



Shelby Energy Cooperative

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The cooperative difference: capital credits

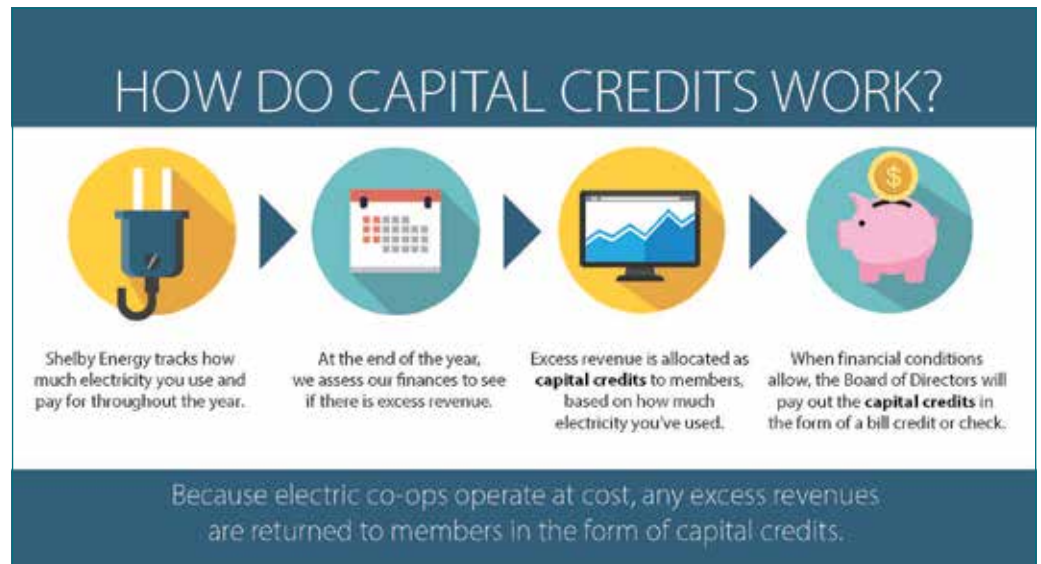
You might have received a check or bill credit from us in December.

While you welcome the refund, you may not know why we sent it to you. This refund is called a “capital credit.”

Shelby Energy is like any other private business with one major exception. We are a not-for-profit, community-focused electric cooperative that shares excess revenue back with our members over time. We are not owned by a single person or family or traded on a stock exchange.

Those who receive service from us are our members and owners. Over time, if we take in more money than needed to pay the bills, your member-elected board of directors will decide when to share the excess revenue—called “margins”—back with members.

We maintain some of these margins for emergencies, such as ice storms and tornadoes, to cover the cost of poles, lines and other equipment that may be damaged or destroyed. Margins are also used to fund new construction and make needed improvements to our system. Any margins above what is needed to support growth, operation or maintenance of the system is given back to you in the form of capital credits.



The amount of the refund you receive is determined by the amount of your electric usage. The more electric power you use, the more capital credits your account accrues and the more you will get back.

This year, we returned capital credits from 1986 and a portion of 2019. If you were a Shelby Energy member during these years, you should have received a bill credit or check from us. If you were a member in those years and did not receive a bill credit or check, it is likely that we do not have your updated mailing address or contact information. Visit www.shelbyenergy.com/capitalcredits to request additional information regarding your capital credits.

We want you to understand your cooperative membership and receive

all of the benefits that accompany it. That's the cooperative difference.

NOTE: Refunds of any accumulated capital credits are payable to the estate of deceased members. Proper legal documents are required. If you have questions about capital credits for a deceased member, please call (800) 292-6585 or visit www.shelbyenergy.com/capitalcredits.



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All new members signing up for service with
Shelby Energy will receive a short survey via
email. Members who complete this survey are
automatically eligible to win a one-time \$20
bill credit. If you did not receive this message,
you can complete the survey at www.shelbyenergy.com/welcome. Each month, one name
is drawn and one Shelby Energy member
receives a bill credit on their next statement.

The winner of the November 2020 new
member survey drawing was Jennifer
Bartholomew of Bagdad.



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Your Safety Matters

Watch for three signs of electrical overload

Circuit overload happens when appliances, TVs and other electronics draw more electricity than one circuit can handle. The circuit can overload if you repeatedly operate too many devices on one circuit at the same time. For example, overload could occur during a family get together if a slow cooker, a coffee maker and other appliances are plugged into the same power strip or outlet. Usually, this results in an automatic trip of the breaker. Over time, a circuit that continues to overload could result in a major safety problem.

There are three classic indicators of circuit overload:

- 1 Constant circuit breaking. If you continually find yourself resetting a tripped breaker, that indicates too many devices are on one circuit. Eventually, the circuit may stop tripping and result in an electrical fire.
- 2 Flickering lights. This issue could intensify as more appliances are plugged in. Eventually, the lights may go off completely.
- 3 Sight and sense warnings. These include warm outlets, smoky smells, darkened outlets, buzzing noises or a tingling sensation from touching outlets, switches or appliances.

If any of these classic signs occur, have a qualified electrician check if you should add circuits. The investment is small compared to the protection and safety of your family and home.

APPLY NOW!

SHELBY ENERGY SCHOLARSHIPS

Shelby Energy offers six \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors whose parent/guardian is a member of Shelby Energy Cooperative and two \$1,000 scholarships for seniors who plan to attend a line technician training program.

Visit www.shelbyenergy.com/youthprograms for more info.

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How to safely volunteer during the pandemic

Nonprofits need help during this time when so many would-be volunteers are staying home instead of helping out.

If you have the volunteer spirit during the holidays and beyond, consider pitching in—safely. Here are four ideas:

Donate. Chances are, you're spending some of your at-home time organizing closets and cleaning the basement or garage. Sort through your junk before having it hauled away to discover hidden treasures that you don't want but that are in good shape and might be useful to others.

Most charities have bins for dropping off donations so you won't come into contact with other people.

Organize a food drive.

Set up a plastic bin on your porch and encourage your neighbors to fill it with nonperishable grocery items like soup, pasta, peanut butter and cereal. Every time it's full, haul it to a local food bank that has a contactless system for accepting donations.

Shop for a neighbor.

If someone in your neighborhood is older or can't get to the store, ask for a shopping list the next time you're heading out for yourself. You can drop the items off on the neighbor's porch instead of handing them off in person.

Take phone calls. You can volunteer at a crisis helpline from the safety of your home—via telephone. Many crisis centers are conducting virtual training for volunteers and routine calls to their home or mobile numbers.



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Monday, January 18,
in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
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