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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

First 500 kWh/month @ \$14/month
 @ 11.419¢/ kWh
 Over 500 kWh/month @ 9.295¢/ kWh

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

First 800 kWh/year @ \$168/year
 @ 19.419¢/ kWh
 Over 800 to 6,000 kWh/year @ 10.295¢/ kWh
 Over 6,000 kWh/year @ 9.295¢/ 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

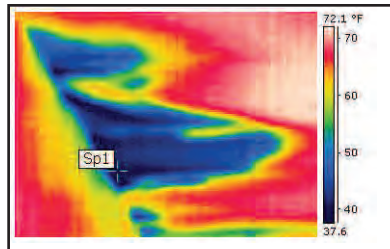
First 1,500 kWh/month @ \$14/month
 @ 11.419¢/ kWh
 Over 1,500 kWh/month @ 9.295¢/ kWh

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

Infrared should not be black and blue

In today's economy, being energy efficient in your home is one way to cut costs and save money. Guernsey-Muskingum Electric can provide members with a home energy audit to help start you down this path. Your energy advisor, Ray Crock, uses the latest technology to find air leaks within your home using a blower door and an infrared camera.

An infrared camera shows surface temperatures in color, with red and white being the warmest and blue to black being the coldest. This camera, teamed up with a blower door test, can find areas in your home where unsuspected leaks are creating increased energy use. The blower door test uses a large fan that is capable of pulling up to 6,000 cubic feet per minute (CFM). It will lower the air pressure in the home down to a level comparable to a 20 mile per hour wind blowing on all four sides of your home.

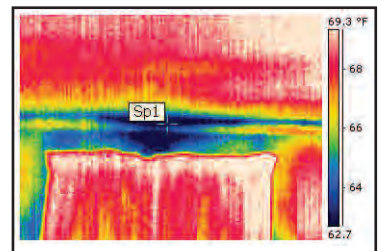


This image from an infrared camera shows where blown in cellulose insulation is missing in an attic.

With the blower door running, we can easily find leaks and other opportunities by feel and with the infrared camera. The member is given instructions and possible solutions to any problems found. Remember that with the infrared camera we do not want your home to be black and blue.

There has never been a better time to make energy improvements to your home. You can get federal tax credits for 30 percent of the costs up to \$1,500. In early 2010, the Ohio Department of Development will start the Ohio Energy Efficient Reinvestment Rebate Program using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds. Also, there is talk of a "Cash for Caulkers" program at the federal level.

There is no cost to schedule a home energy audit. Call 800-521-9879 and ask for Ray, your energy advisor.



Air leakage and lack of insulator over a window.

New Concord
740-826-7661

(24-hour service)

All other members
1-800-521-9879

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What is.... Operation Helping Others?

More than 3,000 GMEC members have signed up to participate in Operation Helping Others (OHO). If you are one of those members, THANK YOU. If you are not familiar with OHO, here is how it works.

OHO is a voluntary program that rounds up your electric bill to the nearest dollar and uses the change as a donation to fund this project. (OHO is not a program to pay Guernsey-Muskingum electric bills.) Funding comes entirely from members who voluntarily participate. The small change donated by mem-

bers makes a big difference in our communities. This is how it works:

The 56¢ from Willie Wiredhand would be used in our local communities as decided by the OHO committee. Every penny raised by your donations to OHO goes toward assisting the needs in our community. The OHO committee consists of one appointed volunteer from each district. In 2009, your OHO committee granted \$18,394 to be distributed to needy causes in our community. Below is a list of OHO recipients for the year 2009.

Willie Wiredhand's electric bill\$73.44
 Willie rounds up his bill & pays\$74.00
 Left over56¢



OHO Grant Amount	OHO Qtr. Meeting Date	Location of Recipient	Need of Recipient
\$500	2/23/09	Cambridge, Ohio	Operating Expenses
\$500	2/23/09	Union Twp., Muskingum County	Medical Expenses
\$500	2/23/09	Wheeling Twp., Guernsey County	Medical Expenses
\$1,000	2/23/09	Westland Twp., Guernsey County	Medical Expenses
\$500	2/23/09	Cambridge, Ohio	Operating Expenses
\$500	2/23/09	Hopewell Twp., Muskingum County	Medical Expenses
\$500	2/23/09	Clinton County	Funeral Expenses
\$394	2/23/09	Wheeling Twp., Guernsey County	Medical Expenses
\$500	5/18/09	Byesville, Ohio	Operating Expenses
\$2,000	5/18/09	Perry Twp., Muskingum County	Medical Expenses
\$500	5/18/09	Westland Twp., Guernsey County	Donation
\$500	5/18/09	Washington Twp., Muskingum County	Medical Expenses
\$1,500	8/24/09	Brush Creek Twp., Muskingum County	Medical Expenses
\$1,500	8/24/09	Oxford Twp., Tuscarawas County	Medical Expenses
\$1,500	8/24/09	Hopewell Twp., Muskingum County	Unexpected Expenses—death of husband
\$825	12/7/09	Richland Twp., Guernsey County	Medical Expenses
\$100	12/7/09	Philo, Muskingum County	Care Packages to Deployed Military
\$350	12/7/09	Tuscarawas County, Ohio	Christmas Drive
\$350	12/7/09	Guernsey & Noble Counties	Donation to Charitable Organization
\$1,800	12/7/09	Adams Twp., Guernsey County	Replace Furnace
\$350	12/7/09	Muskingum County, Ohio	Christmas Drive
\$825	12/7/09	Monroe Twp., Muskingum County	Replace Windows in Home
\$350	12/7/09	Guernsey County, Ohio	Christmas Drive
\$350	12/7/09	Morgan County, Ohio	Christmas Donation
\$350	12/7/09	Noble County, Ohio	Christmas Donation
\$350	12/7/09	Zanesville, Ohio	Christmas Donation

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Rex appointed to state committee

Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative Director Jim Rex was recently appointed by the Obama administration as the chairman of the Ohio Farm Service Agency State Executive Committee. The State Committee members will oversee the activities of the agency to include carrying out the state agricultural conservation programs, resolving appeals from the agriculture community and helping to keep producers informed about FSA programs.

Rex previously served as FSA district director for 17 counties in Ohio, is on the Morgan County Fair Board and serves as treasurer of the Morgan County Agricultural Society.

On the committee with Rex will be Bruce Long from South Charleston, James Zumbrink from Rosenburg, John Bresler from Boomdale and John Lavelle from Athens.



Make plans now to attend...

The 73rd Annual Meeting of Members

Saturday, April 10

Registration: 10:30 a.m.

Business Meeting begins promptly at 1 p.m.

Larry W. Miller Intermediate School, New Concord

Your cooperative is looking for talented karaoke singers or at least fine folks who enjoy singing karaoke. If that's you, please call the Member Services Dept. for details.

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 12 bulbs.) Thanks for reading the "local pages" of *Country Living* magazine.

#13-0060-45-03.....Douglas M. Buzard
 #16-0500-19-01.....John M. Fox
 #36-0016-06-00.....Clifford Wellman
 #31-0325-10-04.....Karen S. Logan
 #73-0027-04-01.....Barbara A. Glenn
 #22-0116-21-03.....Terry Stephens
 #57-0345-04-00.....Jason Helter
 #51-0752-42-02.....Susan C. Lynch



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.

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, which is 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.

Generlink™

We want you to use your portable generator safely. Call the member services department at GMEC and ask about Generlink. Generlink eliminates the use of extension cords and other connections that can be dangerous to members and lineman.

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.

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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