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Electric Rates

Farm and Home Service
rate schedule R-1*

Service Availability Charge \$18/month
First 500 kWh/month @ 13.069¢/kWh
Over 500 kWh/month @ 10.945¢/kWh

Seasonal Residential Service annual rate schedule S-1*

Service Availability Charge \$216/year
First 800 kWh/year @ 21.069¢/kWh
Over 800 to 6,000 kWh/year @ 11.945¢/kWh
Over 6,000 kWh/year @ 10.945¢/kWh

(Your minimum annual charge will be \$216 per year for service between March 1, 2012, and Feb. 29, 2013.)

Commercial Service rate schedule C-1*

Service Availability Charge \$18/month
First 1,500 kWh/month @ 13.069¢/kWh
Over 1,500 kWh/month @ 10.945¢/kWh

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Kilowatt-hour Tax applies to all rate schedules and must be added to the rates shown.

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

New Year's resolutions

2012 HAS COME AND gone and it brought with it many challenges and changes for our cooperative.

The derecho storm of last summer was by far the most challenging event, not only for the year but also perhaps in our history as an organization.

The biggest change for us in 2012 was the retirement of our general manager/CEO, Garry Mbiad, after 18 years at the helm and 32 years of devoted service with the co-op. Thanks, Garry, for your thoughtful, steady leadership and service. The employees and members of GMEC have benefited enormously from your contributions and, especially, from your friendship. You will be missed.

It is typical to start the new year with the declaration of our resolutions for the coming year ... goals for self-improvement or for making this world a better place. I'm not a big advocate of New Year's resolutions. Now, don't get me wrong, I could certainly afford to shed a few pounds or exercise more. But that's not the issue here. In my opinion, life is a bit too unpredictable for New Year's resolutions. Stuff happens ... and when it does, we must often change our plans and set our goals aside because the needs of others are now more important. I find very few days go as I have them planned ... but that is what makes life so joyous and special. These challenges test us, but they also help us to develop into the people that God intends us to become.

I listened to a speaker once who provided what I consider to be a very prophetic thought. He said that we should strive each day to "do the right thing ... in the right way ... for the right reasons." In essence, if your motivation is sincere and your methods are kind, the results will usually be rewarding.

I can assure you that I am not able to live up to this goal every day. But I approach each new day with this as my only resolution.



Jerry Kackley
General Manager/CEO

What Do Different Air Filters Block?

Air filters are rated by Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV). Filters with a higher MERV block more dirt, but also reduce airflow and system efficiency. Use this guide to find the right filter for your home or business.

	1-4 MERV \$2-\$10	5-8 MERV \$10-\$20	9-12 MERV \$18-\$25	13-20 MERV \$\$\$
Blocked Items	Pollen, sanding dust, large insect bodies 	Pet dander, mold, spores, dust mites, hair spray 	Lead dust, milled flour, car emission particles 	Bacteria, virus, face powder, smoke, sneezes, paint pigments, oil, carbon dust
Filter Types	Disposable, washable	Pleated, disposable, electrostatic	Pleated, disposable, electrostatic	High efficiency particulate arrestance (HEPA), box 6-12 inches thick, flexible 12-36 inches thick
Common Uses	Homes, window air conditioning units	Better homes, general office buildings	Superior homes, better office buildings, businesses	Hospitals, drug and electronic labs

Source: epa.gov/iaq

What is ... Operation Helping Others?

There are more than 4,000 GMEC members 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 members makes a big difference in our communities. This is how it works:

Willie Wiredhand's Electric Bill\$73.44
 Willie Rounds Up His Bill & Pays\$74.00
 Left Over56¢

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 2012 your OHO committee granted **\$22,001** to be distributed to needy causes in our community. Below is a list of OHO recipients for the 2012 year.

