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P.O. BOX 301
SUMTERVILLE, FLORIDA
33585-0301



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2016 annual meeting



**win
or cash
prizes**

**2005 Dodge
Dakota 4x4**

**\$1,500, \$1,000
and \$500**

Dear Member,

This is your official notice and invitation to the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Membership of Sumter Electric Cooperative, Inc. (d/b/a SECO Energy) scheduled for Saturday, March 19th at the Annual Meeting Pavilion, located across the street from the corporate headquarters at the junction of highways 301 and 471 in Sumterville. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and continues until the business meeting begins at 10:30 a.m.

Per the bylaws, the following will be covered:

- reports from the President and the Chief Executive Officer, introduction of Trustees, and
- other business that may appropriately come before the meeting.

Please attend and participate in the co-op business meeting.

We look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

Ray F. Vick
President,
Board of Trustees

Robin D. Henion
Secretary-Treasurer,
Board of Trustees

Jim Duncan
Chief Executive Officer



ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE

8:30 - 10:30 a.m.....	Registration
10:30 a.m.	Business Meeting
Welcome and Call to Order	Ray Vick President, Board of Trustees
Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance	Kathryn Gloria Vice President of Corporate Communications & Energy Services
Quorum Determination, 2016 Annual Meeting Notice Certification, and 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes.....	Robin R. Henion Secretary-Treasurer, Board of Trustees
President's Report	Ray Vick
Chief Executive Officer's Report	Jim Duncan Chief Executive Officer
Adjournment	Ray Vick
Drawing for Prizes	Kathryn Gloria

All members must be present to win!

Express Registration

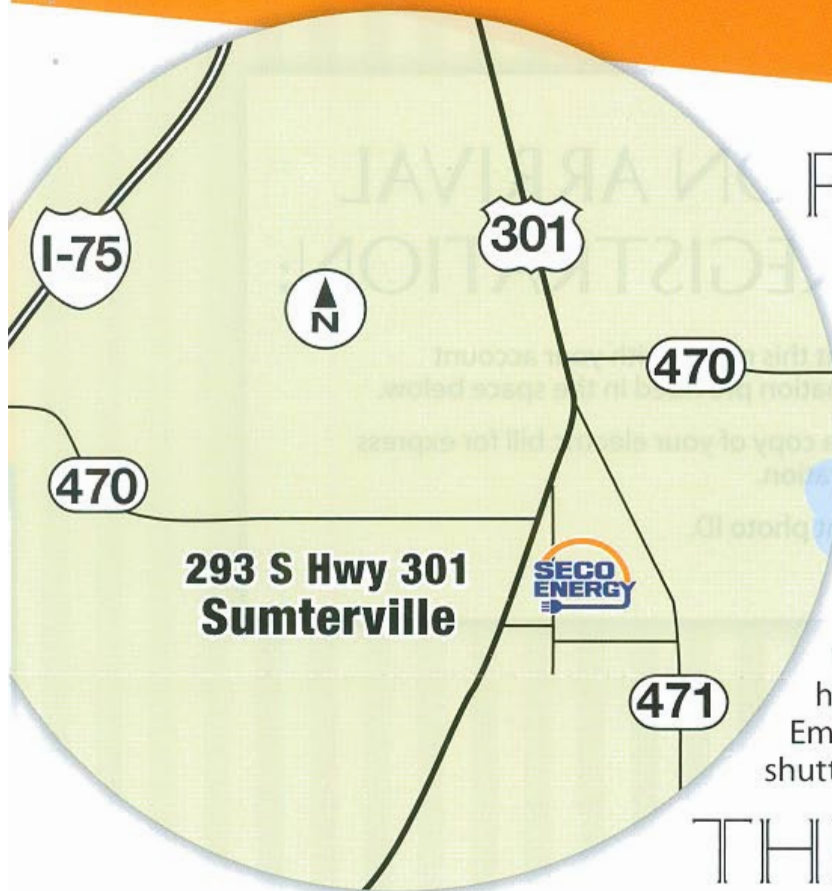
UPON ARRIVAL AT REGISTRATION:

1. Present this notice with your account information provided in the space below.
2. Bring a copy of your electric bill for express registration.
3. Present photo ID.

