



# Line Items

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## **CheckOut: A New Way to Pay** BY PAYGO

CheckOut is a convenient, new way to pay your bill at over 50,000 retail locations nationwide. This new payment option allows members to pay their electric bill at common retail outlets in their communities such as Dollar General, Family Dollar, and CVS Pharmacy to list a few. This service is especially beneficial to members that must drive from far-reaching areas to one of the Cooperative's offices to pay their electric bill.

Members wanting to utilize the Checkout Payment option will be assigned a unique barcode that is connected to their electric account. To access the barcode, members will browse to

Excelsior EMC's website and navigate to the CheckOut link. Here members will be given a barcode that is specific to their account. Simply print or email the barcode to a smartphone. Then, while shopping at a participating location, just ask the cashier to scan the barcode and tell the cashier the amount you would like to pay on your account. Once you make a payment, it will be applied to your electric account within minutes.

For questions about CheckOut payment options or help getting your barcode, give our Customer Service team a call at (912) 685-2115 or (912) 764-2123.



### Participating locations include:

- Dollar General
- Family Dollar
- CVS Pharmacy
- Speedway
- 7-Eleven

### Visit <http://ExcelsiorEMC.sedccheckout.com> to:

- Get your barcode.
- Find CheckOut retailers near you.
- Watch a short video for a brief overview.
- View CheckOut payment history.

## BRING THE LIGHT.

### Lineworker Appreciation Day

On April 12, remember to  
#ThankALineworker.

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**When Your Power Is Off — Call**  
(912) 685-2115 or (912) 764-2123

When your power goes off, don't stay in the dark longer than you have to. To restore your power as quickly as possible, we need your correct phone number. Your phone number is the quickest way for us to locate your home or business when you call to report an outage.

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## Between the Lines

by  
Greg Proctor  
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## *Our Rates Reflect Our Commitment*

The most recent residential electric rate survey prepared by the Georgia Public Service Commission (PSC) indicates that Excelsior EMCs' rates remain among the lowest in the state. The winter 2021 rate survey shows that at 1,000 kWhs, Excelsior EMC's cost is \$102.31 (4th lowest in the state). At 1,500 kWhs, Excelsior EMC's cost is \$139.26 (3rd lowest in the state). Finally, at 2,000 kWhs, Excelsior EMC's cost is \$176.22 (4th lowest in the state).

The Board of Directors has the responsibility to see that the Cooperative is operated according to the wishes and desires of the owners. They must work closely with employed management to develop policies and make decisions that ensure the Cooperative is operated in a prudent manner. This means good business practices must be followed and electric rates set at a level to ensure financial stability.

The Board must also ensure that dependable electric service is provided and that rates are set at the lowest level possible consistent with that service. While working hard to curb expenditures, they must be careful not to reduce expenditures to levels that would lower the quality of future service.

We are proud of our PSC report card. It indicates that your Board of Directors and the employees of Excelsior EMC are committed to providing you with the best service at the lowest possible cost.

## *Lineworker Appreciation Day*

April 12 is Lineworker Appreciation Day. It is a day when we recognize the commitment and dedication that our lineworkers and their families demonstrate. Lineworkers leave their families and put their lives on the line every day to keep the power on. They work 365 days a year under dangerous conditions to build, maintain, and repair the electric system. They are the first responders of the electric cooperative family, getting power back on and making things safe after storms and accidents.

Let them know that you appreciate what they do to keep the lights on the next time you see them out and about.



Every Member Counts

# ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION...

Excelsior EMC is committed to the safety and well-being of our members, employees, and the communities we serve. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have taken measures in and around our offices to ensure that we are continuing to serve our members while practicing recommended protocols. Actions such as closing our lobbies, eliminating meetings, staggering work times and even working from home have all been implemented over the past year.

The Cooperative is required by the bylaws to hold an annual meeting of the members. Each year we hold this meeting in May where many of our members gather to enjoy fellowship and conduct the business of their Cooperative. Given the health concerns associated with COVID-19 and the recommendations issued by our nation's health officials, it is prudent to take a different approach for the 2021 annual meeting. Therefore, this year's annual meeting will be conducted using a drive-through approach so our members can attend the meeting in the comfort and safety of their own personal vehicles. In keeping with the standard provisions of the bylaws, a quorum will be established by the participation of 100 members. Key functions of the annual meeting are the reporting of the Cooperative's financial condition, the election of directors, and conducting any other business that must be acted on by the members. Our goal is to ensure that the members of Excelsior EMC are informed and retain their voice in the governance of their Cooperative. A full report of the financial condition of the Cooperative for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020, will be included in the May edition of the Cooperative's newsletter, *Line Items*. We will convey additional information to you through our website ([www.excelsioremc.com](http://www.excelsioremc.com)), Facebook page or direct mailings. If you have any suggestions, or questions about the annual meeting, any business you wish to be addressed at the annual meeting, or the Cooperative in general, please send them to us by mail at Excelsior EMC, PO Box 297, Metter, GA 30439 or email at [support@excelsioremc.com](mailto:support@excelsioremc.com) or by calling us at (912) 685-2115. A summary of the bylaw provisions that address the election of directors is as follows:

## ARTICLE FOUR - DIRECTORS

**SECTION 1.** - The business affairs of the Cooperative shall be managed by a board of directors, exercising all powers of the Cooperative except such as by law, the articles of incorporation or bylaws are conferred upon or reserved to the members.

