

Bluebonnet gives back with capital credits

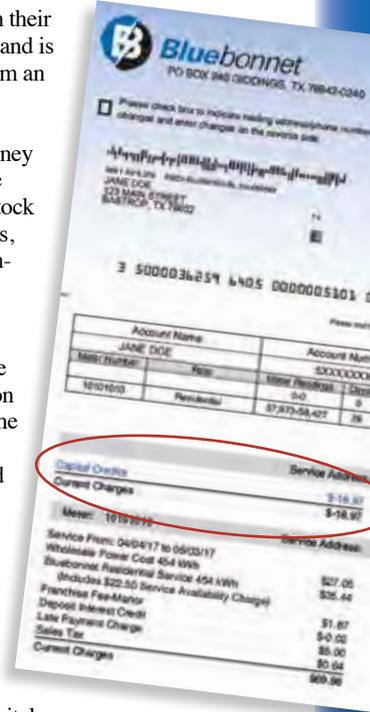
Bluebonnet members will see a credit on their bill this month. It's called "capital credits" and is one of the benefits of buying electricity from an electric cooperative.

Bluebonnet's members are also owners. The co-op shares its excess revenue — money it collects above what is required to run the business — with its members. Similar to stock dividends paid to a company's shareholders, capital credits represent Bluebonnet's members' share of ownership in the co-op.

In April, Bluebonnet's Board of Directors decided how much to pay, taking into consideration such factors as the impact the amount returned to members would have on electric rates and the financial strength of the co-op. The amount that members receive depends on how much electricity they used in the previous years and how long they have been Bluebonnet members. Current members will receive a credit on their May electric bill. Former members who are still owed a capital credit will receive a check in May or June.

Since 2005, Bluebonnet has returned \$41.03 million to its members.

If you have any questions about your capital credits, contact a member service representative at 800-842-7708 or memberservices@bluebonnet.coop. Look for the words 'Capital Credits' in blue on your May electric bill, and you'll see a credit to your account.

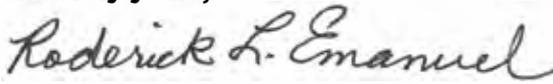


Dear Member:

You are invited to the Annual Membership Meeting of Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, Inc., which will be held on May 9, 2017, at 2:30 p.m. at the Sons of Hermann Hall, 1031 CR 223, Giddings, Texas. Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m. and close at 2:30 p.m.

At this meeting, incumbent directors seeking re-election — Roderick Emanuel, District 3; Russell Jurk, District 4; Byron Balke, District 6 and Robert Mikeska, District 7 — have been elected by general consent in accordance with Article II, Section 6 of the Bylaws. Other business that may come before the meeting will also be addressed.

Sincerely yours,



Roderick L. Emanuel
Secretary/Treasurer

WIN A TRUCK!

Any Bluebonnet member who has submitted a completed proxy (by mail or in person at a member service center by 5:30 p.m. May 2, 2017) or who registers at the Annual Meeting will be entered in a drawing to win a used **2006 Chevrolet Silverado 1500** extended cab. The truck, which has 131,000 miles, is being retired from Bluebonnet's fleet. A member who has submitted a completed proxy does not have to be present at the Annual Meeting to be entered in the truck drawing.*

**Bluebonnet employees, members of the Board of Directors and spouses are ineligible to win.*

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CONTACT US

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Member services: 800-842-7708, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday

Email: memberservices@bluebonnet.coop

BOARD MEETING

Bluebonnet's Board of Directors will meet at **9 a.m. May 16** at Bluebonnet's Headquarters, 155 Electric Ave. (formerly 650 Texas Hwy. 21 East), Bastrop.

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