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In an economy driven by supply and demand, when you buy something it matters. Fill up your car's gas tank for summer travel and you can expect to pay more than usual because more people are on the road. Buying a plane ticket during the holiday rush will cost you more-than-normal travel costs.

The same is now true for electricity, which is why TVA has implemented wholesale "Time of Use" rates to Scottsboro Electric Power Board (SEPB). In the past, SEPB has been charged a flat rate across the board for energy. As of October 1, 2015, electricity used during on-peak times will cost SEPB more than electricity used during off-peak times. The peak times are as follows. Winter months are October through March from 4 a.m. - 10 a.m., and summer months are from April through September from 1 p.m. - 7 p.m. SEPB wants to encourage customers to use less energy if possible during these on-peak times.

"People don't often think about it, but electricity is unique in that it is at times generated, delivered and consumed all in the same moment," says Phillip Chaney, general manager of SEPB. "As a result, it costs more to produce electricity during the times when demand for it is

highest."

SEPB is not implementing retail "Time of Use" rates to their customers at this time. Instead, SEPB would like to request that you adjust your daily habits around peak consumption times. Doing this will enable SEPB to try to keep your power rates as low as possible.

SEPB isn't alone in making this switch. TVA is now charging all of its local power providers the "Time of Use" rate. It is a movement to incentivize people to improve their consumption habits. All 154 TVA local power providers will participate in wholesale "Time of Use" rates.

Now that SEPB has to purchase wholesale power using the "Time of Use"

method, we want to educate our customers about the new rates. We look forward to the challenges of the new rate system and helping our customers learn how they may help conserve energy. For more information, visit scottsboropower.com or call us at 256-574-2680.



Phillip Chaney
is manager of
Scottsboro Electric
Power Board.

Help SEPB keep your energy cost down!

PowerSmart



SEPB is participating in a new energy conservation program implemented by TVA called "Time of Use." By using less electricity during "peak hours" **you could help us keep your energy cost down.**

From April to September, peak hours are 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Please limit your energy use during peak hours.

For more information visit www.scottsboropower.com

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Save money

ON YOUR ELECTRIC BILL

SEPB is committed to helping our customers have efficient homes and affordable electric bills. The following information is taken from dailyfinance.com. To learn more check out their website.

HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING Insulating and sealing all ducts and air leaks can cut 20 percent off your bill each year. Also, make sure your equipment is serviced every year and that air filters are replaced and ducts are cleaned every three to five months. Consider installing a programmable thermostat to save energy while you're sleeping or are out of the house.

Average savings—\$1,056 per year

WASHER AND DRYER Dryers are the bigger energy consumer, so upgrade to a newer washing machine that wrings more water from clothes to cut down drying time. Likewise, a dryer with moisture sensors will turn itself off as soon as clothes are dry. And always be sure to clean the lint trap before each load.

Average savings—\$143 per year

REFRIGERATOR Newer refrigerators are much more energy efficient, but even if your model is old, you can save money by setting it at 35 to 38 degrees Fahrenheit, making sure there's good air circulation behind it, limiting the time the door is open, keeping it as full as possible and checking gaskets around the door.

Average savings—\$95 per year

LIGHTS Replace incandescent bulbs with ones that use less energy and last longer.

Average savings—\$269 per year

WATER HEATER Installing a newer, more energy-efficient model can halve your heating bill, and opting for a tankless water heater can save even more. Whether old or

new, set your water heater's thermostat to 120 degrees Fahrenheit or lower to reduce standby losses, wrap older models with an insulating jacket and, of course, limit hot water use.

Average savings—\$317 per year

ELECTRIC OVEN Self-cleaning ovens tend to be better insulated and thus more efficient, but avoid using that feature too much. Put lids on pans, and make sure range burners are the same size or only slightly smaller than the pan you use.

Average savings—\$90 per year

TV, DVD PLAYER, GAME CONSOLE Even when in standby mode, these devices can still consume a lot of power. So plug them all into a power strip and turn the strip off when they aren't being used.

Average savings—\$57 per year

DISHWASHER Run full loads since a dishwasher uses the same amount of water regardless, and turn off the heat-drying option. Or, simply wash dishes by hand and let them dry on the rack.

Average savings—\$49 per year

COMPUTER If you're shopping for a new computer, remember laptops use less energy than desktops. Like your TV, plug your computer into a power strip that can be turned off when the computer isn't in use, and always turn your computer off when it won't be used for more than 30 minutes.

Average savings—\$28 per year



SEPB now offers new National Geographic channel Nat Geo Wild

This exciting new channel gives nature lovers a thrilling National Geographic experience.

Nat Geo Wild will take customers around the globe with National Geographic explorers, filmmakers and scientists in search of the most remote of animal habitats. With popular shows such as "Cesar 911," "Python Hunters," "DogTown" and more, Nat Geo Wild is a must see.

Catch it now on Channel 145!

Sign up for Bank Draft through SEPB and get \$10 off your electric bill!



Take one task off your list this year!

- » No postage costs
- » No late charges
- » Save time and money

Sign up today and your monthly bill will be automatically paid from your checking account!* And, through the end of May 2016, if you sign up for Bank Draft you will receive a \$10 credit on your electric bill.

***You will still receive your bill by mail, or you can take advantage of our Paperless Billing option and receive your bill each month by email.**



Professional service you can rely on for your business: **SEPB BUSINESS PHONE**

Your phone service can be the lifeblood of your business, keeping you connected to your customers. Phone service interruptions that take days to fix can cost your business. As your hometown provider, SEPB is committed to offering you crystal-clear voice service as well as world-class local support if you do encounter any issues.

Keep your old phone number or switch to a new one!

Includes these features:

- Voicemail
- Caller ID
- Call Block
- Call Forward
- Call Return
- Call Trace
- 3-Way Conferencing
- Redial & Hold
- Speed Dial
- Long-Distance Block
- 900/976 Block
- Anonymous Call Rejection

Give us the opportunity to possibly help you save money!

Free estimates available!
Call 256-574-2680

Watch TV anywhere you want WITH SEPB'S TV EVERYWHERE

Watch television wherever you have an Internet connection.

This service is FREE for SEPB television customers!

Dozens of channels are already available to stream on your computer, tablet or mobile device.

Signing up is FREE and easy!

1. In your Internet browser, go to the following address: www.watchtveverywhere.com
2. At the top of the page, click on the "Register" tab to begin the registration process.
3. In order to register, you will need your account number, which can be found on your SEPB electric bill. After filling in the correct information, click "Register" at the bottom.

Existing subscribers to SEPB Internet services will have TV Everywhere access within 30 minutes of registering.

Newly installed subscribers will have TV Everywhere access between 48 and 72 hours after registering.

Once you are registered and have access, you can enjoy watching your favorite programs with any device connected to the Internet. You will only have access to channels that you currently subscribe to with your monthly TV programming package.

To use TV Everywhere:

1. Click on the channel you want to watch or download the app for that channel to your device.
2. Select "Scottsboro Electric" as your television provider from the provider list on the site.
3. Sign in with your username and password you created when you signed up for the program.