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JACKSON EMC'S  
ANNUAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

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DOOR PRIZES  
— and —  
**\$3,000**  
GRAND PRIZE!

SEPTEMBER 2019 | ANNUAL REPORT

2019 REPORT TO MEMBERS

BARBECUE CHICKEN DINNER, MEMBER APPRECIATION AREA, KIDS CARNIVAL, MUSIC & MORE



# MEMBER-FOCUSED

Since 1938, Jackson EMC has provided members with safe, reliable and affordable electricity. When the first lines were energized on April 10, 1939, our community didn't look like it does today. Back then, we served members on 690 miles of wire – today, our system spans more than 14,000 miles across 10 counties.

Through all the growth in our community and advances in technology, we've been committed to exceeding members' expectations. As a cooperative, Jackson EMC depends on members engaging in the co-op. With that in mind, we share with members how we've been meeting the needs of the cooperative and how we're laying the groundwork to continue providing exceptional service.

## CONTINUED GROWTH

Today, we're providing service to more members than ever before. That's not surprising given that Jackson EMC serves some of the fastest growing areas in Georgia. In fact, in our service area, Jackson County is one of the top 10 fastest growing counties in the U.S., according to the Census Bureau. Gwinnett, Barrow and Hall counties also continue to grow steadily.

With the population growth in our area comes new members to the cooperative. In the past 12 months, we've added nearly 4,000 meters to our distribution system – bringing the total meters we serve to more than 232,000. Based on meters served, Jackson EMC is the second largest electric cooperative in the nation.

Of the meters we serve, commercial businesses make up 10% of our membership, but they use 40% of the electricity we provide. Commercial businesses play a key role in keeping costs low for all members, while providing thousands of jobs to the area. This year, we added more than 450 new commercial and industrial members. We also added an impressive 28 million kilowatts of competitive and industrial load from companies that chose Jackson EMC as their electric provider. These new members include a new Westin hotel in Duluth and a new Southeast Toyota facility in Jackson County.

## PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

The growth we're seeing in our community requires us to continue improving and expanding our distribution network. In the past 12 months, we've invested almost \$50 million in the distribution network to better serve members.

We added 144 miles of energized wire last year to serve new members. More importantly, we installed 47 more automated switches to our distribution network. This technology helps restore power faster when outages occur. We currently have almost 300 automated switches installed on our distribution system, as we work toward installing a total of more than 500.



Over the next four years, we plan to invest \$208 million in our distribution system to upgrade lines and equipment, improve reliability and serve our growing membership. This infrastructure is needed as we expect to welcome almost 30,000 additional members to Jackson EMC by 2023.

## RENEWABLE ENERGY

In 2018, Jackson EMC members received 66 million kilowatt hours of renewable electricity through our partnership with Green Power EMC. Of that, a third was generated with solar power – which is equal to powering 1,450 homes last year. Through several new projects under construction in middle and south Georgia, we'll add more solar power in the coming years. In 2022, we anticipate receiving 79 million kilowatt hours of solar power.

## TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENTS

This year, we launched a new website and mobile app that makes it easier for members to pay their bills, view their energy use, report outages and sign up for services. Called MyJacksonEMC, this new tool is an opportunity for members to learn more about their energy use and receive information from the cooperative in ways that we couldn't offer in the past. So far, more than 79,000 members have signed up for a MyJacksonEMC account and the mobile app has been downloaded more than 27,000 times. What's also exciting about the technology that powers MyJacksonEMC is that it lays the foundation for additional enhancements in the future.

## COMMUNITY IMPACT

Thanks to members participating in Operation Round Up®, the Jackson EMC Foundation continues to make an impact in our community. Last year, Jackson EMC members gave back \$1,128,073 to the community through organizational and individual grants awarded by the Jackson EMC Foundation. Many of these grants help people in need get housing, food, medical services, counseling or other services. Since Operation Round Up started in 2005, our members have contributed more than \$14 million to the program.