I, the undersigned, do certify that I am a member in good standing of Sumter Electric Cooperative, Inc., that I have paid a \$5 membership fee, and that I am presently receiving electric power from SECO Energy.

Member name (as it appears on the account) and account number

**You must bring a photo ID plus a
copy of your electric bill.**



FINDING YOUR WAY:

From the south, west or I-75, follow this established route:

If traveling north on US Hwy 301, turn right onto CR 520 to park.

If traveling east on CR 470 from I-75, turn right at the US Hwy 301 and then make a left turn onto CR 520.

Watch for SECO personnel with signs.

If you or your guest have a disability, please have a disabled parking permit on your mirror. Employees will guide you to parking and shuttle service.

THE RULES:

Members must register to participate in co-op business and prize drawings. Complete the account information on the back and bring this notice, your electric bill and identification (photo ID) to the meeting.

- Members with more than one account may register and vote only once.
- Only the person, or the spouse of the person whose name appears on the official records of Sumter Electric Cooperative, Inc., may register and vote.
- Each member or member's spouse must present identification at registration.
- Registration and voting of members, other than members who are natural persons, shall be allowed upon the presentation of satisfactory evidence entitling the person presenting same to register/vote.





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Bills are due and payable by the due date shown on the bill.
Bills not paid by the due date are subject to a late payment fee
of 1.5% of the amount due, with a minimum fee of \$5.00.



ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF SERVICES

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ACCOUNT NUMBER		METER NUMBER		MAP NUMBER	
7010005303		37709247		2855 A4 74965	
OFFICE	METER READINGS		KWH USED	RATE SCHEDULE	
	CURRENT	PRIOR			
0	70409	69538	871	RES	
USAGE PERIOD			DAYS SERVICE	CONSTANT	
01/13/16 TO 02/11/16			29	1.0	
POWER COST ADJUSTMENT (PER KWH)					
.015000-			TRUSTEE DISTRICT 4		

=== SPECIAL MESSAGE ===
NEXT READING DATE: 03/14/16
CURRENT DUE DATE: 03/01/16

FOR IMPORTANT BILL INFORMATION AND
PHONE NUMBERS SEE REVERSE SIDE.

Check out our NEW
mobile-friendly website
at secoenergy.com.
Open a SmartHub
account to update
your phone number
before storm season.

PAYMENT RECEIVED 108.01-

== CURRENT CHARGES ==

ELECTRIC CHARGE	116.33
HOT BUCKS - PCA	13.07-
SURGE LEASE	5.50
STATE TAX	0.33
2.5625% GROSS RCT TA	2.65

=== ENERGY INFORMATION ===

DAILY AVG ELEC USE 30 KWH/DAY
SAME MTH LAST YEAR 31 KWH/DAY

CUSTOMER CHG \$ 20.00 PER MONTH
ENERGY CHG
1st 1000 0.110600 PER KWH USED
Over 1000 0.13060 PER KWH USED

PLEASE PAY AMOUNT DUE \$111.74

RETAIN THIS STATEMENT FOR YOUR RECORDS



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This date does not extend the date any previous balance is due and payable.

