

**Sour Cream
Potato Salad**

- 4 hard-boiled eggs
- 2/3 cup mayonnaise
- 3/4 cup sour cream
- 1 1/2 teaspoons prepared mustard
(with horseradish)
- 1/2 pound cooked bacon, crumbled
- 1/3 cup green onions, chopped
- 1 cup celery, chopped
- 7 cups cooked potatoes, cubed
- 1/3 cup Italian salad dressing
- salt , to taste

Cut eggs in half and remove yolks. In a small bowl, mash yolks and blend with mayonnaise, sour cream, and mustard. In a separate bowl, chop egg whites. Combine with bacon, onion, celery, potatoes, and salad dressing. Fold in mayonnaise mixture and season with salt.

Serves 8 to 10.



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FROM THE CEO'S DESK

J. Ronald McElheney

As North Carolinians, we recognize the importance of preserving our state's natural resources and the role that environmental stewardship plays in that process. In 2007, North Carolina became the first southern state to pass a Renewable Portfolio Standard. North Carolina's Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS) is one of the most comprehensive mandates in the country, requiring the use of both energy efficiency measures and renewable energy technologies to achieve compliance.

Jones-Onslow is committed to meeting the state REPS mandate in the most balanced and cost-effective way possible for our customers. In response to this challenge, cooperatives throughout the state joined forces to form GreenCo Solutions, a not-for-profit company, to help us define and meet our clean energy goals. We realize there are efficiencies to be gained by working together as a group that will allow Jones-Onslow to better achieve our individual energy efficiency and renewable energy goals.

Jones-Onslow will focus on programs and initiatives to help you use energy more efficiently. Energy efficiency is the most economical way to reduce your family's energy costs and to meet a portion of the requirements of the state REPS mandate. In addition to efficiency, we'll look for opportunities to partner on renewable energy projects, such as solar, wind, small hydro, and others. You will be hearing more about new and expanded programs over the coming months. In fact, on page 2 of this month's newsletter, we've introduced a CFL Lighting Program for customers (see inside for more details).

With these new green programs, mandated by the state of North Carolina, come additional operational costs necessary to meet the state mandate. These charges, named "NC Renewable Energy Mandate" will be passed on to you starting with next month's bills. The REPS mandate includes a maximum annual cost cap (or maximum amount) over which our charges must not exceed. Our goal is to operate our programs and meet the new mandate, while keeping increases to you at a minimum. However, this new charge (on your monthly bill) is necessary for us to comply with the State of North Carolina mandated REPS.



**Cooperative Offices
Will Be Closed On
Monday, May 25,
In Observance Of
Memorial Day**



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New Monthly Charge To Be Added To Bills Next Month To Meet State Mandate

Beginning in May, customers will see a new charge on their electric bill called "NC Renewable Energy Mandate". This charge will pay for costs associated with meeting the state's Renewable Energy and Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS) established by Senate Bill 3 (SB-3) in 2007.

SB-3 applies to all electric utilities, with the first requirements to be met by 2010. The goal of the legislation is to expand the development of renewable energy and to promote conservation and energy efficiency. By 2018, up to 10 percent of Jones-Onslow's kilowatt-hour sales are mandated by the state to come from a combination of purchasing renewable energy generation and from offsetting potential energy sales through various conservation measures.

	Annual Cap Residential	Annual Cap Commercial	Annual Cap Industrial
2008-11	\$10	\$50	\$500
2012-14	\$12	\$150	\$1,000
2015 on	\$34	\$150	\$1,000

The new charge applies to all cooperative customers on a per meter basis. Jones-Onslow's monthly charge schedule for the rest of 2009 is \$0.36 for residential customers; \$1.79 for commercial consumers; and \$17.90 for industrial consumers. The REPS charges will be adjusted annually to reflect the anticipated costs for compliance with the REPS mandate for that year for each customer class (residential, commercial, and industrial).

The mandate specifies an annual rate cap (or

maximum) for each customer class for recovery of REPS expenditures. The annual mandated REPS cap for 2009 is \$10 for residential consumers; \$50 for commercial consumers; and \$500 for industrial consumers.