We're proud to support local teachers in their endeavors to help students succeed. Last year, the Bright Ideas program funded \$51,461 in grants for middle school teachers to bring innovative projects to their classrooms. We also supported students' leadership skills for those participating in the Quality Beef Show and Wiring Contest. Through the Washington Youth Tour, we sent four student leaders to Washington, D.C. for a weeklong leadership development program. Jackson EMC's student delegates were part of the more than 1,800 students from electric cooperatives across the U.S. who participated in the Washington Youth Tour.



## MARGIN REFUNDS

Today, our cooperative is very strong. As a not-for-profit cooperative, a portion of revenues left over after all the bills are paid each year – we call them “margin refunds” – are returned to members at the end of the year. Last December, eligible Jackson EMC members received \$10 million in these margin refunds. This December, we'll mail \$12 million in refund checks to members who received service in 1991, 1992 and/or 2018. These margin refunds bring the total returned to members since we were founded in 1938 to \$147 million.

We're honored to be part of a cooperative that's been serving members for more than 80 years. And, we look forward to your continued engagement in the co-op.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chip".

Chip Jakins, President/CEO

# 2019

BY THE NUMBERS

**232,423**  
TOTAL METERS

**\$12 MILLION**  
RETURNED TO MEMBERS  
IN MARGIN REFUNDS

**14,190**  
MILES OF ENERGIZED WIRE

**5.54 BILLION**  
KWH USED IN PAST 12 MONTHS

**\$1 BILLION**  
IN PLANT ASSETS

**\$1.1 MILLION**  
GIVEN TO CHARITABLE  
ORGANIZATIONS BY  
JACKSON EMC MEMBERS



## ANNUAL MEETING ACTIVITIES



### Something for everyone

There's something for everyone at our Annual Meeting on September 19. Children will enjoy inflatables, candy art and clowns, while adults learn about the cooperative's operations and our plans for the future. Everyone in attendance receives one meal ticket for a barbecue chicken supper and ice cream to be enjoyed onsite. A Health Fair offers free services, and our Member Appreciation area features products and services dedicated to energy efficiency, finance and security. Throughout the evening, Greater Vision will perform, and everyone has the chance to win a door prize!

#### HEALTH FAIR SERVICES & INFORMATION BOOTHS

Several health agencies from across our service area will offer basic health testing for members. Healthcare professionals will be onsite to:

- Check blood pressure and pulse rate
- Screen for carotid artery blockage
- Perform cholesterol screenings
- Test vision and eye health
- Check for balance and fall risk
- Conduct hearing screenings



#### KIDS CARNIVAL

Kids will enjoy attractions from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Kids Carnival, including:

- 22-foot Slide
- Lil' Tykes Village
- Obstacle Course
- Clowns
- Kids' Zone
- Inflatables
- Candy Art Station
- Games

#### MEMBER APPRECIATION

Learn more about the benefits of being a Jackson EMC member in the Member Appreciation area:

- See how easily air can escape in our demonstration house.
- Discover the advantages of a Right Choice® Home.
- Learn the facts about Sun Power.
- Preview home automation available from EMC Security.



### Grand Prize, and other gifts and prizes

Each Jackson EMC account holder in attendance at Annual Meeting is eligible to receive one member appreciation gift and one raffle ticket for door prizes. Along with this gift, each registered account member gets the chance to win a variety of door prizes and the Grand Prize. Prize numbers will be announced throughout the evening. You must be present to win.



THIS YEAR'S GRAND PRIZE IS

# \$3,000

worth of energy efficient appliances of your choice!



## ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19  
(ALL TIMES APPROXIMATE)

#### 5:30 - 7:30 PM

- Registration
- Boxed Barbeque Chicken Dinner
- Member Services Area
- Health & Wellness Fair
- Prize Tickets

#### 5:30 - 8:30 PM

- Kids Carnival

#### 6:15 - 7:20 PM

- Early Prize Drawing
- Entertainment by Greater Vision

#### 7:20 PM UNTIL ADJOURNMENT

- Invocation
- National Anthem
- Service Awards Recognition
- Meeting Called to Order
- Report of Quorum Present
- Official Notice of Mailing and Proof of Mailing
- Minutes of Last Meeting
- Board Chairman's Report
- President/CEO's Report
- Election of Directors
- New Business
- Prize Drawings
- Entertainment by Greater Vision
- Grand Prize Drawing



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MAIL THE ENCLOSED  
RESERVATION CARD BY  
**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

## DRIVING AND PARKING DIRECTIONS



**For the best experience, we encourage members to park in our off-site parking areas.** Shuttles run to two parking areas every 30 minutes and drop off members at the entrance to the meeting.

