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Get Smart About Home Lighting

By Abby Berry

Gone are the days when a simple flip of the switch was the only choice for illuminating our homes. While we still have this tried-and-true option, we've entered a new era of innovative and intelligent technologies, which includes smart lighting.



Smart lighting connects to Wi-Fi and offers an array of cutting-edge functionality and convenience. Let's look at the main benefits of smart lighting options.

Smart lighting is energy efficient. Most smart bulbs utilize LED technology, which is much more efficient than traditional incandescent lighting. Additionally, smart lighting gives you more control over how and when you light your home, ultimately resulting in less energy used for lighting.

Smart lighting provides convenience and control. Most smart bulbs can be controlled from an app on your smartphone or can be paired with your voice assistant, like Amazon Alexa. You can

conveniently control lighting settings from anywhere in your home or when you're away. Whether you want to set a schedule for lighting or adjust brightness levels, these smart options offer effortless control from the comfort of, well, anywhere!

Smart options empower you to personalize home lighting. Bright, warm, purple, green—whatever mood you want to create, smart lighting can help. For a more traditional look, try dimmable white bulbs. If you want to create the perfect ambiance for movie night, look for bulbs that can be adjusted for a variety of vibrant colors. The possibilities are endless.

While smart lighting offers convenience and control, keep in mind your wall light switch will need to stay "on" for you to control the smart bulb from your phone or via voice command. To use a smart bulb, the wall switch it's connected to must be "on" so the bulb receives power, which enables it to connect to a Wi-Fi network.

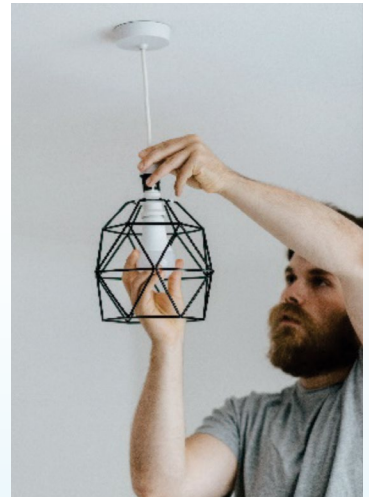
If you need additional options to operate the lights, consider a smart light switch. Today's smart switches tend to play nicely with smart bulbs. If you want to control your smart bulbs with a physical switch (in addition to using your phone and voice commands), look for smart switches that include a built-in feature that allows both. Many smart light switches include motion detectors as well.

If you're looking to take the plunge and integrate multiple smart bulbs to your home lighting system, your best bet may be a kit, like the Philips Hue Starter Kit. Most kits include several bulbs and any additional tools you'll need to get started.

If you're new to smart home tech and looking to start small, try a smart bulb in a high-traffic area of your home. It's also worth noting that smart plugs are a great starter option and allow convenient control of lamps or other lighting fixtures that are plugged in to a wall outlet. Smart plugs are inexpensive and simply plug in to your existing outlet. Electrical items that are connected to the smart plug can be controlled from a smart phone app, just like smart bulbs.

Whether you're looking for more convenience, colorful options or better ways to manage energy use, smart lighting can provide multiple benefits. Determine which smart lighting features are most important for your needs, then start shopping!

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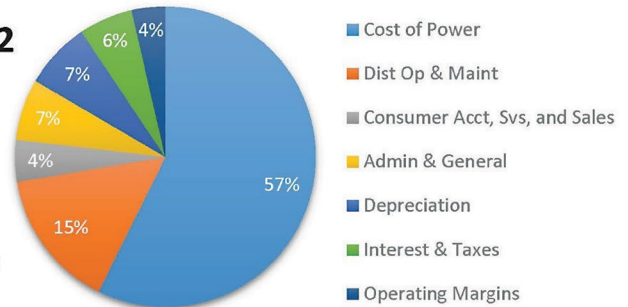
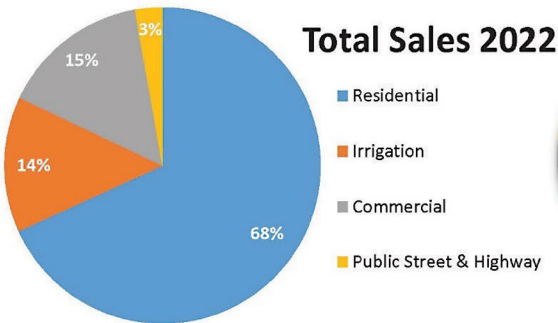
Financial Report

