



Next year LCEC will celebrate 80 years of serving Southwest Florida's energy needs. In 1940, orange grove owner George Judd sold the North Fort Myers Mariana Grove power plant to the members who lived in North Fort Myers. LCEC began with 15 miles of distribution line and 158 members.

Within its first year of operation, LCEC offered service to Pine Island, Sanibel, and Captiva. In 1941, LCEC

Serving our members for nearly 80 years



retired the Mariana Grove generating plant and signed a contract with FPL to purchase power at a wholesale rate. Today, LCEC continues to purchase power from FPL.

LCEC is one of the largest cooperatives in the United States with nearly 220,000 customers and more than 8,000 miles of energized line. We continue to operate as a not-for-profit cooperative in business to serve our members.



United Way campaign wraps and begins again

LCEC was honored to be among the largest contributors to the United Way campaign again this year, helping to raise more than \$10.3 million for those in need. As one campaign wrapped up, employees participated in the allocation process to determine the next campaign goal, which increased to \$10.7 million. The LCEC team will raise funds that stay local and help support more than 95 agencies and thousands of people who need our help.

Social media community grows

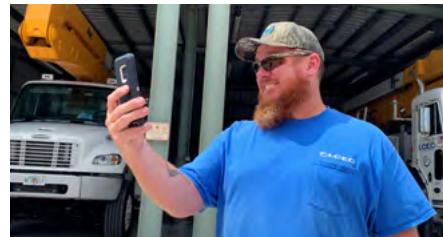
The LCEC social media community continues to grow rapidly. Providing interesting and informative content is the goal of each channel while also inviting followers to keep the conversation going. We not only offer energy tips, alerts, and industry news but it's a chance for two-way conversation and to get to know the people who operate your cooperative. Look for us @lcecsfwf. Be sure to check out our YouTube channel too!



Be sure to check us out on social media! Receive safety, conservation, and LCEC info on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn!



www.facebook.com/LCECSWFL



Employees got in on the fun on National Selfie Day!

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CUSTOMER SURVEY WINNERS
If you receive an LCEC customer survey, return it for a chance to win \$100. Last month's winners Nancy Caputo of Cape Coral, Lennart Lindqvist of Cape Coral, and Nancy Charboneau of North Fort Myers.



Going for the GOAB

What does GOAB mean? It stands for Gang Operated Air Break (switch). It is a motor-operated switch used to disconnect and isolate a section of transmission power line for maintenance or repair. It provides a visible "air break" so workers can see the open point. The "gang" means all three phases open and close at the same time. LCEC routinely tests the switches to provide quality assurance when it comes to reliability.

