



FAQ Sheet for Media

About the Co-op:

- South Plains Electric Cooperative, a Touchstone Energy[®] Cooperative, serves over 55,000 connected meters in all or parts of 18 different counties.
- The counties SPEC serves include the following: Childress, Cottle, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Foard, Garza, Hale, Hall, Hardeman, Hockley, Kent, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley and Stonewall counties.
- South Plains Electric Cooperative serves 30,000 members.
- Rates vary depending on the type of service. Refer to www.SPEC.coop to download the rate document. An average residential members' cost per kWh is about \$0.10.
- \$0.71 of every dollar a member pays the Cooperative is used to purchase wholesale power. The Cooperative operates the day-to-day business on the remaining \$0.29.
- We have 6,600 square miles of service area and 9,900 miles of line.
- South Plains Electric Cooperative was “born” on the night of March 8, 1937, at a meeting held at the Lubbock Junior High auditorium.
- South Plains Electric Cooperative, and all cooperatives, abide by The Seven Cooperative Principles: Voluntary and Open Membership, Democratic Member Control, Members' Economic Participation, Autonomy and Independence, Education, Training and Information, Cooperation Among Cooperatives and Concern for Community.
- One of the principles we abide by is Concern for Community. We demonstrate this in a variety of ways including giving away scholarships to local seniors, awarding mini-grants to teachers that teach at local schools, sending youth on the Government-in-Action Youth Tour, teaching safety to fourth graders at our fourth grade safety demonstrations, participating in countless walks for numerous charities, running a United Way employee campaign, sponsoring little leagues and much more.
- One thing unique about cooperatives is that we do not have customers—we have members. One major member benefit comes in the form of capital credits and the Cooperative has returned over 37.2 million in cash to our members.

Useful Facts for Media:

- We post on Facebook if an outage affects 100 residential members or more. Like our page: <https://www.facebook.com/southplainelectric/>

- Find our outage map here: <http://www.spec.coop/v/report-outage/>
- We do not post outage updates on Twitter, but we do post energy efficiency tips and updates on the Co-op. Follow us here: <https://twitter.com/SouthPlainsEC>
- Take a look at our service territory map: <http://www.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=033a6db4b71d4537996e87803fc0329e&extent=-102.5887,32.8424,-99.0703,34.5086> –You can search for an address and if the pin lands in the blue, it is in our service territory.

2018 Calendar of Events

- 2018 Operation Round Up Scholarship Deadline-February 1, 2018
- 2018 Operation Round Up Scholarship Banquet-April 26, 2018
- Annual Fourth Grade Safety Demonstrations
 - Spur-April 24, 2018
 - Childress-April 25, 2018
 - Lubbock-May 1-3, 2018
- 2018 Government-In-Action Youth Tour-June 6-15, 2018
- Annual Meeting of the Membership-September 11, 2018

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