### FOR OFF-SITE PARKING

Shuttle buses run **every 30 minutes** to drop off members at the Annual Meeting entrance.



ANNUAL MEETING UPDATES AVAILABLE AT [JACKSONEMC.COM](http://JACKSONEMC.COM)

### **TO PARK AT JACKSON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL** 1668 WINDER HIGHWAY, JEFFERSON, GA

#### FROM ATHENS

- Take Hwy. 129 North.
- At Arcade, go straight to take Jefferson Bypass (Damon Gause Bypass).
- Travel approximately three miles to the Hwy. 11 intersection.
- Turn left on Hwy. 11.
- The main entrance to the school is immediately on the right.

#### FROM ATLANTA

- Travel I-85 North.
- Take Exit 137 (Hwy. 129/Jefferson) and turn right (South) onto Hwy. 129/Hwy. 11 (Bypass).
- Travel south until reaching the Hwy. 11 intersection.
- Turn right onto Hwy. 11.
- The main entrance to the school is immediately on the right.

### **TO PARK AT JACKSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE** 5000 JACKSON PARKWAY, JEFFERSON, GA

#### FROM I-85 NORTH

- Exit I-85 at Dry Pond Road (Exit 140).
- Turn right onto Hwy. 82.
- Drive 2 miles to dead end, turn right to continue on Hwy. 82.
- Drive 3 miles, turn left onto General Jackson Pkwy.
- Courthouse is on the left, about half a mile down Jackson Pkwy.

### **TO PARK AT JACKSON EMC** 850 COMMERCE HIGHWAY, JEFFERSON, GA

#### TRAVELING I-85 NORTH

- Take exit 137 and turn right onto Hwy. 129/Hwy. 11 (Bypass).
- Drive one mile and turn left onto Hwy. 129 (Bus.).
- At the second traffic light into downtown Jefferson, turn left onto Hwy. 15 (Alt.) which becomes 82/15 (Alt.).
- Travel on Hwy. 15 N (Alt.) toward Commerce.
- Jackson EMC is located at 850 Commerce Hwy., on the right at the top of the hill.

#### FROM ATHENS

- Travel north on Hwy. 129.
- At Arcade, turn right onto Hwy. 129 (Bus.).
- At traffic light, turn right onto Hwy. 82/15.
- Travel on Hwy. 15 N (Alt.) toward Commerce.
- Jackson EMC is located at 850 Commerce Hwy., on the right at the top of the hill.

## ASSETS

	2019	2018
<b>UTILITY PLANT</b>		
Electric Plant in Service - At Cost	\$ 1,074,477,086	\$ 1,035,732,505
Construction Work in Progress	23,795,866	14,538,671
Gross Utility Plant	1,098,272,952	1,050,271,176
Accumulated Provision for Depreciation	(346,049,003)	(324,786,951)
	752,223,949	725,484,225
<b>INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATED ORGANIZATIONS</b>		
	183,310,352	171,721,927
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	16,769,103	27,645,618
Accounts Receivable (Net of Accumulated Provision for Uncollectibles of \$3,155,915 in 2019 and \$3,966,521 in 2018)	27,143,989	23,704,941
Materials and Supplies	12,727,229	11,375,495
Prepaid Power Cost	72,220,381	50,338,939
Other	3,672,858	2,296,789
	132,533,560	115,361,782
<b>DEFERRED DEBITS</b>		
	3,081,431	3,863,619
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 1,071,149,292</b>	<b>\$ 1,016,431,553</b>

## MEMBERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES

<b>MEMBERS' EQUITY</b>		
Membership Fees	\$ 3,626,050	\$ 3,520,545
Patronage Capital	452,319,439	432,799,573
Other Equities	964,648	630,929
	456,910,137	436,951,047
<b>LONG-TERM DEBT</b>		
	450,576,557	432,360,028
<b>OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES</b>		
Accumulated Provision for Postretirement Benefits - Noncurrent	56,074,202	50,067,805
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Long-Term Debt - Current Portion	20,300,000	17,865,000
Accumulated Provision for Postretirement Benefits - Current Portion	3,976,000	3,316,000
Accounts Payable	41,414,881	36,795,595
Consumers' Deposits	12,708,870	12,510,683
Other	16,544,534	17,175,488
	94,944,285	87,662,766
<b>DEFERRED CREDITS</b>		
	12,644,111	9,389,907
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 1,071,149,292</b>	<b>\$ 1,016,431,553</b>

# STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 571,411,606</b>	<b>\$ 548,284,700</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
Cost of Power	420,131,867	395,205,295
Distribution Operations	14,709,014	13,187,076
Distribution Maintenance	20,419,654	20,446,945
Consumer Accounts	16,457,505	15,525,092
Consumer Information and Sales	11,264,262	10,661,667
Administrative and General	24,632,559	22,109,466
Depreciation	35,996,695	34,629,539
	<b>543,611,556</b>	<b>511,765,080</b>
<b>OPERATING MARGINS BEFORE INTEREST EXPENSE</b>	<b>27,800,050</b>	<b>36,519,620</b>
<b>INTEREST EXPENSE</b>	<b>22,569,003</b>	<b>21,474,892</b>
<b>OPERATING MARGINS AFTER INTEREST EXPENSE</b>	<b>5,231,047</b>	<b>15,044,728</b>
<b>NONOPERATING MARGINS</b>	<b>11,899,295</b>	<b>10,483,184</b>
<b>GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION COOPERATIVE CAPITAL CREDITS</b>	<b>11,412,380</b>	<b>11,125,618</b>
<b>OTHER CAPITAL CREDITS AND PATRONAGE CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS</b>	<b>743,536</b>	<b>834,327</b>
<b>NET MARGINS</b>	<b>\$ 29,286,258</b>	<b>\$ 37,487,857</b>
<b>PATRONAGE CAPITAL - BEGINNING</b>	<b>432,799,573</b>	<b>404,309,344</b>
<b>RETIREMENT OF PATRONAGE CAPITAL</b>	<b>(9,766,392)</b>	<b>(8,997,628)</b>
<b>PATRONAGE CAPITAL - ENDING</b>	<b>\$ 452,319,439</b>	<b>\$ 432,799,573</b>



**YOUR POWER.  
YOUR COMMUNITY.**

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**MEMBERS MAKE IT DELICIOUS**

We're looking for your favorite holiday cookie recipes for an upcoming issue of *JEMCO News*. Selected winners will receive admission for a car or van to Magical Nights of Lights at Lanier Islands. Send us your favorite holiday cookie recipes by 9/10 to [recipes@jacksonemc.com](mailto:recipes@jacksonemc.com) or mail to Cooperative Cooking, Jackson EMC, P.O. Box 38, Jefferson, GA 30549. Be sure to include your name, address and phone number.



*Easy Sliders*



**FEATURED  
RECIPES RECEIVE  
\$200  
PRIZE  
PACKAGE**

**INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/4 onion, diced
- 1/2 tsp. ketchup
- 12 slider rolls or package hamburger buns
- 2 tbsp. butter
- 1 tbsp. honey
- 6-9 slices cheese
- 1/2 tsp. sesame seeds, optional

**DIRECTIONS:**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Add ground beef, pepper, salt, garlic powder, onion and ketchup in a large bowl and combine. Flatten ground beef onto a 9x13 inch rimmed pan. Cook for 20 minutes. Drain beef. Cut sliders open and place bottom half into another 9x13 pan. Place cooked beef on top of sliders, followed by cheese and top slider buns. Melt butter with honey. Brush melted honey butter on sliders and add sesame seeds on top, if desired. Cover with foil and bake an additional 20 minutes or until golden brown. Top with favorite burger condiments.

“These tiny sliders are a huge crowd pleaser and only take a couple of minutes to stack and heat.”

- SARAH LOCKHART, GILLSVILLE



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Be sure to include your name, address and phone number.