



Competitive rates, reliable power, great service

Our daily customer surveys and key performance indicators show that we are meeting targets. Rates are the eighth lowest out of 56 utilities in Florida. Reliability targets are on track, and LCEC is one of only six certified energy utility Centers of Excellence in the nation.

You are a cooperative member

Imagine what it would be like if there were no electricity? More than 75 years ago, community cooperation created electric cooperatives, and there is no finer representation of democracy. Electric cooperatives do more than the delivery of electricity; we are neighbors helping neighbors.

LCEC is governed by members who serve on the Board of Trustees. We have been managed the democratic way since 1940, when a handful of farmers and ranchers in Southwest Florida, united by the common values of honesty, responsibility, fairness, and solidarity, answered the call to energize local neighborhoods. Today, a new generation of electric cooperative members is answering the call to deliver reliable electricity at competitive prices. As members and employees of LCEC, we are part of the fabric of the community. Our passion, ideas, and purpose ensure quality of life not just by providing electricity but also by reaching those in need.

After all, cooperatives are not in business to make a profit, but instead to serve members. It's the cooperative way.



TRUSTEE ELECTION – customer governance

Any member who is a resident of the district that is up for election can apply. All applications are considered, and applicants are interviewed by the Nominating Committee. Each year there are at least three seats up for election. Terms are staggered to provide continuity on the Board.

Potential qualifications for nominated candidates:

- Business experience
- Ability to interpret operating and financial reports
- Community leadership
- Sensitivity to member concerns, attitudes and issues
- Integrity and minimal possibility for conflict of interest
- Capability to contribute to Board discussions and decisions

Seats up for election in 2016

- District 2, Seat 1 – Cape Coral
- District 2, Seat 3 – Cape Coral
- District 6 – Everglades City

If you would like to be considered for a position on the Board of Trustees, contact LCEC Public Relations, 239-656-2202 or pr@lcec.net. Applications accepted from November 9, 2015, through January 4, 2016.

Nominating Committee named in December

The LCEC Nominating Committee, independent from the Board of Trustees, involves LCEC members charged with interviewing and objectively evaluating applicants interested in serving on the LCEC Board of Trustees. As members of the cooperative, committee members are charged with exercising due diligence and great care to ensure the nomination process is carried out thoroughly and with the utmost integrity. The Committee strives to conduct a fair and open process, to be conscientious of its responsibilities and to apply standards widely applicable to large corporations.



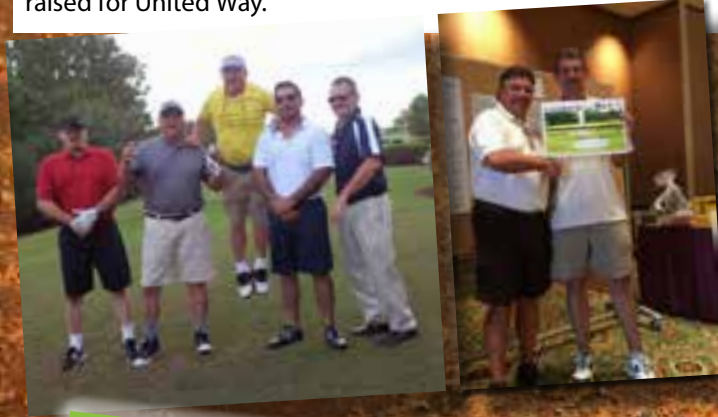
LCEC'S HOLIDAY HOURS

For the fastest service, the best days to phone the LCEC Customer Care Center are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday between 7 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

During the Thanksgiving holiday, LCEC offices will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25, and be closed Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27, reopening for normal business on Monday, November 30.

FORE UNITED WAY

The LCEC golf tournament planning committee outdid themselves this year. They set a goal to exceed last year's proceeds, and they met it. The weather was on par and the golf scores were respectable! At the end of the day, more than \$50,000 was raised for United Way.



Champion Award

LCEC was honored as a 2015 Champion Award winner at the Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board's Appreciation Awards Ceremony in September. The Champion Award is given to an organization that clearly demonstrates support for the mission of the Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board/CareerSource Southwest Florida.



100 MILE CHALLENGE

As a warm-up to the Healthy Lee Million Mile Movement, LCEC presented its own challenge for individuals to walk, run, swim, or move 100 miles.

4 weeks, 26 teams,
78 employees, 8,777 miles,
60,689 minutes,
1,791,560 STEPS

Cape Coral leaders visit LCEC

The 2015 Cape Coral Leadership class paid a visit to LCEC last month. The group was very interested in learning about how the business runs. One of the highlights of the visit was a quick demo to experience the life of a lineman...at 125 feet in the air.



Four electric safety tips to keep your holiday merry and bright

1. Inspect electric decorations for damage before use.
2. Don't overload electric outlets.
3. Make sure electric cords used outdoors are designed for outdoor use.
4. Don't go to sleep and leave holiday lights on.

Just how much does it cost to decorate with lights for the holidays?

There is one in every neighborhood—a house that shines above the rest for the holidays. How much do you think they are spending to light their decorations?

Surprisingly, lighting alone doesn't use that much energy. There are several factors that determine the amount of electricity it takes to make the season bright: the number of decorations, strands of lights, and whether you use LED or incandescent lights. Following is a chart that gives you an idea of about how much you might spend if you energize five hours a day for 30 days (based on christmaslightset.com).

	Decorations	Incandescent	LED
Typical Usage	1 wreath, 1 garland, 10 strings of lights, 2 outdoor decorations	635 watts \$10.78/season	96 watts \$1.63/season
Heavy Usage	500-ft. string of lights on roof, 200-ft. string in yard, 15 strings on bushes, 30 strings on big trees, 1 wreath	6,799 watts \$115.26/season	903 watts \$15.32/season
Enthusiastic Usage	95 icicle lights, 800-ft. string of lights on roof, 500-ft. string in yard, 15 strings on bushes, 10 strings on tree, 30 strings on big tree, 150-ft. rope light, 5 motifs	18,332 watts \$310.73/season	2,369 watts \$40.15/season

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CUSTOMER SURVEY WINNER

If you receive an LCEC customer survey in the mail, return it for a chance to win \$50. Last month's winner was Anel Alcious of Immokalee.