

The SOUTHEASTERN Light

SouthEastern Illinois Electric Cooperative Eldorado, Illinois

Your Touchstone Energy® Partner 

President's Comments



Dustin Tripp
President/CEO

Over the past few years, your Cooperative has been informing you of pending legislation that may have a significant impact on your electric bill. In 2009, the U.S. House of Representatives narrowly passed a contentious federal climate change bill that called for a cap-and-trade plan to limit carbon emissions beginning in the year 2012. This legislation never passed the U.S. Senate and at the current time, it seems very unlikely that this particular legislation will become law anytime soon. However, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has recently announced plans to write and release new proposed regulations on carbon emissions from power generation plants by July 26, 2011 and have them finalized by May 26, 2012. In addition, the EPA is also writing and releasing new proposed regulations on carbon emissions from refineries by December 10, 2011 and have them finalized by November 10, 2012.

The new EPA regulations are being written to set certain limits on carbon emissions from new and existing generation facilities and refineries. Unfortunately, the technology that is required to reduce carbon emissions from existing generation facilities is not considered a viable technology. While development projects are currently underway around the world, the technology has proved to be very expensive and relatively untested. Therefore, many have concluded that the only way to comply with the new regulations will be to impose significant costs to energy consumers. While it is premature to determine exactly how these new regulations may

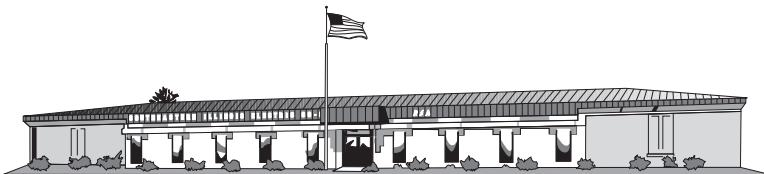
impact your electric bill, many are concerned that the costs will be significant.

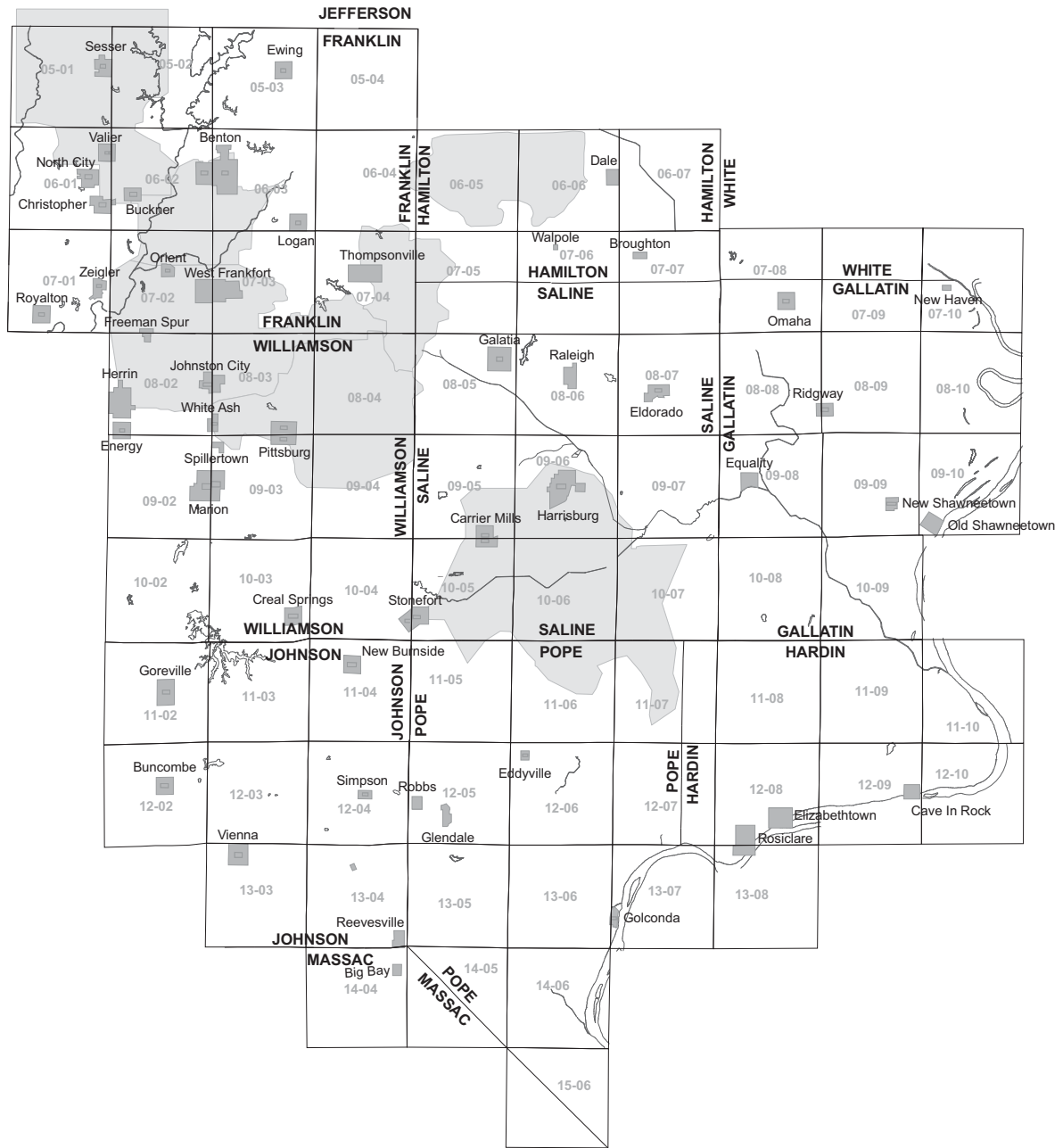
In the past, you as Cooperative members and owners have been very helpful in voicing your concerns about the costs associated with pending legislation and regulations. You have made your voice heard by contacting members of Congress through writing letters, making phone calls and sending emails urging them to pursue fair and affordable legislation. Your Cooperative is concerned about pending legislation and new EPA regulations and the costs associated with each of them. At some point during the year, your Cooperative may need your assistance again to contact members of Congress or to write a response to the EPA regarding proposed regulations.