2022

REVENUE & PATRONAGE CAPITAL

Operating Revenues	\$69,692,762
Operating Expenses	39,966,845
Cost of Power	3,985,794
Distribution Operation	6,457,895
Distribution Maintenance	2,670,272
Consumer Accounts	194,543
Consumer Service and Sales Information	269,686
Sales	4,603,639
Administrative and General	5,001,400
Depreciation	4,040,114
Taxes	67,190,188
Total Expenses	2,502,574
Operating Margins After Interest Expense	(79,981)
Non-operating Loss	1,116,901
Generation and Transmission	631,918
Patronage Capital Allocations	\$4,171,412
Other Capital Credits and	
Patronage Capital Allocations	
Net Margins plus Patronage Capital	

How Your Revenue Was Used in 2022



86th Annual Meeting of the Members

Mitchell EMC would like to thank our members for making our 86th Annual Meeting a success.

The meeting was a hit with the members. They enjoyed driving through Mitchell EMC's complex to see the new warehouse and were excited with the easy scan-and-go process we had in place for our drive-through meeting.

420 members were registered. T. Ralph Davis, Max R. "Buddy" Lewis, Jr., and Johnny Cochran ran unopposed and will serve another 3-year term.

We announced our meeting and the winners of the drawings

over their vehicle's radios. Listed below are the winners from Friday's drawing.

\$500.00 Grand prize winner was Bobby Lee Wright.

\$400.00 Grand prize winner was Randy Wallace.

\$300.00 Grand prize winner was Burnetta Calhoun Hall.

The \$100.00 winner for bringing in their registration card was Joel M. Forrester.

We also drew 20, \$100.00 credit winners.

\$100 – Grove Jackson

\$100 – Charles Anthony Hill

\$100 – Walter Anderson

\$100 – Helen J Clayton

\$100 – Kent Hudson

\$100 – Charles Allen

\$100 – Joe N Vicks

\$100 – BH Williams

\$100 – Buddy & Elaine Brinkley

\$100 – Pamela Denise Hawkins

\$100 – Gloria J McNeil

\$100 – Vera Lee McDowell

\$100 – Kenneth Reese

\$100 – Cleo Shinard, Jr.

\$100 – Colleen D Butler

\$100 – Stacy Bernard Hawkins

\$100 – Glenda F Long

\$100 – Kennie Tyrone Robinson

\$100 – Pinkie Ree Jackson

\$100 – Bethel Baptist Church

MEMBERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES

Members' Equity	
Patronage Capital	\$76,836,396
Other Equities	16,961,437
	93,797,833
Long-Term Liabilities	
Long-Term Debt	69,090,795
Accumulated Provision for Post-retirement	
Other Long-Term Liabilities	13,679,116
	82,769,911
Current Liabilities	
Mortgage Notes-Current Portion	3,946,668
Accumulated Provision for Post-retirement	
Benefits Other Than Pension-Current	647,000
Short Term Loans	2,500,000
Accounts Payable	3,652,918
Consumers' Deposits	1,284,796
Accrued and Withheld Taxes	6,095,841
Other	3,004,460
	21,131,683
Total Members' Equity and Liabilities	\$197,699,427



ASSETS

UTILITY PLANT	
Electric Plant in Service-At Cost	\$190,011,766
Construction Work in Progress	3,363,653
Gross Utility Plant	193,375,419
Accumulated Provision for Depreciation	(42,446,838)
	150,928,581
Investments in Associated Organizations	32,324,345
Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2,626,237
Accounts Receivable	7,165,287
Materials and Supplies	4,447,174
Other	89,357
	14,328,055
Deferred Debits	118,446
Total Assets	\$197,699,427



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Attention Farmers Just a reminder...

Time Of Use (TOU) rates for irrigation systems begins on June 1. The TOU kWh cost is based on the time of day in which it is used. The rate will distinguish between ON-PEAK and OFF-PEAK usage.

*TOU rates apply from June 1 through September 30. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 229-336-5221 or 1-800-479-6034.

Serving in 14 Southwest Georgia Counties...

