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Empower the Voices that Represent You

DEAR MEMBERS,

At SECO Energy, I'm grateful for your membership and proud that we are part of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). Through this national network, electric cooperatives unite to advocate for the communities we serve and to address the complex challenges shaping today's energy landscape.

Each year, lawmakers at the state and federal levels introduce thousands of bills that can directly impact electric cooperatives. That's why it's critical that policymakers understand how their decisions affect reliability, affordability, and the cooperative business model. Through NRECA's Voices for Cooperative Power network, electric co-ops, employees, and members can engage directly – sharing real-world perspectives that help inform balanced, thoughtful energy policy.

America's Electric Cooperatives PAC (formerly ACRE®), established in 1966, complements this effort by supporting opportunities for constructive engagement with federal candidates who are willing to listen and learn about issues affecting electric cooperatives. (The PAC does not support local or presidential candidates.) Together, advocacy and engagement help ensure the cooperative voice is represented in important policy discussions.

This month, we also highlight National Electrical Safety Month and encourage you to review important safety practices. We're proud to recognize our scholarship recipients and to announce SECO's 2026 Board Officers, whose leadership helps guide our cooperative forward.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to Florida's state legislators for passing Senate Bill 288 and House Bill 379. These measures reflect meaningful dialogue and a strong understanding of policies that support affordable, reliable energy and the role of electric cooperatives in our state.

Your voice matters. To learn how you can get involved in America's Electric Cooperatives PAC, visit our Legislative Corner at SECOEnergy.com/Legislative-Corner.

Together, we can help ensure the cooperative voice remains strong today and for future generations.

Sincerely,

CURTIS WYNN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



WINNING ACCOUNT NUMBERS!



Email CustomerService@SECOEnergy.com if the last six digits of your account number appear. Winners receive a \$25 bill credit.

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NATIONAL ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH



May is National Electrical Safety Month! Safety is SECO Energy's highest priority, and whether you own or rent your home, electrical safety should be at the top of your priority list, too. According to the Electrical Safety Foundation International, an estimated 51,000 residential fires are caused by electrical fires or malfunctions. Don't be a statistic. Follow these tips for maintaining electrical safety:

Exercise Extension Cord Safety

- Use extension cords safely: avoid plugging cords into each other or overloading them, and never use three-prong plugs with two-slot outlets.
- Inspect cords regularly for cracks, fraying, loose wires, or damaged connections.
- Match the cord to its use: ensure proper rating for indoor or outdoor use and keep outdoor cords away from water.
- Use cords temporarily and place them safely – do not nail or staple them, and avoid creating tripping hazards.

Outdoor Electrical Safety Tips

- Before digging, call 811 to locate underground utilities.
- Install waterproof covers on outdoor outlets.
- Use containers to prevent exposure to water damage when storing electrical products in your garage.

Indoor Electrical Safety Tips

- Prevent overloads and fire risks: avoid plugging too many devices into one outlet and never plug space heaters into extension cords or power strips.
- Practice safe cord use: do not run cords under rugs, doors, or windows, and never attempt to repair damaged cords.
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors regularly and replace smoke detectors every 10 years.
- Reduce hazards at home: unplug small appliances when not in use and keep combustibles at least three feet away from heat sources.

Utilize Home Safety Checklists

- Replace switches and outlets that are not working properly, warm to the touch, or discolored from heat buildup.
- Listen for unusual crackling, sizzling, or buzzing noises coming from outlets and switches.
- Check for loose-fitting plugs which can cause overheating and fires.

Important Safety Reminder: Atlantic hurricane season begins June 1 – prepare your home and family now for the possibility of hurricanes and tropical storms. Visit [SECOEnergy.com](https://www.secoenergy.com) to view our Hurricane Handbook and other storm preparation resources.



2026 SECO ENERGY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2026! SECO Energy is funding \$48,000 in scholarships to 12 local high school seniors to help them begin their journey as they pursue higher education.

