood, receive one outdoor flood free. (\$9 value)

Cooper & Sons Electric, Inc.

Newnan, Ga. 678-637-3851
10% off.

Energy Savers – A/C, Heating, Indoor Air Quality

Columbus, Ga. 706-324-1738
\$25 off any service or \$100 off any new heating and cooling system.

Flooring America Mill Store

LaGrange, Ga. 706-884-2674
\$150 off any purchase of \$1,500 or more (materials only); cannot be combined with other offers.

Gordy’s Hardware and Paint

LaGrange, Ga. 706-884-1939
Free 2-inch paintbrush with 4-gallon paint purchase.

Horizon Electric

LaGrange, Ga. 706-812-9252
\$25 off whole home surge protection. 10% off standard book price of all electrical repairs and new installation.

Jabaley’s Paint & Appliance Center

LaGrange, Ga. 706-882-1466
10% off all paint purchases.

Lightstyles and Home Decor

LaGrange, Ga. 706-885-1818
10% off regularly priced merchandise; excludes other offers.

Morpower Electric LLC

LaGrange, Ga. 706-884-6485
\$10 off service calls. \$100 new house wiring job.

Powerworx – e3

Hogansville, Ga. 678-637-3851
10% off.



Banking

Community Bank & Trust

LaGrange, Ga. 706-884-7999
First order of checks free for new accounts.
Not combined with any other offer.

LaGrange Banking Company

LaGrange, Ga. 706-881-1868
First order of personal checks free.

Homebuilders

Bill Hart Inc.

Midland, Ga. 706-325-5970
\$500 off appliance upgrade package.

Donald Bowles Inc.

Fortson, Ga. 706-568-0360
\$500 toward closing costs on new home purchase (value of all offers not to exceed \$2,500).