BILLING DATE	DUE DATE-CURRENT BILL ONLY MUST BE RECEIVED BY
02/15/16	03/01/16
ACCOUNT NUMBER	AMOUNT DUE
7010005303	111.74

FOR ADDRESS/RATE CHANGE CHECK HERE ☐
See reverse side

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

SECO ENERGY
PO BOX 31634
TAMPA FLORIDA 33631-3634



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TO ASSURE PROPER CREDIT, PLEASE RETURN THIS SECTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT

P.O. Box 301 ♦ Sumterville, FL 33585-0301 ♦ www.secoenergy.com
(Business Hours are 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. Monday - Friday)

Call Center Phone Numbers

293 South U.S. Highway 301
Sumterville, FL 33585-0301

50 West Ardice Avenue
Eustis, FL 32726

850 North Howey Road
Groveland, FL 34736-2234

610 South U.S. Highway 41
Inverness, FL 34450-6030

4872 S.W. 60th Avenue
Ocala, FL 34474-4316

Citrus County (352) 726-3944

Hernando County (352) 521-5788

Lake County (352) 357-5600
(352) 429-2195

Levy County (352) 528-3644

Marion County (352) 237-4107
(352) 489-4390

Pasco County (352) 521-5788

Sumter County (352) 793-3801

The Villages (exchanges 205, 259, 430, 750, 751, 753) .. (352) 357-5600

Pay your bill online at www.secoenergy.com or call at (877) 371-9382 (Max. payment of \$600).

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG: (800) 432-4770

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF SERVICES

- ✓ **Special Message** - This area is designed to report important information. You will also know the next scheduled meter reading date. Please assist us in obtaining an actual reading each month by tying up the dog and/or providing access to our meter.
- ✓ **Energy Information** - In this area you will find information about your energy consumption. We offer free Energy Audits that will provide you with specific conservation measures.
- ✓ **General Information**

Office = The office serving this location

Account Number = Ten digit number for SECO to access any information for this account.

Meter Number = Eight digits located on the face of the meter.

Map Number = Used to identify your premises on a grid mapping system.

KWH USED = A 100 watt bulb will consume 1 kWh of energy in 10 hours.

Estimated Reading = This appears on the bill if the meter reading was estimated.

Days of Service = The number of days of service for the usage period of this bill.

Due date - Current Bill Only Must Be Received By - To avoid late payment fee, payment must be received by the date appearing below this statement. If you are paying on the day this payment is due, **Do Not** mail. Bring payment to one of our offices. **This date does not extend the date that any previous balance is due and payable.**

Rate=Rate Schedule used to calculate bill. Electric power purchased for residential household use is exempt from sales tax. If Rate is RES and power is not for residential use you must check RATE CHANGE block below.

RATE CHANGE: IF SERVICE SHOULD BE CHANGED FROM OR TO RESIDENTIAL CHECK HERE: ☐

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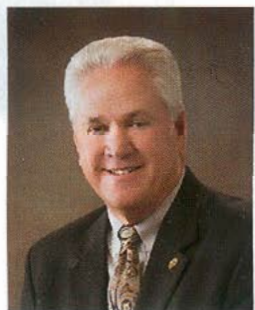
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SECO News



February 2016



DUNCAN'S DIGEST

SECOEnergy.com has a brand-new look. The site has been completely redesigned on a more user-friendly platform that performs well on a variety of mobile devices and browsers. The old site, in its day, was award-winning, but we recognize that this online makeover is long overdue and appreciate your patience as we developed the new platform.

You'll notice home page access to the most frequently visited site features. Members are one click away from reporting an outage, online account (SmartHub) access, bill payment, social media updates and a variety of intuitive Contact Us web forms.

Frequently asked questions are updated and categorized. All forms are housed on one page and many are fill-in PDFs. We've added a video gallery and a blog in the Newsroom. You'll find a new section dedicated to solar energy. On the Contact Us page, you can report an area light problem, request an energy audit, inquire about community presentations, let us know you're moving or ask a general question about your bill or usage.

Convenient communication tools that are enhanced for mobile devices are so important in our tech-savvy world today – especially during a power outage. Now that the website itself is redesigned, we will begin enhancing our Storm Center platform to provide members with a more user-friendly outage map and communications suite that supports text and email. Watch for details in the coming months.