Keeping RATES LOW is at our core

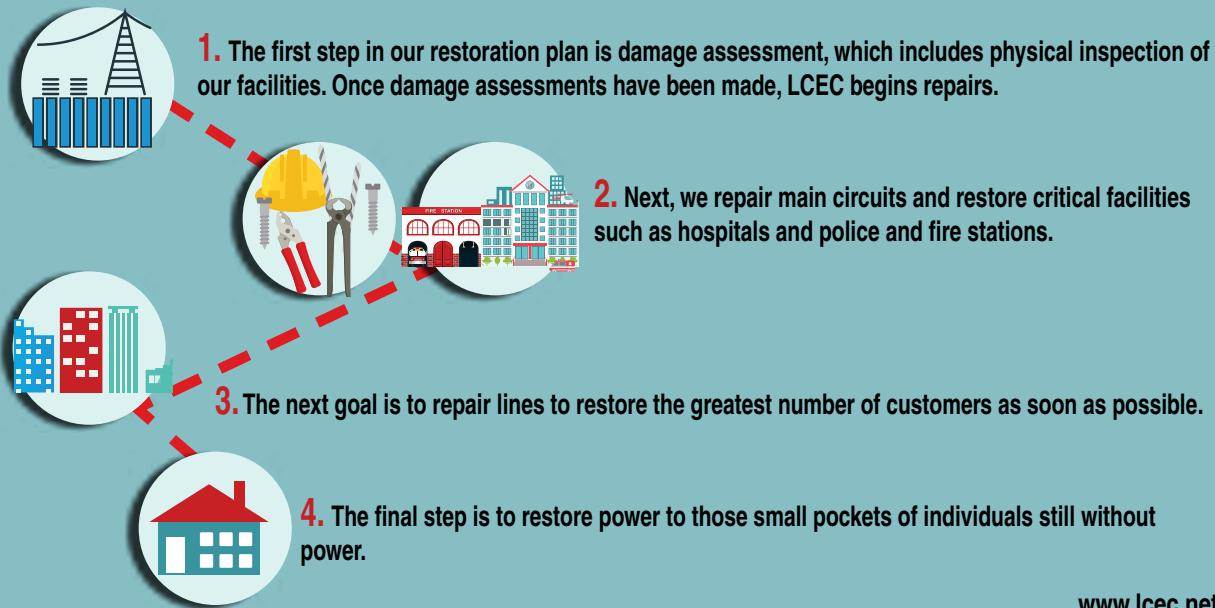


The LCEC mission is to provide efficient, reliable, cost-competitive electric and emerging energy solutions and quality service to our customers.

We are extremely proud to have returned nearly \$280 million in equity over the years, and to have kept the same low electric rates for 11 years!

Additionally, we provide tips and tools for saving electricity at www.lcec.net, through our social media channels, and in this newsletter. We are thrilled to have more and more customers enrolling in SmartHub to manage their usage and reduce their bill! We promise to work hard to continue delivering reliable electricity at a reasonable rate. Thank you for utilizing tools to manage your electric usage.

AFTER A MAJOR EVENT... HERE'S HOW THE RESTORATION PROCESS WORKS



www.lcec.net

Smart Management. Smart Life. SmartHub

Life is fast and can be hectic. It doesn't have to be complicated. Paying your LCEC bill shouldn't be a complex task; and with our SmartHub web and mobile app, it won't be. Managing your account through SmartHub is easy. You can pay your bill, view your usage, contact customer service, and get the latest news.

Log in, check out your billing history, and make a payment with just a couple of clicks...or taps. View your current bill and bills from previous months to compare costs and usage history.

Access SmartHub by visiting www.lcec.net or by downloading the SmartHub app on your mobile device through the Apple App Store (iOS devices) or Google Play Marketplace (Android devices).

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Trees can impact power reliability

LCEC utilizes professional trimmers who are trained to safely trim trees in utility easements or trees contacting power lines. They reduce vegetation along the power grid through a regular maintenance cycle. LCEC also responds to specific customer requests if trees pose an immediate threat to safety or reliability.

Vegetation and other debris on your property can cause serious damage to the electric system during a high-wind storm. Trim dead or weak branches around your home or business. Strong winds could make these branches deadly projectiles.

There are many licensed professionals ready to safely tackle your trimming needs. Do not remove or trim branches that are touching power lines. Touching a tree that is in contact with a power line can lead to serious injury or death. When trimming or cutting trees, be sure they fall away from power lines. Visit lcec.net/reliability/vegetation-management to learn more.

Ways to save on electricity during summer heat

Your AC is the biggest energy consumer in your home. You don't have to experience high electric bills to run the AC every day. LCEC energy experts suggest the following tips to help keep your costs low while enjoying the Southwest Florida weather:

Set your thermostat high. Keep it no lower than 78 degrees. Every degree lower adds eight percent to cooling costs.



Keep the sun out. Your AC unit does its best to keep you cool, but heat from sunlight can make your AC work even harder. Awnings, storm shutters, shade trees, porch/lanai roofs, blinds, curtains, and drapes help block solar heat. Pay close attention to east- and west-facing windows.

Don't place appliances next to your thermostat. Your home's thermostat is sensitive to heat and will keep running until the area is cool enough.



For more energy-saving tips, visit the Energy Efficiency section of www.lcec.net.