If you share your Cooperative's concerns and want to assist in these efforts, please complete the form on page 16d and submit it with your electric bill payment to the Eldorado office. You can also go to the Cooperative's website at www.seiec.com and click on the link titled "Pending Legislative and Regulatory Alerts" to register. By completing this form or registering through the Cooperative's website, you are allowing the Cooperative to contact you, on a limited and only as needed basis, to notify you about pending legislation or regulations and include instructions on how you can assist in these efforts. The Cooperative will use email notification where possible and only use letters by mail to notify those who do not have email access. Thank you for your assistance.

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READERSHIP PRIZE WINNER:
Carol King, Benton, IL





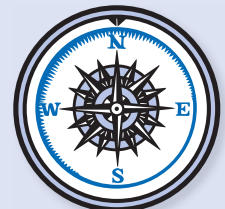
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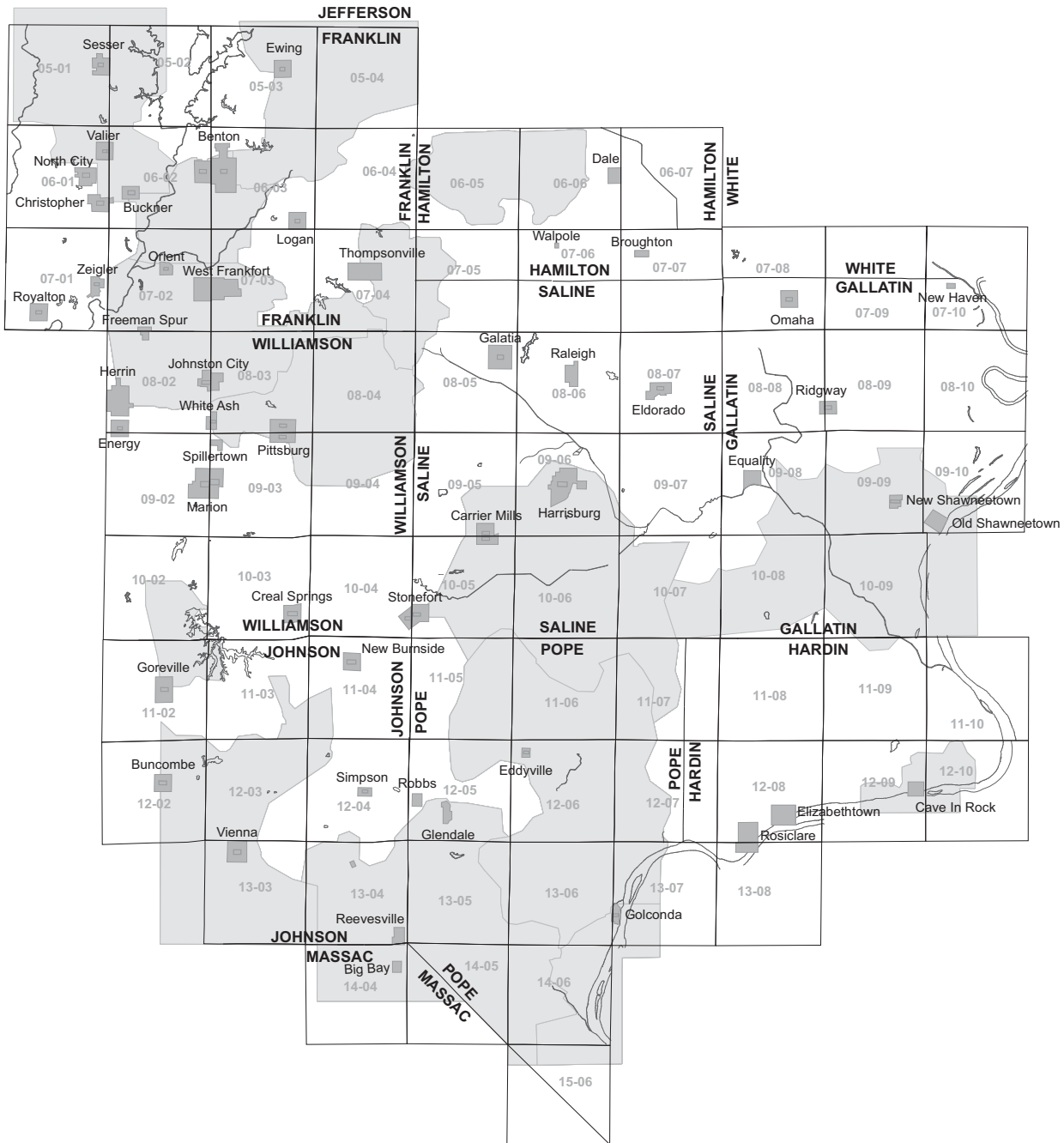


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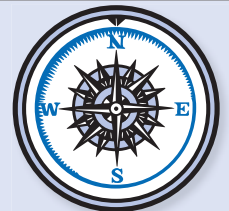
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Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Account No.: _____ Phone Number: _____
 Email Address: _____

Please mail completed forms to SouthEastern Illinois Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 251, Eldorado, IL 62930

POWER OUTAGE

If your power goes off, we offer these suggestions

1. Check the fuses or circuit breakers in your service panels. If you have breakers, make sure they are in the "ON" position.
2. If you have a meter pole, check the main breaker panel just below the meter socket. If the breaker is in the "OFF" position, check all of your wiring from the meter pole to your various buildings. If the wiring appears to be okay, reset the breaker to the "ON" position.