Keep in mind that when you have a power outage, reporting it to us is easy using the current Storm Center application from the home page of SECOEnergy.com or by phone via our automated outage management system. To use these systems effectively, please ensure we have an updated primary phone number that corresponds with your account. Update your number today by logging into your SmartHub account, sending a message through "Contact Us" on the new website or calling us during regular business hours.

Another way to stay up-to-date on outage information, energy efficiency and company news is through our social media platforms. Just visit SECOEnergy.com and click on any of the seven icons. You'll find us on Facebook, Twitter, Google+, LinkedIn, Pinterest, YouTube and Instagram. We look forward to connecting with you and building these online social communities.

Speaking of community, I hope you'll join us face-to-face at the SECO Energy Annual Meeting of the membership on March 19. Details are enclosed in your official notice. Lucky winners will claim a 2005 Dodge Dakota 4x4, cash prizes and a variety of door prizes. And the hospitality can't be beat – hope you can come! 936004



EXPRESSIONS

Thank you so much for the Capital Credits on my bill, appreciated!! 142202 Keep up the terrific work done for all the customers.

Sincerely,
Rosalee Gordon
Inverness, FL

Lights Out?

SECO offers a variety of ways to report a street or area light issue. The most convenient way is to visit SECOEnergy.com and click on Contact. You'll find a user-friendly web form that allows you to report the light issue—even if you don't have the light number handy. Another way to report a light issue is by emailing AreaLightRepair@secoenergy.com. Of course, you can always call us during regular business hours. Once reported, most light issues are addressed within 72 hours.



TRUSTEES

Ray F. Vick
President • District 5

Jerry D. Hatfield
Vice President • District 9

Robin R. Henion
Secretary-Treasurer
District 7

Scott D. Boyatt
District 1

Dillard B. Boyatt
District 2

Richard J. Belles
District 3

Richard Dennison
District 4

Earl Muffett
District 6

Bill James
District 8

Jim Duncan
CEO

SECO's Board of Trustees will meet on Tuesday, February 22nd at 2:30 p.m. in the headquarters located at 330 South US Highway 301 in Sumterville. A Trustees' meeting will also be held on March 21, 2016. 299810



Don't forget to look for the last six digits of your account number in this month's **SECO News**. Contact us through SECOEnergy.com or send an email to customerservice@secoenergy.com if you find your number. You may win a prize.

NATURE'S reflections

Florida's Flamingos

A unique bird that is more than a Florida icon, The American Flamingo, (*Phoenicopterus ruber*), is one of several flamingo species found throughout the world. It stands about four feet tall, has a down-curved hooked bill, very long legs, and pink webbed feet with three toes. Black tips on the wings are visible mostly in flight and the wingspan is about five feet.

Wild flamingos are found in South Florida, the Everglades, the Florida Keys and throughout the Caribbean. Normally, they do not migrate unless food becomes scarce. Only then, they will take flight on a clear night to find a new location.

Following hurricanes in Florida, some flamingos have been spotted as far west as Mississippi, although most of those are believed to be escapees from Florida's parks and zoos. Somehow, they eventually find their way back home.

Flamingos feed in shallow coastal saltwater lagoons and mudflats by stirring up the mud with their feet. Then, they turn their head upside down to scoop up the water, straining it through bristles inside the curved beak and tongue. Blue-green algae is their primary food source and the reason for their pink color. In addition, small shrimp, seeds, mollusks, and microscopic organisms are also picked up in the process.

Flamingos in the wild are usually more brightly colored than those in captivity and may live up to twenty years. Males and females look alike; males are larger. They mate for life. 841220

Courting includes a variety of flamboyant behaviors, head movements, wing displays and vocalizations. One egg is laid on a mound of mud. Both parents take turns incubating the egg for a month. Prior to hatching, the chick calls to its parents from inside the egg and from that moment, the parents forever know their chick's call. The downy-gray chick hatches with a straight bill which makes feeding it easier. Both adults feed the chick until it fledges after seventy days. Chicks reach adult size at two years, but may not get their full adult plumage until three or four years of age.

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