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NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM YOUR POWER PARTNER



Help Us, Help You



Vice President of Member Services
Tony Wasson

Central Florida Electric Cooperative works diligently to provide electric service to members. The goal is to make that service as reliable and affordable as possible with safety of both members and employees as the top priority.

It takes a lot of parts, human investment and equipment to bring power into your home or business. Much of the necessary

equipment is the responsibility of CFEC. In the October Co-op Connection, a graphic showed how members and CFEC share the responsibility in the process. CFEC is responsible for servicing and maintaining all lines and equipment up to the point where the power comes into the home or business, which is normally the weather-head, found above the electric meter. CFEC needs your help to ensure we have access to your property to perform regular equipment maintenance.

Signed Agreement / Property Access

From time to time, CFEC must be able to access the Cooperative's equipment. That is why a part of the Application of Membership grants CFEC access to your property, and by signing the application, the Member agrees to this. In the Membership Application terms and conditions, this can be found under item No. 8. (Example on Page 3).

Easements

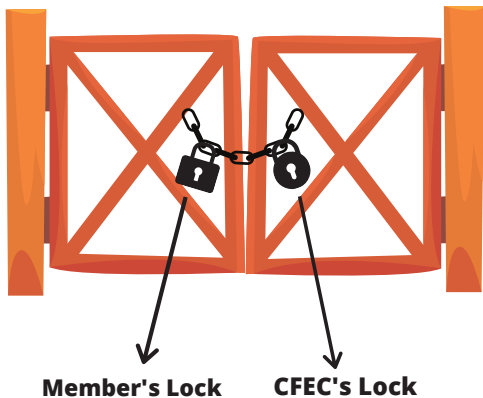
The easement is signed by members, when they apply for membership. This form outlines all the rights and privileges the cooperative has with regard to constructing, operating and maintaining electric distribution lines and related facilities, such as supporting structures, necessary for safe and efficient operation. This easement includes the right to trim, cut and keep clear trees, limbs and undergrowth, under and around lines.

Although it is not always popular or convenient, CFEC will access our equipment for inspection and meter auditing from time to time and we have each Member's permission to do so.

Gate Locks

CFEC understands that some Members have locked gates. However, this cannot impede the cooperative from their work. What will happen in this instance? After notifying the member, CFEC personnel will install a separate lock as shown on the graphic below. CFEC personnel will use their own lock to access the property. Members should not remove CFEC's lock, and CFEC will not remove the Member's lock. Lack of access to the property may prevent restoration in the middle of the night or when the member is away from their home.

For any questions regarding property access or gate locks, call CFEC at 800-227-1302 or 352-493-2511 and speak to a Member Services Representative. CFEC strives to make the process of providing reliable power as smooth and streamlined as possible.



CFEC understands that some Members like to have locked gates. Members with locked gates on their property will also have a separate lock installed by a CFEC employee. This lock will be used by CFEC to access the property as needed. If you need a CFEC lock added to your gate, please contact an MSR at (352) 493-2511.



Central Florida Electric Cooperative, Inc.

~YOUR POWER PARTNER~

Our mission is to be the finest example of an electric cooperative where excellent service, competitive rates and concern for the consumer, community and environment guide our every action.

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CENTRAL FLORIDA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP AND ELECTRIC SERVICE

The undersigned (hereinafter called the "Applicant") hereby applies for membership in, and agrees to purchase electric energy from Central Florida Electric Cooperative, Inc. (hereinafter called the "Cooperative") upon the following terms and conditions:

