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Electric Rates

Farm and Home Service
rate schedule R-1

Service Availability Charge

\$16/month

First 500 kWh/month

@ 11.619¢/kWh

Over 500 kWh/month

@ 9.495¢/kWh

Seasonal Residential Service
annual rate schedule S-1

Service Availability Charge

\$192/year

First 800 kWh/year

@ 19.619¢/kWh

Over 800 to 6,000 kWh/year

@ 10.495¢/kWh

Over 6,000 kWh/year

@ 9.495¢/kWh

(Your minimum annual charge will be \$192 per year for service between March 1, 2011, and Feb. 29, 2012.)

Commercial Service
rate schedule C-1

Service Availability Charge

\$16/month

First 1,500 kWh/month

@ 11.619¢/kWh

Over 1,500 kWh/month

@ 9.495¢/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

Reward offered in copper thefts

Copper thieves once again hit Guernsey-Muskingum, causing approximately \$15,000 in repair costs. The Newcomerstown substation was hit by thieves on June 7, taking about 100 pounds of wire worth around \$300 and leaving 2,000 members without power for four hours. There have also been two previous incidents this year in which thieves broke into a pole yard.

We have added extra security measures, but we also need your help. If you see any non-cooperative vehicles in or around substations, call the sheriff's department and alert them. We are also offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the copper thieves from the June 7 incident.



Thieves cut through the substation's fence to steal copper wire.

Burke, Fowler travel to Washington, D.C.

Bailee Burke and Nick Fowler were selected to represent Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative this year at the Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. Bailee and Nick joined 31 other students from around Ohio for the seven-day, all-expense-paid trip.

The weeklong tour included a stop in Gettysburg, visits to the Jefferson and Lincoln memorials, Arlington Cemetery, the National Zoo, and a night cruise on the Potomac River.

The tour is offered in conjunction with Ohio's rural electric cooperatives to allow students a chance to learn about the principles and practices of American

democracy and gain an understanding of rural electric cooperatives.

Bailee and Nick were chosen to attend from all applications received based on an interview at the Guernsey-Muskingum Cooperative office in March. Bailee, a junior at Centerburg High School, is the daughter of Dave and Lisa Burke. Nick, a junior at Buckeye Trail High School, is the son of David Fowler and Lisa Crothers of Salesville.



Hodgson retires

Cathy Jo Hodgson retired from the cooperative in June after 28 years of service.

Cathy Jo began her employment in 1983 as a part-time maintenance/dispatcher going full-time in 1987. In



1994 she became the operations coordinator, the position she held upon retirement. Cathy Jo lives in New Concord with her husband, Terry.

Cathy Jo enjoys quilting and spending time with her children and grandchildren.



New operations coordinator

GMEC is happy to announce that Valerie Nelson has been selected to fill the position of operations coordinator. She began her new duties in July, filling the position left from the retirement of Cathy Jo Hodgson.



Valerie started at the cooperative as an intern in April 1998. She was then hired full-time in October 1998 as a member accounting specialist.

Valerie resides in Zanesville with her husband, Bart, and son, Tommy.

KARAOKE CONTEST 'COUNTRY STYLE'

- WHEN:** Sunday, Aug. 14, at 7 p.m.
Registration starts at 5:30 p.m.
- WHERE:** Muskingum County Fairgrounds Entertainment Tent
- WHO:** First 30 to register
- WHAT:** \$100 savings bond to the winner of each age group
• Under 15 • 15 to 30 • Over 30
- RULES:** Fairground admission not included
Singing order will be randomly selected at registration
Singers can bring their own CDs or use Sandy's
Music will end after 4 minutes
Singers must be present when it's their time
No bumping to a later spot
- Independent judging on*
- | | |
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| Voice quality | 80% |
| Song appropriateness | 10% |
| Stage presence | 10% |

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Chambers joins GM

Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative welcomes Missy Chambers to the cooperative crew. Missy began employment in June as the executive administrative assistant. She resides in Cambridge with her children, Lillian, 10, and Matthew, 5. In her spare time, Missy enjoys camping, country music and shopping at Cabela's with her family. She brings local work experience from Zane State College.



We welcome Missy to the cooperative crew!

Change air filter to save energy, money

It's hot this summer. That means your air conditioning system is working hard to keep you comfortable. Here's a tip from Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative that can help your cooling system operate more efficiently — and save you money.

Change your air filter regularly. It only takes a couple of minutes to change the air filter in your heating/cooling system. It's simple and easy. As TogetherWeSave.com has shown, changing your filter every month can save you \$82 a year.

