

The Electrifier

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"Owned by those we serve"

Marshall, NC

MINI-SPLIT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

In order to get the most out of your Mini-Split system and minimize repair costs, it is necessary to perform routine maintenance on both the inside and outside units annually. Cleaning the equipment from debris build up will extend the life of the system and improve the efficiency.

If you are on the Maintenance Agreement, please call 828-649-2051 to schedule an appointment to have your minisplit cleaned.

For more information about the maintenance program and to complete the Maintenance Agreement, please visit www.frenchbroademc.com.

NOTICE

**THE NEW DEADLINE IS
THE 10th OF EACH MONTH**

Due to changes in the production process of the Electrifier newsletter, the deadline for ad submissions will now be the 10th of each month.

Keep in mind, ads submitted by the 10th of the month will be printed in the following month's edition.

Ex. if you submit an ad by January 10th, your ad will be printed in the February edition.

*French Broad EMC Employees and Directors
extend their very best wishes
for a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!*

*All French Broad EMC offices will be closed
1/2 day Wednesday Dec 22nd,
Thursday Dec 23rd and Friday Dec 24th
in observance of Christmas
and*

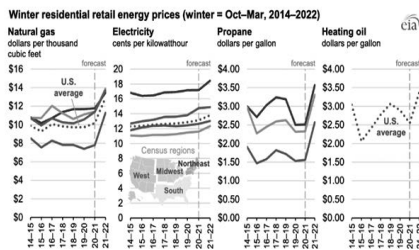
Friday Dec 31st in observance of New Years

Manager's Report

Understanding Your Capital Credits



It should come as no surprise that rising fuel prices are projected for this upcoming winter. Below is a chart showing residential retail energy pricing for the last seven years and the increases forecasted for 2022.



As you can see, here in the Southeastern US, our costs are significantly lower than in other parts of the country. However, we are certainly not immune to these increases. As natural gas prices rise, so will our wholesale electricity cost from Duke Energy. This will soon be reflected in our monthly bills to our members.

French Broad EMC is currently conducting a Cost of Service and Rate Study that will give direction to our Board of Directors as to how much of an increase we can expect and how long it will last. As a non-profit cooperative, we focus on keeping costs as low as possible but fuel and

energy are items that are simply beyond our control. Hopefully, our return of capital credits this year will offset some of the price increases for many of our long-term members.

As we go through the budgeting process, we are ever mindful to keep costs in line without having huge margins that can cause rates to rise. However, we are required by our lenders to retain a minimal “cushion” to make sure the business remains financially solvent. At the end of the year—after all the Cooperative’s bills have been paid—we calculate the amount of money left over, and assign the “profit” as capital credits, based on the amount of money each member has paid in to the business through electricity bills. This amount is credited to each member’s account annually. However, French Broad Electric does not return this money to members immediately.

The money is used to help finance maintenance and improvements to the Cooperative’s electric system without having to borrow money from outside sources at high interest rates. By using these margins for reinvestment in our electrical system, French Broad Electric has been able to provide high quality electrical service to its

entire territory and minimize loan payments.

Your Board of Directors has determined the Cooperative to be in sound financial condition, and your investment in your business will be refunded based on the amount you paid through your electricity bills. Until the general retirements are made, the money is used for system improvements so the Cooperative does not have to depend so heavily on borrowed funds.

This year, we will be refunding over \$1.7 million to those folks who were customers in 1994. Members whose capital credits are \$50 or more will receive their “refund” by check in December.

Capital credits represent one of the primary differences between co-ops and other electric utilities.

As they do every year, crews have been busy improving our Right of Ways, adding new infrastructure, and replacing old poles and wire so that we assure our distribution system is capable of providing high quality electrical service to all our members. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the employees of French Broad Electric, we wish you a happy and safe holiday season.



The Outlet

All numbers are in 828 area code unless otherwise listed.

This is a FREE service to members for advertising non-commercial items. Ads are limited to two items per member per month and will appear only one time unless resubmitted. Ads are limited to two lines per ad. We reserve the right to edit, condense, or refuse ads due to content, unreasonable length, or available space.

French Broad EMC does not endorse services advertised and is not responsible for reliability of services listed.

When submitting ads for The Outlet, please be sure to include your name, address, phone number and account number. Ads without this reference information are subject to not being published.

Ads may be submitted online or mailed to:

French Broad EMC, Attn: Paula Seay, PO Box 9, Marshall, NC 28753.

FOR SALE

Buck Townsend ventless gas log stove w/ remote, \$900. 844-4859.

Raggedy Ann & Andy toybox & sleeping bag, \$30/both. 683-9169.

(2) matching night stands, \$40 for both. 683-9169.

500-gal fuel oil tank w/ ~200gal fuel, \$300. 423/833-3525.

GE fan, 1/2 hp, 1725 RPMs, \$50. 273-8655.

(2) 24" Schwinn girls bicycles, 1-pink; 1-teal. \$25ea. 273-8655.

2007 Ford F-150 ext cab, power, FX4, 87,858mi, \$10,000. 467-7768.

Timothy David cabbage patch kids baby w/COA, 1985, \$270. 682-7868.

Sitrex 3-pt hitch hay rake, \$600. 230-8118.

Vermeer 3-pt hitch tree spade, \$1,200 or make offer. 230-8118.

Nordic Track elliptical, \$300. 467-8662.

Ford double bottom 14" plow, \$250. 645-9860.

19th century cast iron fireplace wood/coal grate, \$350. 423/743-0287.