- Upon application of this application by the Cooperative, the Applicant will pay to the Cooperative a \$5 membership fee, service security deposit and a non-refundable processing and connection fee. _____ Initials
- The Applicant understands that any bad debt balance owed to the Cooperative will be turned over to a collection agency and any cost associated with the collection process will be paid by the applicant. _____ Initials
- The Applicant will provide the Cooperative with a valid photo ID, such as a driver's license or state issued non-driver's ID along with a valid Social Security Number or Federal Employer Identification Number for non-human applicants and telephone number.
- The Applicant will, when electric energy becomes available, purchase from the Cooperative all electric energy used by the provided service, and will pay there for monthly at Board approved rates determined in accordance with the Policies of the Cooperative.
- The Applicant will comply with and be bound by the provisions of the Charter, Bylaws and Policies as may from time to time be adopted by the Cooperative.
- The Applicant understands the Cooperative supplies the meter at no charge. The meter remains the property of the Cooperative and is not to be purchased from anyone or sold to anyone.
- As an approved member, the Applicant assumes no personal liability or responsibility for any debts or liabilities of the Cooperative. The acceptance of the application by the Cooperative shall continue in force until termination by any failure of the member to abide by the provisions set forth in the Bylaws or Policies of the Cooperative, or until cancelled by at least thirty (30) days written notice given by either party to the other.
- As a condition of membership, the Applicant, upon being requested by the Cooperative, shall execute and deliver to the Cooperative without charge, easements of right-of-way over, on, and under such land owned or leased by or mortgaged to any member, and in accordance with reasonable terms and conditions, and give Cooperative unlimited ingress, egress and access to Applicant's property as the Cooperative shall require for the furnishing of electric service to such members or other members for the construction, operation, maintenance, or relocation of the Cooperative's electric facilities. _____ Initials

Member Information	Account Information
Name On Account: _____	Line And Pole: _____
Owner/Agent: _____	Home Phone: _____
Mailing Address: _____	Cell Phone: _____
Location Address: _____	
SSN/EIN# _____	
Drivers License # _____	Office Use Only
Spouse/Alternate Contact: _____	Member# _____
Social Security # _____	Account# _____
Member/Officer Signature _____	Meter ID _____
Witness Signature _____	#MSR _____
Notary Public _____	
My Commission Expires _____	

Application for Membership

Central Florida Electric Cooperative is a not-for-profit organization that provides its Members with electrical service. CFEC requires a signed and notarized Membership Application and a \$5 membership fee. No. 8 of the Membership Application outlines CFEC's access to the Member's property, which the Member agrees to when signing the application.



EASEMENT

PLEASE USE BLACK INK ONLY
 This instrument Prepared By: _____ (Recorder's Space)
 Central Florida Electric Cooperative, Inc
 P.O. Box 9
 Chiefland, Fl. 32644
 CFEC Location No.: _____
 County: _____
 Parcel No.: _____

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned, _____ whose address is _____ hereinafter called "GRANTOR," in consideration of the sum of \$1.00 and other valuable considerations, the receipt of which hereby acknowledged, grant and convey to CENTRAL FLORIDA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., P.O. Box 9, Chiefland, Florida 32644, hereinafter called "GRANTEE," its successors, lessees and assigns, the rights, privilege and easement to construct, reconstruct, operate and maintain in perpetuity or until the use thereof is abandoned, electric transmission and distribution lines and related facilities (including supporting structures, communication and other wires, attachments and accessories desirable herewith) over, upon and across the following described lands in _____ county, Florida, and referred to hereinafter as the "Easement Area" defined as a strip land _____ feet on both sides of the electric utility facility and including _____ feet on either side of any and all electric facilities which is within _____ feet, parallel and adjacent to wit:

***Insert or attach legal description of property here (As listed on Property Deed)**

Section _____ Township _____ South, Range _____ East

Together with the right to patrol, inspect, alter, improve, repair, rebuild, relocate or remove such lines and related facilities, including the right to increase or decrease the number and type of supporting structures, wires and voltage. GRANTEE shall have all other rights and privileges reasonable, necessary or convenient for the safe and efficient operation and maintenance of said electric transmission and distribution lines and related facilities, including the right to trim, cut and keep clear trees, limbs and undergrowth, under and around said lines.

GRANTOR covenants and agrees that no trees, building, structures or obstacles will be located or constructed within the easement area nor shall ground elevation be altered more than (2) feet. GRANTEE shall have all rights in and to said easement area compatible with GRANTEE's right to the safe and efficient operation and maintenance of said electric transmission and distribution lines and related facilities, including but not limited to, the right to utilize said easement area for ingress and egress and general farming or pasture purposes, planting low growing shrubbery as beautification, subject, however, to GRANTEE's right to ingress and egress.