**SECTION 2.** - The areas served by the Cooperative shall be divided into geographical districts. One director shall be elected from each of said districts and one director-at-large representing the entire area served by the Cooperative.

**SECTION 3.** - Qualifications to become or remain a nominee or a director of the Cooperative: Must be eighteen (18) years old or older on the date of election; Must be a member and bona fide resident of the district represented and receive service from the Cooperative at his or her primary residence; May not, within five (5) years prior to the election, have been an employee of the Cooperative; May not be a close relative of any person who is an employee or director of the Cooperative; May not be employed by or hold a financial interest in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the Cooperative; May not be the incumbent of or candidate for a salaried elective public office.

**SECTION 4.** - Establishes election procedures and three-year, staggered terms of office for Directors.

**SECTION 5.** - The Board of Directors must appoint a nominating committee whose duty is to nominate candidates for each director district term expiring this year. The nominating committee must post its list of nominations on or before April 24, 2021. Qualified candidates can also be nominated by a written petition signed by 100 or more members. Nominating petitions must be received at the Cooperative's Metter office no later than 5:00 pm on Wednesday, April 14, 2021. The nominating petition shall list on each page the following: the member's signature, the member's printed name, the member's mailing address, and the member's phone number.

### The members of the Nominating Committee for 2021 are:

District 1	Ryne Brannen	District 6	Bubba Longgear
District 2	Speer Brannen	District 7	Matt Wood
District 3	Ricky Nevil	District 8	Preston Brinson
District 4	Clark Dixon	At-Large	Gary Mosley
District 5	Brad Jones		



# CHANGE COMING TO 2021 ANNUAL MEETING

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and our utmost desire to keep our members healthy and safe, the 2021 Annual Meeting will be conducted using a drive-through approach. This allows our members to participate without leaving the safety and comfort of their own vehicles.

We will utilize the Bulloch County Agricultural Complex to hold our drive-through annual meeting. Please enter the facility from Highway 301. You will then be directed through the complex where you will register, vote on a slate of directors, vote to approve the minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting, and receive a registration gift. You will then exit the meeting onto Langston Chapel Road. Please see the map for further directions.

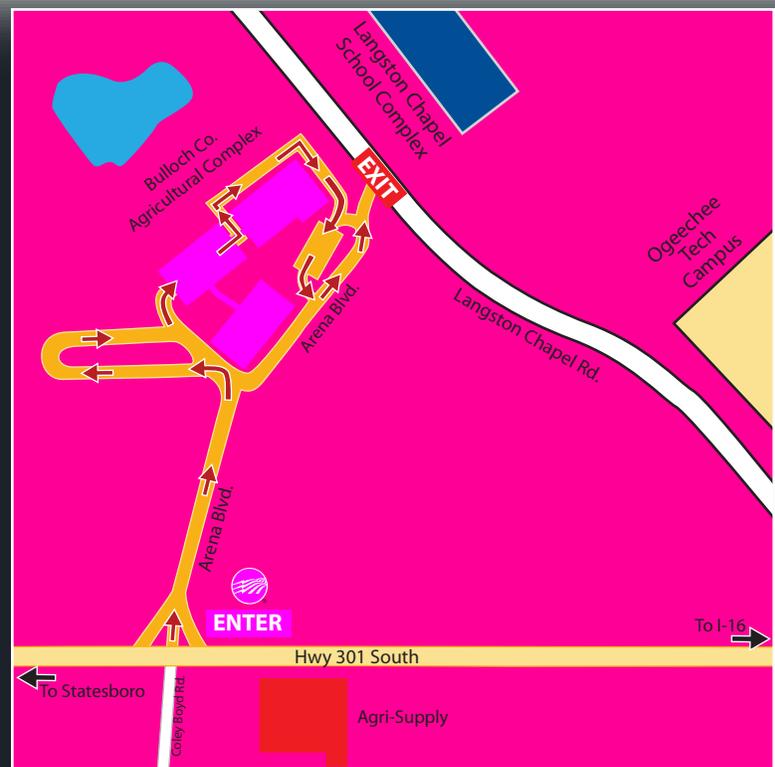
Your registration card will be mailed one week prior to the meeting. Be sure to bring it with you in order to receive your registration gift. For questions regarding the 2021 Annual Meeting, call our Member Services Department at (912) 685-2115 or (912) 764-2123.

**When:**

May 14, 2021  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Where:**

Bulloch County Agricultural Complex  
44 Arena Boulevard  
Statesboro, GA 30458



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