Mitchell EMC Members Help Send Local Students to College Through Operation RoundUP Scholarships

Students from across Mitchell EMC's 14-county service area received scholarships for college thanks to Operation RoundUP. Applicants were evaluated by the Community Foundation of South Georgia.



Scholarships are awarded based on "All-Around Student Performance" including academic performance, community service, volunteerism, and extracurricular activities. Financial need is

also considered. The foundation also reviewed recommendations from teachers and other adults involved in the students' lives.

Mitchell EMC members who enroll in Operation RoundUP provide scholarships to deserving students. Participating members allow us to round their electric bills up to the nearest whole dollar amount. Though it may not seem like much, those funds added together make a huge positive difference in our local community. A maximum of ten (10) renewable scholarships are awarded on an annual basis. Scholarships will be \$2,500 per semester, twice a year, for up to four years to assist in attaining an undergraduate degree from a post-secondary institution in the United States. Graduating children of Mitchell EMC employees receive a scholarship of \$500.

2023 Operation RoundUP Scholarship Recipients include: Rianne Almontaser, Deerfield-Windsor School; Stephanie Bass, Worth County High School; Carli Bentley, Westwood Schools; Edan Casey, Baconton Community Charter School; Jayden Keaton, Dougherty Comprehensive High School; Natalee Medders, Tift Area Academy; Georgia Odom, Southwest Georgia Academy; Silas Smith, Pelham High School; Laney Williams, Westwood Schools; and Amari Cody, Kennesaw State University.

Kale Barwick, Cairo High School; Haley Dollar, Bainbridge High School; and Brooks Tucker, Westwood Schools each received a \$500 employee scholarship.



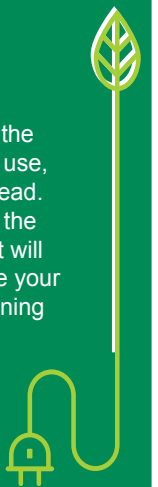
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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Summer is a prime opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors. To reduce home energy use, avoid using the oven and use a grill instead. Not only will cooking outdoors eliminate the electricity used to power the stove, but it will also avoid raising the temperature inside your home, reducing the need for air conditioning or cooling. You can also avoid using the oven with tasty no-bake recipes. Get creative in the kitchen (or the backyard) and find new ways to save energy!

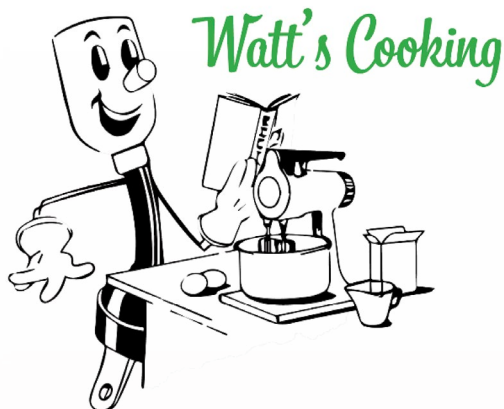
Source: Dept. of Energy



Note: If you move or no longer have electric service with Mitchell EMC, it is important that members keep their address current, so that future disbursements can be properly mailed. Capital credits are reserved for members even if they move out of the Mitchell EMC service area. Mitchell EMC will make a diligent effort to send a check by mail.

Statement of Equal Employment Opportunity

All applications for employment shall be considered and hired on the basis of merit, without regard to race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), age, national origin, disability, genetic information, or past or present military status. The employment practices shall ensure equal treatment of all employees, without discrimination as to promotion, discharge, rates of pay, fringe benefits, job training, classification, referral, and other aspects of employment, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), national origin, disability, age, genetic information, or past or present military status. M/F/V/DV/D



Pineapple Casserole

Ingredients

- 1 can pineapple chunks, drained (keep juice)
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2-1/2 teaspoons flour
- 1/2 cup shredded cheese
- 1 teaspoon butter
- 1 sleeve Ritz crackers, crushed

Directions

Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees.
Combine sugar, flour, pineapple juice.
Add pineapple chunks to the mixture.
Spoon mixture into a casserole dish and top with cheese. Spread cracker crumbs on top of cheese and butter.
Place in the oven and cook for 30 minutes.

Submitted by:

Larry Hudson, Baker County

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