GRANTOR warrants and covenants that it has the right to convey this easement and that GRANTEE shall have quiet and peaceful possession, use and enjoyment of same. ALL COVENANTS, terms, provisions and conditions herein contained shall inure and extend to and be obligatory upon the heirs, successors, lessees and assigns of the respective parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said GRANTOR has hereunto set its hand and seal this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of

Two (2) Witnesses

Witness (1) Print Name _____	Witness (2) Print Name _____	Grantor Print Name _____	Grantor Print Name _____
Witness (1) Signature _____	Witness (2) Signature _____	Grantor Signature _____	Grantor Signature _____

STATE OF _____ The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ (Date)

COUNTY OF _____ by _____ (Name of Grantor (s) notary is acknowledging), who is personally known to me or who has _____ as identification. _____ (Type of Identification) _____ (Notary of Public Signature) _____ (Seal Below)

Notary Public, Comm. No. _____

(Name of Notary Public typed, printed)

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Easement

(A legal document)



This document required of CFEC Members is a utility easement. This form outlines all the rights and privileges the cooperative has with regard to constructing, operating and maintaining electric distribution lines and related facilities, such as supporting structures, necessary for safe and efficient operation. This easement includes the right to trim, cut and keep clear trees, limbs and undergrowth, under and around lines.



Central Florida Electric Cooperative, along with the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and all first responders, service and utility workers urges all motorists to move over for emergency and service vehicles stopped along the roadway. It's the law!

The Move Over Law was enacted to protect those who serve all of us on the roadways, giving them

a safe space to do their jobs. When a crash occurs, law enforcement and first responders are there. When a disabled vehicle needs assistance, Road Rangers or tow truck drivers are there. When power lines need repairing, utility and service workers are there.

Move Over, Florida, and help ensure that these public servants come home safely each day!

To comply with the Move Over Law drivers must:

Multi-Lane Roadway:

- Vacate the lane closest to the stationary emergency vehicle, sanitation vehicle, utility service vehicle, Road Ranger or wrecker and always signal the intention to change lanes.
- Slow down to a speed of 20 mph below the posted speed limit if a driver cannot move over safely.
- Allow drivers who are attempting to move over into the lane.

Two-Lane Roadway:

- Slow down to a speed of 20 mph below the posted speed limit.
- Travel at 5 mph if the speed limit is 20 mph or less.

Report aggressive drivers by dialing *FHP (*347).

Linemen Lighting Up Christmas

In December, CFEC's linemen played the part of Santa Claus for children through the Guardian Ad Litem, an organization of volunteers dedicated to the health and welfare of children in situations of neglect or abuse who represent the children on behalf of the court system.

Through donations from the linemen and other cooperative employees and friends, they were able to purchase bicycles, helmets and other toys, which were delivered to the Guardian Ad Litem office in Chiefland.

Special thanks to the Linemen Lighting Up Christmas for bring Christmas cheer to these children. CFEC also participated in other activities in the area, including parades and the Toys for Tots Christmas gift packing event. Thanks to everyone who spent some of their holiday giving to others.



Tomato and Pimento Grilled Cheese

INGREDIENTS

- 1 large tomato, sliced to preferred thickness and seasoned with salt and pepper
- 1 cup pimento cheese dip (see recipe)
- 4 slices of bread (your favorite)
- Unsalted butter for cooking, softened
- 1 or 2 pinches seasoning blend (your favorite)

Pimento Cheese Dip

- 2 cups sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
- 8 ounces low-fat cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup low-fat mayonnaise
- 4 ounces pimento, drained and diced small
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped fine
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- Hot sauce to taste
- Sea salt and fresh ground pepper, to taste



PREPARATION

Pimento Cheese Dip: Add all ingredients to a medium-sized mixing bowl and stir to combine. Taste and adjust seasoning with salt, pepper, and hot sauce. Keep pimento dip chilled until ready to serve. Preheat a large sauté pan or grill pan over medium heat. On a separate surface lay out the bread slices and spread an even amount of the pimento dip on them. Add the seasoned tomato slices to 2 of the topped bread slices, close the sandwich with the other 2 slices of bread. Spread a thin layer of butter on the top sides of each sandwich and add a small amount of seasoning on top of the butter. Place the sandwiches butter side down in the preheated pan. Spread another thin layer of butter on the side facing up and add a small amount of seasoning on top of the butter. Cook sandwiches for 2 to 3 minutes on each side until golden brown. Remove sandwiches from pan and serve warm.

Ham ‘n Cheese Griller



INGREDIENTS

- 1 tsp. oil
- 1/4 cup thin onion slices
- 2 slices sourdough bread
- 4 slices Bold Brown Sugar Ham
- 1 Slim Cut Mozzarella Cheese Slice
- 1 Tbsp. Hickory Smoke Barbecue Sauce

PREPARATION

Heat oil in medium nonstick skillet on medium heat. Add onions; cook and stir 5 min. or until crisp-tender. Top 1 bread slice with ham, cheese, onions and barbecue sauce. Cover with remaining bread slice. Add to skillet; cook 3 min. on each side or until cheese is melted and sandwich is golden brown on both sides.

