



60-Year-Old Sam Houston EC Headquarters to be Replaced

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDING TO START EARLY SUMMER 2010

A lot has changed since Sam Houston Electric Cooperative opened the doors of its current headquarters building in Livingston in 1951. Nearly 60 years ago, Sam Houston EC served just over 7,500 members. Today, the Cooperative provides electric service to more than 67,000 accounts across parts of 10 counties. After six decades, several remodels and growth of nearly 900 percent, a new headquarters building will be constructed to serve the Cooperative's growing membership.

Each month, more than 20,000 transactions are processed through Sam Houston EC's Livingston headquarters office. They include everything from requests for new electric service to bill payments. Whether these transactions are via the call center or walk-in service, the new building is designed to serve our members' requests more efficiently than ever.

NEW BUILDING

The new Sam Houston EC headquarters building will be located on the west side of the current building and will be constructed to meet the latest energy-efficiency standards and promote efficient workflow. Construction is expected to take approximately 12 months.

The existing building will be demolished in two phases. During construction, the rear section of the building will be removed—allowing for construction of the new building to begin in its place. After construction, the front section of the existing building will then be removed.

During this process, the front lobby and counter will remain open. The drivethrough lanes will not be available during construction, however. Members are encouraged to take advantage of Sam Houston EC's convenient payment options, such as online payments and payments by phone until the new drivethrough opens in a few months.

"We are building on our current location, which saves a lot of money and allows us to continue to utilize our existing

operations facilities," said Kyle J. Kuntz, Sam Houston Electric Cooperative CEO. "In addition, construction costs are lower than they've been in many years, making this an ideal time to build."

"Our board of directors and staff have carefully considered all aspects of this project to ensure the new facilities will meet current needs and future growth," Kuntz said. "The new building will provide relief for crowded work spaces and will improve day-to-day efficiency. It will also be built to energy-efficient green standards."



[Above] The current Sam Houston Electric Cooperative headquarters building first opened its doors in 1951. Nearly 60 years ago, the Cooperative served just over 7,500 members. Today, Sam Houston EC provides electric service to more than 67,000 accounts across parts of 10 counties. | Photo date unknown.



[Above] Artist rendering of the new Sam Houston Electric Cooperative headquarters building in Livingston. The building will be located on the west side of the current building and will be constructed to meet the latest energy-efficiency standards and promote efficient workflow.