But that's not all you can save. A dirty air filter makes your system work harder to keep you cool, which wastes energy. Changing your air filter regularly helps to ensure efficient operation and keep your electricity bill in check. What's more, a dirty air filter allows dust and dirt to build up in your system. Changing your air filter regularly can reduce the need for costly maintenance and prevent damage to your system.

For other tips on how to save energy — and money — visit www.TogetherWeSave.com.

Generation and transmission component changes

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 April 2011 bill. Since that time, it has been at the 6.75 cents per kilowatt-hour level. Looking ahead and projecting the rate for the next three months, the GTC will increase by 1 mil to 6.85 cents per kilowatt-hour, effective with the July bill, which you will receive around Aug. 10.

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

Did you know?

Drinking tap water saves energy. Plastic bottles require energy to make, fill and ship, and half-liter sizes generate emissions at twice the rate of gallon jugs. Faucet water needs energy only to pump and saves 52 pounds of CO₂, or 2 pounds per gallon jug, per year.

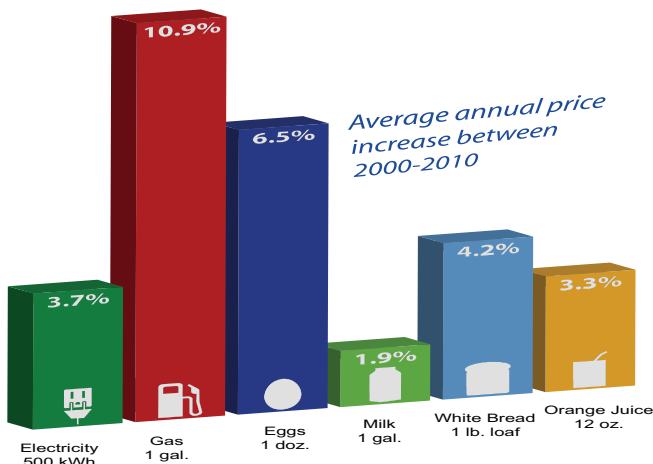
Are your name and location/account number here?

If it is, 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.

- #11-0744-16-00Donna J. Farley
- #12-0077-05-06Randy L. Bush
- #18-0932-46-00Douglas A. Riley
- #29-0266-23-03Steve Hackney
- #35-0396-08-01Charles D. Snyder Jr.
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- #42-0118-29-01.....L. Jeannette Cox
- #60-0328-45-10.....Timothy W. Sherman

Electricity remains a good value

Electricity continues to be a bargain, especially when compared to other consumer goods. As demand for energy rises and fuel prices increase, your electric cooperative is committed to providing safe, reliable electricity and keeping your electric bill affordable.



Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; Mainstream Graphics



Tip of the Month

Remember that little trees grow up to be big trees. Before you plant a tree, look up! If you are under or near a power line, don't plant it. If you really want a tree there, plant only low-growing trees. Otherwise, in a few years your tree will grow into the power lines and need to be topped, leaving it less than beautiful. You can call Guernsey-Muskingum for a list of trees and their growth height. Thanks for helping to keep your electricity flowing.

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 250 of our members are using geothermal.

Dual Fuel — \$300 rebate

If you install a new add-on electric heat pump with a fossil-fuel back-up 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 back-up? Allow your cooperative to install a radio-controlled switch and receive a \$100 rebate check. More than 100 members 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 GMEC, 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 of at least 40-gallon capacity, please call and Tim Fisher will install one ... FREE. More than 5,300 GMEC 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.

Meter reading

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

GenerLink

We want you to use your portable generator safely. Call the member services department at GMEC and ask

them about GenerLink™. GenerLink eliminates the use of extension cords and other connections that can be dangerous to members and linemen.

Co-op Connections Card

The Co-op Connections® Card is free to all GMEC members, and one card can be used by the entire family. The card can also be used to receive discounts nationwide on lodging, entertainment, dining and more. Visit www.gmenergy.com and click on the link to explore the possible discounts available to you.

2nd Annual Farm Science Review Bus Trip Wednesday, Sept. 21

Yes, I/we would like to join our co-op and ride in a Muskingum Coach Tour Bus to the Farm Science Review at London.

Please reserve _____ seats at \$25 each.

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____.
Please make check payable to GMEC.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE TRAFFIC — LEAVE THE DRIVING TO US!

Your ticket covers the bus trip to and from the Review, plus coffee and doughnuts in the a.m. and your ticket into the Farm Science Review. Bus departs Cambridge at 6 a.m., and Zanesville at 7 a.m.

Mail or return to:

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For more information, call member services at 1-800-521-9879.

I will board the bus at

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