10k BTU Frigidaire window AC with remote, \$160. 779-0352.

12' jump zone trampoline with enclosure, \$80. 779-0352.

Quart jars, \$3/doz. 645-7241.

4-burner gas grill & more. 645-7241.

Kennebec potatoes, \$25/bushel. 385-2183.

Chestnut lumber, unplanned, 2x4 & 2x6 from 10'-16' long. 682-2050.

Men's 100% cashmere sweater, XL weatherproof jacket. 284-3513.

Kohlert Basoon, maple wood w/2 tuning reed pipes, \$1,600. 678-9975.

Yamaha 103 keyboard w/ 88 keys, stand, bench & pedals, \$800/all. 678-9975.

1999 Jeep Sport, 6-cyl 4WD auto, some damage, must tow, \$1,000. 689-4586.

270-gal oil barrel w/ stand, \$150. 208-4209.

Bedroom Suite, dbl bed, cedar, \$250. 658-3798.

Vintage 4-poster single bed frame, head & footboard, \$45. 688-1144.

70 basswood carving blocks, 16"x6"x3-1/2", \$3ea. 688-1144.

Pond skimmer for storm water pond, pd \$550, sell for \$200. 258-8281.

Coconut coir mesh blanket for slope erosion control, \$150. 258-8281.

Christmas decorations & misc items. 551-4396.

Royal Albert China dishes. 551-4396.

Pull-behind bush hog, \$450. 484-9527.

Homemade quilts, afghans & baby blankets. 675-4271.

Fine crystal & pottery. 675-4271.

ECOSUSI women's faux leather laptop/briefcase, \$40. 778-9885.

Hitachi table saw, model C10FR, \$175. 275-2984.

Home heating system, uses fuel oil with additive. 910/617-2905.

1999 TransAm hood, black, \$300. 776-5846.

1/2 bushel baskets. 656-2316.

Knox Meal Master cook stove. 656-2316.

2002 Mazda Tribute, AWD, V6, auto, \$3,000 OBO. 645-7544.

MISCELLANEOUS

FOMCA low cost spay/neuter. 649-9798.

Will Do: Fantasy Portraits, people, pets, any size, color/b/w. 333-8450.

Holiday Farmers & Artisans Market, Saturdays, 10-1, MHU.

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**Right-of-Way (ROW)
Schedule
December/January**

Burnsville District
(cutting)

- *Hwy 19W
- *Ewart Wilson Road
- *Cattail
- *Transmission Lines
(from Burnsville to Relief)
(from Relief to Bakersville)

Marshall District
(cutting)

- *Spivey, TN
- *Grandview Area
(from River Road to Hwy 25/70)
- *Little Sandy Mush
- *Meadows Town Road

If you have questions or want more information, please visit our web site at www.frenchbroademc.com or contact us at 828/649-2051.

WANTED

- Old interior panel doors. 380-1232.
- Old barn to tear down for materials. 380-1232.
- Someone to repair monitor 441 kerosene heater. 622-7609.
- Home in Marshall/Madison Co, \$250,000 range. 713-7869.
- Carpet stretcher. 941/650-8632.
- Carpenter to adjust & finish out Pella atrium door. 954/496-9000.
- Old Verizon phone with simple format. 688-2174.
- Bookkeeper who uses Quickbooks, twice per month. 649-3536.



SCAM ALERT

Beware of scammers who pretend they are calling to let you know your account is delinquent and due right away. Please know that we do not call you and demand payment.

If you get a questionable call like this and are concerned about your account, please hang up and call FBEMC directly at 828-649-2051.

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Toll-Free Marshall	1-800-222-6190
Burnsville	(828) 682-6121
Bakersville	(828) 688-4815

To Report A Power Outage

Marshall District
(Madison, Buncombe & Unicoi Counties)

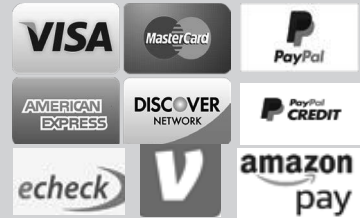
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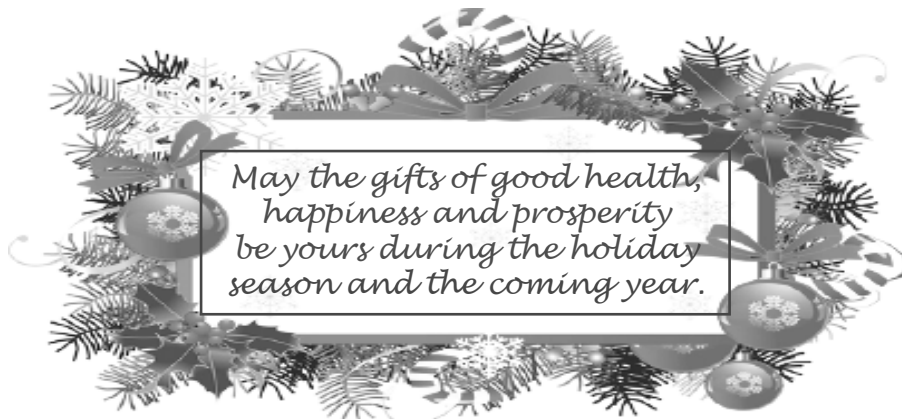
Yancey County	(828) 682-6121
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Online Payment
Available 24 Hours a Day

1-844-294-5697



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*May the gifts of good health,
happiness and prosperity
be yours during the holiday
season and the coming year.*