

Slow-Cooked Chili



- 2 lbs. ground beef, brown and remove grease
- 1 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped green pepper
- 2 garlic cloves finely minced
- 1, 28 oz. can stewed or diced tomatoes, undrained
- 2, 16 oz. cans kidney beans, 1 light, 1 dark, undrained
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. black pepper
- 1 tsp. cumin
- 2 Tbsp. chili powder

After ground beef is prepared and drained, add all other ingredients and simmer for 7 to 10 hours. If too spicy, add a sprinkle of cinnamon.



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FROM THE CEO'S DESK...

J. Ronald McElheney

The Board of Directors and Employees at Jones-Onslow EMC are committed to provide your home and surrounding community affordable, reliable and safe electric power. We demonstrate that commitment daily through our efficient planning and maintenance of facilities, constant review of power supply and equipment costs, as well as investment in programs and services to improve your ability to manage your energy use.

Additionally, we spend a significant amount of time educating policy makers at the local, state and federal level on the impact their decisions make on electric service and cost. Headlines today scream for energy policy reform and politicians are struggling to respond to recent events in the Gulf, efforts to address global warming as well as decrease our dependence on foreign oil.

Concerns are rising over policies being discussed by Congress, especially in the United States Senate. Many of the policies being considered will significantly raise electric bills in the near future and for decades to come. Many of these costs will result from government policies prohibiting our ability to use certain fuels like coal or mandating the use of more expensive, less reliable renewable sources like solar and wind. These decisions will drive many electric utilities to use only natural gas, driving energy costs up for everyone. We at Jones-Onslow believe this would be a terrible mistake which will impact the economic viability of our community and others around the country.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is also considering regulations which will drive up energy costs and only Congress can stop them. Jones-Onslow is committed to environmental stewardship and has a track record to back it up, but compliance with environmental regulations—like all expenses – is ultimately borne by you, the customer. We support prudent energy reform which decreases our dependence on foreign oil, develops affordable renewable resources, and improves energy efficiency technology which will ultimately decrease green house gases. This can be done without overbearing regulation and mandates from the EPA. The EPA will regulate with NO concern about the costs to customers. We need Congress to step in and ensure that energy policy is fair, affordable and achievable. The EPA is deaf to those concerns.

Help us, help you. Contact Senators Burr and Hagan to stop the EPA's climate change regulation overreach and ask Congress to support policies that will provide us with the ability to meet our energy future through many fuel sources including nuclear and clean coal technologies. Ask Congress to promote American innovation to develop technologies without oppressive government mandates and over regulation.

Visit www.OurEnergy.coop or call your U.S. Senators at **977-40-BALANCE** and ask them to support legislation to stop the EPA from bypassing Congress on the regulation of green house gases and urge them to create an energy policy which is affordable, achievable and fair to all consumers regardless of where they choose to live. This will ensure a bright future for you, your family and generations to come.



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GOOD NEWS...Customers To See Credit Added To Bills Starting October 1...

Jones-Onslow is pleased to announce that customers will see a credit on their electric bills starting this month and continuing for the remainder of 2010. The credits that customers will receive are due to several factors.

First, the cost that the cooperative has paid for wholesale power during 2010 is less than what was originally projected and budgeted. Every year Jones-Onslow receives an estimation of what its wholesale power cost will be for the coming year. As time progresses and the “actual” wholesale power costs are realized, Jones-Onslow must “true up” with its power supplier. This year, that “true up” is a credit.

A second factor that has contributed to these credits is that customers have purchased more power in 2010 than what was projected—because of the additional purchased electricity, the cooperative has generated more revenue. The increase in electricity sales, which as of August was 12% ahead of what was projected, is due to the extremely cold winter and hot summer that we experienced this year. Simply put, in 2010, the cooperative purchased more electricity than was projected and it purchased that electricity at a better price than was projected.

A final factor that has played an important role in the credits is that the cooperative has operated its day-to-day business operations in an efficient manner.

As of the end of August, the cooperative's operations, maintenance, and fixed expenses were three percent (3%) below what was budgeted.