3. If you still do not have power, check with neighbors to see if they have power.
4. To report a power failure or other emergency, please phone 1-877-399-8405. This phone number is monitored around the clock, 365 days per year to accept your outage and emergency calls.
5. Your phone call will be handled by SouthEastern's automated outage reporting system and will be identified automatically through ANI (Automatic Number Identification). An outage record will then be generated for your location. Please note that the

phone number from which you place the call will be the number used to generate the record. If the system fails to recognize your phone number, members having touch-tone phones may simply enter their seven-digit phone number (without area code) in order to report the outage. Members not having touch-tone phones will be asked to leave a message. It is important you leave your name, phone number and location of the outage. Retrieving messages and entering them into the system is time consuming; therefore, please leave only a message that will help in restoration of electric service. Do not remain on the line for an operator because a live operator is not there to respond. In order to keep a current listing of all numbers, it is important that you notify the Cooperative of any changes in your telephone number.

6. Handling outage calls electronically allows you to report power failures very quickly. Once your outage has been reported, it will be dispatched to repair personnel who will restore your outage as soon as possible. Calling back repeatedly will not shorten the length of the outage, but may hinder the efforts of other members who are trying to report outages.

OUTAGE CALLS ONLY 1-877-399-8405

We will be closed on Monday, February 21st in observance of President's Day.



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