OHO Grant Amount	OHO Meeting Date	Location of Recipient	Need of Recipient
\$1,000	2/27/12	Adams Township, Guernsey County	New Furnace
\$300	2/27/12	Adams Township, Guernsey County	Medical Expenses
\$1,000	2/27/12	Knox Township, Guernsey County	Mortgage Payments
\$500	2/27/12	Madison Township, Guernsey County	Medical & Living Expenses
\$500	2/27/12	Salt Creek Township, Muskingum County	Delinquent Property Taxes
\$500	2/27/12	Cambridge Township, Guernsey County	Donation for Safety Expense
\$300	2/27/12	Rich Hill Township, Muskingum County	Medical Expenses
\$500	5/21/12	Guernsey County	Non-profit Donation
\$500	5/21/12	Westland Township, Guernsey County	Non-profit Donation
\$1,000	5/21/12	New Concord	Improve Electric to Meet Code
\$500	5/21/12	Muskingum County	Camp Scholarships
\$1,600	5/21/12	Hopewell Township, Muskingum County	Medical Bills
\$800	5/21/12	Madison Township, Guernsey County	Medical Bills
\$500	5/21/12	Guernsey County	Non-profit Donation
\$500	8/27/12	Brush Creek Township, Muskingum County	Car Repairs
\$2,500	8/27/12	Clay Township, Tuscarawas County	Medical Bills
\$850	8/27/12	York Township, Morgan County	New Freezer
\$500	8/27/12	Zanesville	Non-profit Donation
\$500	8/27/12	Springfield Township, Muskingum County	Medical Bills
\$250	8/27/12	Highland Township, Muskingum County	Non-profit Donation
\$2,500	8/27/12	Spencer Township, Guernsey County	Medical Bills
\$350	12/3/12	Zanesville	Christmas Drive
\$350	12/3/12	Noble County, Ohio	Christmas Drive
\$350	12/3/12	Muskingum County	Christmas Drive
\$350	12/3/12	Tuscarawas County	Christmas Drive
\$350	12/3/12	Guernsey County	Christmas Drive
\$350	12/3/12	Guernsey & Noble counties	Christmas Drive
\$350	12/3/12	Morgan County	Christmas Drive
\$900	12/3/12	Clay Township, Muskingum County	Funeral Expenses
\$351	12/3/12	Brush Creek Township, Muskingum County	New Water Heater
\$200	12/3/12	Tuscarawas County	Non-profit Donation
\$1,000	12/3/12	Brush Creek Township, Muskingum County	Propane Bill

ASK YOUR ENERGY ADVISOR



Ray Crook, Energy Advisor

Insulation installation safety tips

WHEN TACKLING HOME INSULATION installation on your own, safety should be top of mind. Follow these tips from the North American Insulation Manufacturers Association on safe insulation installation practices.

Wear appropriate clothing. To reduce the chances of skin irritation, wear a head cover, gloves and loose-fitting, long-sleeved, long-legged clothing.

Wear proper personal protective equipment. Safety glasses and respiratory protection may be necessary, depending on your work environment. The U.S. Occupational

Health and Safety Association offers guidelines in its Respiratory Protection Standard that may be helpful.

Take care if fibers get on your skin or eyes. If insulation fibers collect on your skin, don't rub and scratch or remove with compressed air. Instead, lay tape, adhesive-side down, and then remove it gently so the fibers are pulled from the skin. If fibers get in your eyes, never rub — flush with water or eyewash solution. Contact your doctor if you have continued irritation.

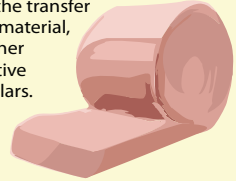
Keep dust to a minimum. Leave the materials in packaging for as long as possible. Use tools that create the least amount of dust; power tools should have dust-collection devices. Put scrap materials in the trash, and don't let equipment wander too far from the work site.

Maintain adequate ventilation. Determine whether your work site needs a dust-collection system. Also, exhausted air containing fibers should be filtered before being recirculated into inside workspaces. Finally, ventilation systems used to capture fibers should be checked regularly.

Source: North American Insulation Manufacturers Association

Comparing Insulation VALUE

Adding insulation? Check the material's R-value—the ability of insulation to resist the transfer of heat. R-value depends on material, thickness, and density. A higher R-value indicates more effective insulation, saving energy dollars.



Compare R-values and common uses for several types of insulation:

Type of Insulation	R-value per inch (range)	Common Uses	Installation Method
Batts, Rolls			
Fiberglass	3.17 (3.0-4.0)	Wall, floor, and ceiling cavities	Fitted between studs, joists, or rafters
Rock Wool	3.17 (3.0-3.7)	Wall, floor, and ceiling cavities	Fitted between studs, joists, or rafters
Cotton	3.2	Wall, floor, and ceiling cavities	Fitted between studs, joists, or rafters
Loose, Poured, or Blown			
Fiberglass	2.2 (2.2-4.0)	Ceiling cavities	Poured and fluffed, or blown by machine
Rock Wool	3.1 (2.8-3.7)	Ceiling cavities	Poured and fluffed, or blown by machine
Dry Cellulose	3.2 (2.8-3.7)	Ceiling cavities	Blown by machine
Wet-Spray Cellulose	3.5 (3.0-3.7)	Wall cavities	Sprayed into cavities
Perlite	2.7 (2.5-4.0)	Hollow concrete block	Poured
Polyurethane	6.2 (5.8-6.8)	Wall and ceiling cavities, roofs	Foamed into cavities
Open-cell Isocyanurate (Icynene™)	3.6	Wall and ceiling cavities	Foamed into open or closed cavities
Magnesium Silicate (Air Krete®)	3.9	Wall cavities	Foamed into open cavities

