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Local Information

GUERNSEY-MUSKINGUM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

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Electric rates

Farm and Home Service
 rate schedule R-1
 Service Availability Charge

\$14/month

First 500 kWh/month
 @ 11.319¢/ kWh

Over 500 kWh/month
 @ 9.195¢/ kWh

Seasonal Residential Service
 annual rate schedule S-1
 Service Availability Charge

\$168/year

First 800 kWh/year
 @ 19.319¢/ kWh

Over 800 to 6,000 kWh/year
 @ 10.195¢/ kWh

Over 6,000 kWh/year
 @ 9.195¢/ kWh

(Your minimum annual charge will be \$168 per year for service between March 1, 2009, and Feb. 28, 2010.)

Commercial Service
 rate schedule C-1
 Service Availability Charge

\$14/month

First 1,500 kWh/month
 @ 11.319¢/ kWh

Over 1,500 kWh/month @ 9.195¢/ kWh

Rider T — Kilowatt-hour Tax applies to all rate schedules.

First 2,000 kWh/month .465¢/kWh
 Next 13,000 kWh/month .419¢/kWh
 Over 15,000 kWh/month .363¢/kWh

System inventory

For the past several months, GIS Landmark has been taking an inventory of the electric distribution system serving your homes. To date GIS has completed several areas and will continue into 2010. GIS vehicles will have Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative magnetic signs. Employees will be wearing bright reflective vests and an orange backpack. The employees of GIS Landmark are contracted to patrol the entire right-of-way, record information, take photos and GPS location readings at each point of the system, including meters.



GIS Landmark employee tagging a pole on the GMEC system.

Guernsey-Muskingum local information

New Concord
740-826-7661

(24-hour service)

All other members
1-800-521-9879

Revision to the generation and transmission component

Your electric service bill is made up of various components. About half of your bill is a generation and transmission component (GTC). This is used to cover all the costs of generating electricity and transmitting it to substations to be used by the cooperative's members. The last time the GTC was changed was with the Sept. 10, 2009, billing. Since that time, it has been at the 6.55 cents per kilowatt-hour level. Looking ahead and projecting the rate for the next three months, the GTC will be 6.65 cents per kilowatt-hour. This is caused by increasing

costs for scrubbers installed at Cardinal Unit 2 and to cover the additional investment Buckeye Power has made for the OVEC power plant capacity. The GTC will increase by 1 mill, or \$1 per 1,000 kilowatt-hours, for the next quarter effective with the January bill, which you will receive on Feb. 10.

No additional coverage of local expenses is included in the GTC charge. The GTC will continue to be revised quarterly.

Holiday Workshop

GMEC hosted its 11th Annual Holiday Workshop on Nov. 4. More than 100 people attended the two workshops held in the afternoon and evening.

Topics this year included Simply Chocolate by Michele Hatcher, Care of Holiday Plants by Lolita Burt and Kathy Frakes of the Muskingum County Master Gardeners, and Everyday Uses for Herbs and Spices presented by Denise Taylor-Spiker.



The attendees of the 2009 holiday workshop.




Denise Taylor-Spiker speaking to the audience.

Michele Hatcher demonstrating buckeye making for the crowd.



Kathy Frakes of the Muskingum County Master Gardeners.



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Federal tax credits are available for home energy efficiency improvements, including windows, doors, water heaters and HVAC equipment for existing homes. For details, visit energystar.gov/taxcredits. Source: Energy Star

Assistance for these same improvements is possible for households at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. Call your local Community Action Agency or go to <http://www.development.ohio.gov/cdd/ocs/hwap.htm>

Are your name and location/account number here?

If they are, call your cooperative's office and receive a **FREE** home changeout to compact fluorescent light bulbs. (Limit 18 bulbs.) Thanks for reading the "local pages" of *Country Living* magazine.

#17-0013-14-03	Jodi L. Teter
#18-0117-11-03	Denis J. Horst
#33-0024-03-03	Danny L. Warne
#40-0359-19-07	Nick D. Brill
#46-0064-32-01	Chris Starr
#53-0637-18-00	Eric A. Baird Sr
#57-0375-15-00	Edward V. Conley
#70-0095-14-00	Gary E. Spencer

Touchstone Energy® Achievement Scholarship



Four **\$1,630**
scholarships will be awarded

*Did you overcome adversity,
obstacles or personal challenges on
your way to excellence?*

Tell us about it and you
could win a scholarship!