Yousra Abumouilish

Lillian Brogan

Emerie Dotson

Lillian Keller

Kaiming Lei

Jayley Lewis

Hector Martinez-Johnson

Dustin Nhieu

Ave Patteson

Gabriella Smith

Danielle Williams

Artur Zancope

Wildwood Middle High School

South Sumter High School

Tavares High School

Lake Minneola High School

The Villages Charter High School

South Sumter High School

Trinity Catholic High School

The Villages Charter High School

Mount Dora High School

West Port High School

South Sumter High School

Windermere High School

SECO Energy proudly recognizes these student scholars for their determination, hard work, and scholastic and personal achievements. Congratulations, students, you are on your way to meeting your education and career goals!

PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM POWER SURGES – AND WIN!

SECO Energy's Surge MitiGator™ program helps shield your home from damaging electrical surges and spikes. Now is the perfect time to sign up for this protection! Enroll by June 30, 2026, and you'll be entered for a chance to win one of three portable generators. You're automatically entered if you've previously purchased or are currently leasing a SECO surge device.

Surge protection is your home's first line of defense, blocking electrical disturbances before they can damage appliances and electronics. Surges often result from lightning strikes, vehicle accidents, fallen trees, and other unpredictable events. The surge device includes a 15-year manufacturer warranty for extra peace of mind.

CHOOSE YOUR PROTECTION PLAN:

- Lease for just \$5.95/month plus tax and installation fee
- Purchase outright for \$349 plus tax

SECO recommends adding point-of-use surge protectors for sensitive electronics. These are widely available at most major home improvement stores.

To enroll, visit SECOEnergy.com > Energy Solutions > Surge MitiGator and complete the web form. We'll draw three lucky winners in July.



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TRUSTEE INSIGHT

I 2026 BOARD OFFICERS



SECO Energy has elected its 2026 Board Officers. District 3 Trustee, Gerald Anderson, was re-elected to serve as Board President; District 9 Trustee, Morgan Hatfield, was re-elected to serve as Board Vice President; and District 5 Trustee, Shannon Wright, was elected to serve her first term as the Board Secretary/Treasurer.

SECO Energy's Trustees serve as the governing body of your cooperative. One of the Seven Cooperative Principles, Democratic Member Control, is at the heart of how SECO and other cooperatively structured organizations operate. Trustees are

democratically elected by the members who reside in each of SECO's nine geographic Districts, ensuring fair representation across our service area.

The Board of Trustees plays a vital role in providing oversight and shaping policy decisions. The Board works closely with SECO's Executive Leadership Team to guide the cooperative toward fulfilling its Mission. As a not-for-profit electric cooperative, SECO Energy is committed to delivering reliable and innovative energy services to its members and the communities it serves.

Recognizing Florida Legislators and Our Local Delegation for Supporting Electric Cooperatives

SECO Members and employees, please join us in thanking our local state legislators for passing Senate Bill 288 and House Bill 379, which support affordable, reliable energy, and for always supporting Florida's electric cooperatives!

A special thank you to the bill sponsors, Rep. Jason Shoaf (representing 5 panhandle co-ops) and Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez (representing Florida Keys Electric Co-op).

BILL SPONSORS:



Representative Jason Shoaf



Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez



Senator Ralph Massullo



Senator Stan McClain

SECO ENERGY DELEGATION:



Senator Keith Truenow



Representative Yvonne Hinson



Representative Chad Johnson



Representative J.J. Grow



Representative Ryan Chamberlain



Senator Danny Burgess



Representative Taylor Yarkosky



Representative Nan Cobb



Representative Richard Gentry



Representative Randy Maggard

BOARD MEETING DATES

The Board of Trustees will meet on **Tuesday, May 26, 2026**, at 1:30 p.m. in the Corporate Offices at 330 South US HWY 301 in Sumterville.

A Trustees' meeting will also be held on **Monday, June 22, 2026**, at 2:30 p.m.

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