Sources: U.S. Department of Energy, E Source

2013 maintenance/inspection schedule

GUERNSEY-MUSKINGUM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE has ongoing maintenance/inspection programs. These programs include utility pole inspections and right-of-way maintenance. The Asplundh Tree Expert Company will be the contractor providing these services to the cooperative. These programs play a vital role in providing a safe and reliable electric service for you, the member.

Tom Hamlett of the Asplundh Tree Expert Company will be inspecting approximately 6,900 poles in the year 2013. The location of these poles will be in the Newcomerstown and Antrim substation areas. Inspections identify any deteriorated, decayed or damaged poles in the electrical system.

The right-of-way maintenance scheduled for 2013 includes the cutting and trimming of trees and the application of herbicides. The cutting and trim-

ming of trees near power lines will be in the Chancellersville, Pike and Senecaville substation areas. The application of herbicides will be done in the areas that were cut/trimmed during the 2012 program. These areas include the Cannelville and Cumberland substation areas.

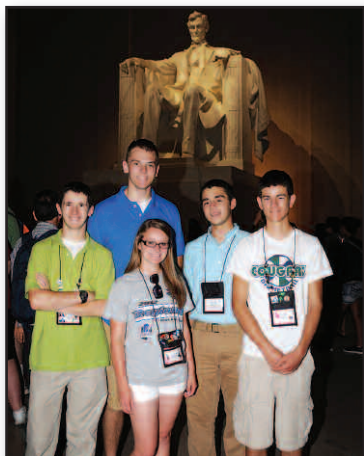
This maintenance is necessary to maintain adequate clearance between the trees and electric lines to minimize blinking lights and power outages.

GMEC operates primarily on 40-foot electric line rights-of-way. There are trees within the right-of-way and decayed or leaning trees outside of the right-of-way that are detrimental to the system and need to be removed. Therefore, we ask for your cooperation as Asplundh representatives discuss these matters with you.

High school sophomores and juniors – You could win the trip of a lifetime!

What is Youth Tour?

It's not just another trip! Youth Tour is an annual contest sponsored by the Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc., and your local electric cooperative that gives deserving high school sophomores and juniors the opportunity to use their knowledge and wit to compete for a FREE weeklong trip to Washington, D.C.



You'll meet up with 1,500 students from across the country in June if you win and get a chance to meet and talk to Ohio congressional leaders at the U.S. Capitol, plus you'll get to see all of the sights and visit a bunch of really cool places.

What are the entry requirements?

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.

How will the finalists be chosen?

For information on how you can be part of this trip, visit our website at www.gmenergy.com or call Heather Baker at 1-800-521-9879. Application deadline will be Friday, March 1. All qualified applicants will be interviewed on Wednesday, March 13.



DeLorenzo named new crew leader

Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative, Inc., is pleased to announce that Louis DeLorenzo was promoted to crew leader in October.

Louis was hired by Guernsey-Muskingum in 1999 as a second-class lineman and began as a journeyman lineman in 2000.

Join us in congratulating Louis on his new role.



Generation-and-transmission component

Your electric service bill is made up of various components. More than 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 November 2012 bill. Since that time, it has been at the 8.1 cents per kilowatt-hour level. Looking ahead and projecting the rate for the next three months, the GTC will remain unchanged at 8.1 cents per kilowatt-hour.

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

Is your name and location/ account number here?

If it is, call your cooperative's office and receive a **FREE** home change out to compact fluorescent light bulbs. (Limit 12 bulbs) Thanks for reading the "local pages" of *Country Living* magazine.

- #36-0343-02-04Jerry L Moore
- #40-0434-08-00.....Terry A McVey
- #44-0115-21-09.....Timothy A Killiany
- #48-0260-08-00Wayne Lestock
- #52-0250-05-04Susan E Bliss
- #55-0125-23-00Geneva A Keffer
- #58-0265-25-00Robert Arthurs
- #66-0055-33-01.....Wade H Fleming



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Your heat pump can use 10 to 25 percent more energy if it's not properly maintained, which includes regularly checking and replacing the air filter when it's dirty to keep parts from working too hard or even becoming damaged. Keep brush and plants tidy around the outdoor unit, and dust the return registers inside. For more details on heat pump maintenance, visit EnergySavers.gov.

Source: U.S Department of Energy