You must be a graduating high school senior
whose parents are members of a
Touchstone Energy® Ohio rural electric cooperative.

For further information, contact:

www.gmenergy.com

Heather Baker

740-826-7661 or 800-521-9879

Application deadline: March 10



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HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Are your parents members of an electric cooperative?

You could win a college,
vocational or technical
school scholarship of

\$2,755*

Contact your electric cooperative for details on how you can enter

*First place for each division, boys' and girls'

OREC Scholarship

Second place:\$1,925

Third place:.....\$1,650

Fourth place:.....\$1,540

Fifth place:\$1,430

Sixth place:\$1,320

Seventh place:\$1,200

Guernsey-Muskingum Scholarship

First place:\$1,000

Second place:\$500

Third place:.....\$300

Fourth place:.....\$200

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Application deadline: Feb. 5.

CO-OP NOTES

Geothermal heating/cooling system — \$300 rebate

We have a \$300 rebate to help pay for the most efficient underground heating, cooling and hot water system available today. A radio-controlled switch is required on the unit and on your electric water heater of at least 40-gallon capacity. More than 230 of our members are using geothermal.

Dual Fuel — \$300 rebate

If you install a new add-on electric heat pump with a fossil-fuel backup and have an electric water heater, of at least 40-gallon capacity, you are eligible for a \$300 rebate. Radio-controlled switches are required to be installed on both the heat pump and the water heater. Please call your cooperative for details. More than 800 members are using Dual Fuel.

Cool Returns — \$100 rebate

Are you having central air conditioning installed or a new electric heat pump with electric resistance heat backup? Allow your cooperative to install a radio-controlled switch and receive a \$100 rebate check. More than 85 member are using cool returns.

Water heater with a hole

The four-inch hole in the side of our tank is great for cleaning out sediment. This rebated tank is available for *free delivery*. We also have \$50 or \$100 checks to send you if you purchase a tank somewhere else. Give us a call for details.

Water heater installation available

If you purchase your water heater from G-M, our members services technician, Tim Fisher, will install your water heater for an additional charge. Give us a call.

Radio-controlled switch

“What a deal!” If you don’t already have a radio-controlled switch for your electric water heater, at least 40-gallon capacity, please call and Tim Fisher will install one...FREE. More than 5,300 G-M members have an RCS on their water heaters. This entitles you to a discount and free maintenance (except cleaning) including parts and labor on your electric water heater. Some exclusions apply; call us for details.

Long distance telephone service

Your cooperative has an opportunity to offer you long distance at a very good price — 6.9¢ per minute in the domestic 48 states. PowerNet Global is the long distance carrier, and your cooperative is the sales agent. You will be billed by PowerNet Global on a separate bill. We think you will like their service and love the price. Give it a try and let us know what you think of it. Call the PowerNet Global/GMEC Members line to Switch and Save! 1-877-890-6434.

Meter Reading

You can enter your meter readings online at our Web site, www.gmenergy.com. And, as always, you can mail your readings or call us 24 hours a day with meter readings.



Check it out, sophomores and juniors...

Enter to win a trip!

2010 Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

June 11 to 17

See the treasures in our nation’s capital. You can enjoy an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., June 11 to 17 as part of the electric cooperatives’ Youth Tour. Visit the Capitol, the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the Vietnam Memorial and Mount Vernon, cruise on the Potomac and see many other fascinating places.

You will have a chance to meet and talk with your congressional representative. Best of all, you’ll meet other students your age from all across the United States.

Guernsey-Muskingum will sponsor two students on this trip. To be eligible to compete, you must be a high school sophomore or junior whose parents/guardians are members of Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative.

For information on how you can be part of this trip, visit our Web site at www.gmenergy.com or call Heather Baker at 1-800-521-9879. Application deadline is Friday, March 5. All qualified applicants will be interviewed on Wednesday, March 17.

