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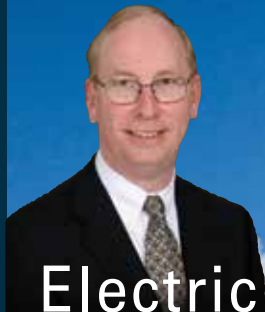
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Electric Lines

“If you do purchase an EV, be sure to let Halifax EMC know.”

by Charles H. Guerry, PE

Executive Vice President & General Manager

Last month we touched on the history of the first electric vehicles. We left off by noting that EVs are currently dominating the automotive news. This month, we’re further exploring why they are commanding attention.

While many drawbacks of EVs are gone, there is still a major concern limiting EV growth dubbed “range anxiety.” This stems from the persistent limited range of all EVs. While the Tesla offering provides 270 miles for their all-wheel drive model and 355 miles on their standard models, that pales in comparison to most internal combustion cars. And, the lack of a rapid charging infrastructure is an ongoing impediment. Just like their 20th century predecessors, pure EVs are great “city cars.”

Fortunately, advances in battery technology are hammering away at the range issue. Range is steadily expanding and battery management systems are squeezing out more miles. At the same time, more companies and utilities are installing efficient charging stations at their places of business and in popular public locations.

Range anxiety notwithstanding, EVs have a bright future. Prices are dropping and range is expanding so owners can confidently drive nearly everywhere with a little bit

of planning. On top of this, the cars are just plain cool. The Tesla Model 3 promises a minimalist interior with all the necessary controls and information presented on a large touchscreen in the center of the console, as opposed to using the traditional instrument cluster.

Further, if you’ve never driven an electric vehicle, you are in for a treat. While an internal combustion engine must rev up to speed, an EV has full power at its disposal instantly. Of course, there are limits on this 0-60 mph capability to prevent inexperienced and overeager drivers from launching themselves into accidents and speeding tickets. The cars are quiet, well-appointed inside and allow you to forever bypass the lines at the gas station—unless you are in need of some snacks and a slushy.

If you do purchase an EV, be sure to let Halifax EMC know. The service to your home is sized to meet the demands of your house as they existed when service was connected. Adding the EV charger creates a risk of overloading the wires and transformers powering your home. Overloaded services can fail and leave you in the dark with an uncharged EV.

Someday, we’ll all be gliding silently—and cleanly—on our travels.



Pocketbook stretched thin this holiday season?

Let us help!



Gifts, meals and family activities — the costs of the holidays can really add up. The good news is you can manage your energy expenses during this time of extra spending, freeing up more money for making holiday memories.



As a member of Halifax EMC, you can use the tools and services we have available to help keep both your energy use and your budget in check. These include:

PrePay. Our prepay service allows you to pay for electricity before you use it, just like a prepaid phone. This service puts you in better control of your cash flow any time of year, but it's especially helpful during expensive times like the holidays because you can make smaller payments on your schedule and adjust your energy use according to how much money you have left in your "tank."

HEMC Mobile App. You can manage your energy consumption from your smartphone and track how much electricity you've used with this app. It helps you determine if adjustments need to be made to save energy and lower your bill.

Usage Alerts. Sign up to receive text or email alerts letting you know when your energy use has reached a certain level, so there are no unwelcome surprises when your bill arrives.

Visit halifaxemc.com or call us for additional information about how we can help you cut costs during the holiday season and stay in control of your energy budget year-round.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

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Visit energystar.gov/productfinder for a full list of efficient products.

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Monday, December 25

Tuesday, December 26

Monday, January 1

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