JOEMC Customers Monthly REPS Charges	
Residential	\$0.36
Commercial	\$1.79
Industrial	\$17.90

The maximum annual cap allowed under the REPS mandate increases starting in 2012 for a period continuing through 2014 to \$12 for residential consumers; \$150 for commercial consumers; and \$1,000 for industrial consumers. Beginning in 2015, the maximum annual cap under the REPS mandate increases to \$34 for residential consumers only, with commercial and industrial consumers caps holding steady at previous levels of \$150 for commercial consumers and \$1,000 for industrial consumers.

The money collected through the REPS charges covers the cost of new mandated programs to reduce energy use. It also covers costs of participation in renewable energy projects in North Carolina as well as throughout the United States.

Again, the new charge that customers will see on their bill next month is necessary for Jones-Onslow to comply with the state mandated REPS. In doing so, we'll be reducing energy inefficiencies and increasing the amount of electricity produced from clean energy sources in North Carolina and other parts of our country.



Make the Switch.

receive a \$1 credit on your electric bill for each CFL bulb you purchase.* Follow the instructions below...

Jones-Onslow introduces CFL Lighting Program to customers

- Customers must send/bring in original receipt (*only receipts dated April 1, 2009 and later will be eligible for credit*). If receipt does not clearly indicate CFL purchase, please also send in proof of purchase from the packaging (name of manufacturer and product).
- The full name of the customer, the account number, and the complete mailing address and daytime phone number must be *written on your receipt*.
- Those sending in receipts for a credit on their electric bill must have an ACTIVE Jones-Onslow EMC account.
- If receipt is mailed in, please send to Jones-Onslow EMC, CFL Credit, 259 Western Blvd., Jacksonville, NC 28546.
- ***Customers are limited to receiving credit for 20 CFL bulbs per calendar year.**

For questions or more information call the cooperative at (910) 353-1940 or (800) 682-1515



Paying your electric bill has never been so convenient... And simple. And secure.



Introducing **online bill pay** for customers of Jones-Onslow EMC. Visit www.joemc.com to find out more and to sign up today.

Questions? Call us in the office at 910.353.1940 or 800.682.1515



Cooperative Employees Are Easy to Identify

Here's an important home safety tip to remember. If someone comes to your door who says they are an employee of your local electric cooperative, be alert. For your protection, all Jones-Onslow employees carry photo identification badges and will present them upon request. For additional identification, our meter readers and outside crews wear uniforms and our staking representatives wear "JOEMC" polo shirts. All employees drive company trucks or vans that are clearly marked with our name. If you are ever unsure of the identity of any personnel on your property, please feel free to call our office.

Also, be aware that Jones-Onslow employs contract crews for certain jobs. Their vehicles are clearly marked with signage that indicates they are working for Jones-Onslow.



Planting & Trimming

When branches and limbs grow too near power lines, trouble grows with them...

Our area is prone to high winds year round, not just during hurricane season. Fallen trees and branches are a major cause of widespread power outages in our area. For that reason, the cooperative has



The right-of-way crews strive to preserve as much of a tree's beauty as possible while providing enough clearance between limbs and power lines to help prevent storm damages.

A methodical right-of-way and tree-trimming maintenance program for our electric distribution system is crucial to delivering reliable electric power to our customers.

a comprehensive, industry-standard vegetation management program that includes trimming trees. The trimming may seem excessive to some, but is done with storm damage mitigation in mind.

You can help, too, by planting taller trees, plants, shrubs, and fences a minimum of 10 feet away from underground service equipment. This will prevent your landscaping items from being removed or trimmed if the cooperative must gain access to the equipment.

Here are a few landscaping ideas:

- Use grass, gravel or 2-inch rock around electrical equipment but do not change the grade.
- Do not use ivy or other climbing plants around equipment.
- Trees should be planted so that at maturity, they remain a minimum of 10 feet away from pad-mounted equipment and far enough away from overhead lines so they do not need trimming and will not obstruct a cooperative line truck when access is needed.

To find trees and shrubs that suit your planting needs around your home but won't interfere with the cooperative's equipment, check out the National Arbor Day Foundation's Tree Line USA program at www.arborday.org.