Starting this month, the credit will be shown on customers' bills as a WPTA (Wholesale Power and TIER Adjustment) credit line item. The projected credit will be \$25.00 per 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity used. The chart below shows typical monthly usages and the credits that will be seen.

kWh Usage	Credit
1000	\$25.00
1500	\$37.50
2000	\$50.00
2500	\$62.50
3000	\$75.00

“With everything going on with the economy today and with the holiday season just around the corner, we are glad to be able to provide these credits to our customers,” said CEO Ron McElheney. “We will continue to work each and every day to operate our business as efficiently as possible while maintaining dependable, reliable electric service to our customers.”

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Energy Star Tax-Free Weekend And Cooperative Rebate Can Help You Save on New Appliances

If you are in the market for new appliances and other energy-efficiency items, you can save by purchasing them during North Carolina's sales tax holiday November 5-7.

Clothes washers, freezers, refrigerators, central air conditioners, room air conditioners, air-source heat pumps, geothermal heat pumps, ceiling fans, dehumidifiers and programmable thermostats will be exempt from the state's sales tax on that weekend provided they carry the "Energy Star" label.

Items purchased for use in a trade or business and for rentals are not covered by the exemption. Purchases of qualifying "Energy Star" products by contractors who will install the products in structures for customers are subject to the tax even when purchased during the holiday.

For details, visit N.C. Department of Revenue's Web site at www.dornc.com.



Details About The Rebate...

In addition, Jones-Onslow customers who purchase an Energy Star appliance that qualifies for the sales tax exemption during the weekend of November 5-7 will be eligible to receive a one-time credit of \$50 on their electric bill from Jones-Onslow.

To qualify for the rebate/credit, customers must complete a form, attach a copy of the sales receipt, and mail or bring the paperwork to either the Jacksonville or Sneads Ferry office. The form that must be completed can be downloaded at www.joemc.com or picked up at one of the offices starting November 1, 2010. All rebate/credit requests must be received by December 31, 2010.

Cooperative customers who participate in Jones-Onslow's Energy Star Rebate/Credit Program are eligible for only one \$50 rebate/credit per member. Customers that participated in the previous Energy Star Rebate/Credit Program earlier in 2010 ARE still eligible for the rebate during the tax-free weekend promotion.

Time Running Out To Claim Energy Efficiency Tax Credits...

Only two months remain to tackle home improvement projects if you want to take advantage of energy efficiency tax credits authorized under the federal stimulus bill. Measures that qualify include replacing windows, doors, or roofs with materials that reduce your home's heat loss or gain; adding insulation; replacing certain air conditioners; and installing air-source heat pumps, hot-water boilers, and biomass stoves.

You can recover 30 percent (or up to \$1,500) of costs associated with buying and installing heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems and biomass stoves. Installation costs are not covered for windows, doors, roofing, and insulation.

ENERGY STAR, the joint program of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, provides guidelines on what qualifies for the tax credit at www.energystar.gov/taxcredits. Tax credits are especially beneficial as they directly reduce, dollar for dollar, any taxes you owe.

Be sure to keep your receipts and your Manufacturer's Certification Statement (a signed statement from the manufacturer certifying that the product or component qualifies for the tax credit) for your records. Then claim the credit on your 2010 taxes using IRS Form 5695.

Move Over To Protect Utility Crews — It's The Law...

North Carolina's "move over" law now protects utility workers from speeding vehicles. Effective in December, the North Carolina law will require drivers to slow down or yield to utility service trucks, just as they are required to do for ambulance and police or fire vehicles stopped at accidents or work scenes. Recent fatalities involving workers at investor-owned utilities prompted passage of North Carolina's law.

"North Carolina has a lot of rural roads next to ditches, with not much shoulder," said Sgt. Jorge Brewer, a spokesman for the state's highway patrol. "There's very little space for trucks to park. They're halfway on the road and halfway on the shoulder."



Motorists could face steep fines or be charged with a Class 1 misdemeanor if they do not reduce vehicle speed and move to an adjacent lane (if possible) when encountering utility service trucks with flashing lights.

We encourage you...if you are on the road, watch for utility service crews. Please comply with the law, slow down, and move over for utility service trucks (if possible). You could save a life!



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Cooperative Offices Will Be Closed On Thursday, November 11, In Observance Of Veteran's Day and on Thursday & Friday, November 25 & 26, In Observance Of Thanksgiving.