The “Barbe-Cuban” Pressed Ham Sandwich



INGREDIENTS

- 2 slices white bread
- 1 Tbsp. Kraft Original Barbecue Sauce
- 4 slices Oscar Mayer Deli Fresh Smoked Ham
- 1 Kraft Singles
- 4 Claussen Bread ‘N
- Butter Pickle Chips
- 1 slice Oscar Mayer Bacon, cooked, halved
- 1 Tbsp. Kraft Mayo Garlic & Herb Naturally Flavored Reduced Fat Mayonnaise

PREPARATION

Heat panini grill to medium heat. Spread bread with barbecue sauce. Fill bread slices with ham, cheese slices, pickles and bacon. Spread outside of sandwich with mayonnaise. Grill 5 min. or until golden brown.

Payment Options:

- **In Office / Drive-Through** – Payments can be made at any CFEC location during working hours. Payments can also be placed in the drop-box at each location after hours.
- **By Mail** – Mail payments to: Central Florida Electric Cooperative, Inc., P.O. Box 9, Chiefland, FL 32644. Please allow sufficient time for delivery or payment may be received as late.
- **Phone / Online** – Payments can be processed through our third party provider, SEDC. A \$2.50 (per \$500) service fee will be charged by SEDC and is NOT a CFEC charge. Payments made through SEDC are posted to the member's account at the time of payment. Pay By Phone at 352-493-2515 or toll free at 844-434-3962. Pay online at www.cfec.com.
- **Bank Draft** – Payments can be made automatically by bank draft by filling out a form and mailing or dropping it off at any CFEC office. The form can be found at cfec.com under the "Documents" tab. Returned checks or payment arrangements cannot be processed by these banks.
- **Bank Locations** – Payments can be made at any Drummond Community Bank location or at the Lafayette State Bank in Bell, Fla., during their normal working hours. Returned checks or payment arrangements cannot be processed by these banks.



MEETING NOTICE:

The Board of Trustees for Central Florida Electric Cooperative, Inc., meet on the fourth Monday of each month at 5 p.m. at the Cooperative's main office in Chiefland. Members are always welcome to attend.

Don't Be Scammed!

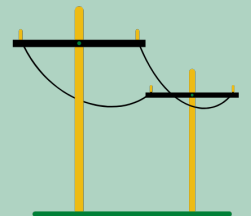
CFEC has continued to receive an extremely high number of reports from Members regarding scam calls. These scammers pose as co-op employees and threaten to disconnect electric service without immediate payment or other financial information. Be vigilant against this kind of fraud and ALWAYS reach out to us directly at 352-493-2511 before giving out any information over the phone.



An important resource for fighting this type of crime is the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). If a member suspects they have been contacted by someone looking to commit fraud, contact the FTC to report it. The FTC can be contacted by phone at **877-382-4357**, or Online at <http://ReportFraud.ftc.gov>

To Report A Power Outage:

- **Call: 1-800-227-1302 or 352-493-2511, follow the prompts of the Automated Outage Response system.**
- **Use the CFEC Connect App: Click on "Report outage." Fill in the form and click "submit." If you are already logged in to the app, simply click the "report outage" triangle, and "yes" to report the outage.**
- **Online: Click on the "report outage" button located at the top of the website. Fill in the "Identify Outage Location," form and click "submit."**



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COOPERATIVE, INC**



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MAIN OFFICE

11491 NW 50th Ave.
Chiefland, FL 32626-3247
352-493-2511
or 800-227-1302
www.cfec.com

Physical Address/Payment Locations

MAIL ADDRESS

P.O. Box 9
Chiefland, FL 32644-0009

CROSS CITY OFFICE

207 NE 210 Ave.
Cross City, FL 32628
352-498-7322

INGLIS OFFICE

167 Highway 40 West
Inglis, FL 34449
352-447-3553

ADDITIONAL PAYMENT LOCATIONS

Drummond Community Bank
Lafayette State Bank (Bell only)
*For a complete listing of payment locations,
go to www.cfec.com.*

*This institution is an equal opportunity
provider and employer.*



Happy New Year From CFEC!



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