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Electric Rates

Farm and Home Service rate schedule R-1

Service Availability Charge

\$17/month

First 500 kWh/month

@ 12.369¢/kWh

Over 500 kWh/month

@ 10.245¢/kWh

Seasonal Residential Service annual rate schedule S-1

Service Availability Charge

\$204/year

First 800 kWh/year

@ 20.369¢/kWh

Over 800 to 6,000 kWh/year

@ 11.245¢/kWh

Over 6,000 kWh/year

@ 10.245¢/kWh

(Your minimum annual charge will be \$204 per year for service between March 1, 2012, and Feb. 29, 2013.)

Commercial Service rate schedule C-1

Service Availability Charge

\$17/month

First 1,500 kWh/month

@ 12.369¢/kWh

Over 1,500 kWh/month

@ 10.245¢/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

Distribution Rate Change

The weather we have been experiencing in southeastern Ohio has been downright pleasant the last several months, at least until the end of June. Starting at the end of 2011 and stretching through to the first half of 2012, the weather has been so pleasant that you almost feel bad for the snow birds who left during the wintertime to go to Florida. Unfortunately, when we budget for your cooperative, we base it on a normal weather pattern, and this weather pattern has been anything but normal. Our kilowatt-hour sales for the first five months are down by about 8 percent, which does not sound like much. However, we also budgeted for 2012 to be a rather thin year in terms of margins, and 8 percent means all the difference between having a slight operating margin and having a loss. If the remainder of 2012 turns normal we would probably still have an operating loss of about \$200,000 unless we take some action. Unfortunately, that action means a change in our distribution rate. This is something none of us like to carry out, but must to continue the reliability of your electric service.

We have already pared down some costs going into 2012 and have left some positions open because of recent retirements. We have identified about another \$30,000 in cuts, which the board has approved, but this will still not be enough. We need to increase our distribution rates in order to have any hope of a break-even year for operating margins in 2012.

As such, your board has approved an increase in the service availability charge of \$1 and a base rate increase of 1 mil. You will see these changes in effect on your Sept. 10 electric bill. We regret the need to increase our rates again this year; however, such an increase is needed in order to maintain a level of service our membership deserves.

Due to printing deadlines, at the time of this writing we are in the middle of the largest storm in our history. More details were included in your July 10 bill and will follow with next month's *Country Living*.

Cardinal Plant Tour

If you are interested in touring the power plant that generates your electricity, please call Guernsey-Muskingum's Member Services Department today at 1-800-521-9879.

You, a cooperative member, are one of the owners of the Cardinal Generating Station in Brilliant, Ohio, and this will be a chance to see it in operation.

The arrangements are being made for **Wednesday, Sept. 12**. A bus ride and tour will be provided.

Seats will be reserved for G-M members who have not taken the tour in the past. Please call, as seats are limited, and will be filled on a first-call/first-served basis.

Please be aware that if a situation were to occur where a security warning was issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the tour may be canceled. If you have any questions, please call your cooperative.

Please, be our guests, but don't delay!





Ray Crock,
Energy Advisor

Washing gets efficiency boost

Cleaning dishes and washing dirty laundry may not cost as much in a few years, thanks to increased federal energy efficiency standards.

On average, clothes washers and dishwashers are responsible for 3 percent of a home's electric bill and 20 percent of a home's indoor water use. In May, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) boosted the minimum energy efficiency requirements for the appliances. The improvements are expected to save consumers \$20 billion in energy

and water costs through 2030.

Returns on rinse cycles

Thanks to the tougher standards, each household could save up to \$350 in energy costs over the life of a new clothes washer compared to today's models, according to the DOE.

When DOE formed these new standards, consumer choice was an important concern, so different styles of clothes washers were considered and standards set to accommodate each. Front-loading washers must use 15 percent less energy and 35 percent less water, while top-loading models must cut energy use by 33 percent and drop water consumption by 19 percent.

Energy efficiency experts peg water savings to be 10,000 gallons — or 250 baths — for every household, every year, under the new standards.

The changes take affect with 2015 models. This is the fourth time clothes washer standards have been strengthened in the last 25 years.

Dishes don't drain as much

Cleaning dishes drains energy and water; new dishwashers will use 15 percent less energy and more than 20 percent less water — saving about \$100 over the lifetime of the appliance, according to experts.

Improved dishwasher standards kick in next year, marking the third time dishwasher standards have been raised since 1987.

Set standards to save

Energy efficiency standards cover a wide range of appliances, from refrigerators and air conditioners to microwaves and other electrical equipment. Standards for more than 40 products are being strengthened with the promise to cut \$350 billion from electric bills through 2030. According to the DOE's Building Technologies Program, consumers and businesses already save \$15 billion every year as a result of federal energy efficiency standards; they expect the annual amount to double by 2025.

National standards not only help consumers save on electric bills, but also help manufacturers avoid a patchwork of different state standards. DOE notes its revised energy efficiency standards for dishwashers and clothes washers were developed with help from companies like Whirlpool, General Electric and LG Electronics, industry advocates, national environmental organizations and consumer groups.

To find more ways to save energy at home, visit TogetherWeSave.com.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

Third Annual Farm Science Review Bus Trip

Wednesday, Sept. 19

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 a light breakfast and your ticket to the Farm Science Review.

Bus departs Cambridge at 6 a.m.,
and Zanesville at 6:30 a.m.

Mail or return to:

Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative, Inc.
17 S Liberty St, New Concord, Ohio 43762

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

I will board the bus at



CAMBRIDGE



ZANESVILLE

New General Manager/CEO

At the annual meeting in April, General Manager and CEO of Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative, Inc., Garry Mbiad announced his retirement later this summer.

Mbiad has been with Guernsey-Muskingum for 32 years, 18 of those as manager.

Ed Bay, president of the seven-member board, reports that after an extensive search for a replacement, the board met with several capable candidates and selected Jerry Kackley to lead the cooperative into the future. Jerry was hired as Guernsey-Muskingum's accountant in 1992 and became the controller when Garry was promoted to the manager's position in 1994.

Jerry Kackley is a 1980 graduate and valedictorian of Meadowbrook High School. He attended The Ohio State University, graduating summa cum laude in 1984. Jerry is a non-practicing certified public accountant. Prior to returning to Guernsey County, he worked for Columbia Gas and the Marathon Petroleum Company.

Jerry lives near Buffalo, Ohio, with his wife Debbie. They have two daughters, Jessie and Annie. In his personal time, one can find Jerry hunting, fishing, woodworking, farming and spending time with his family.

"I would like to thank the board members for their vote of confidence," said Jerry. "Just as Garry has done, I will continue to focus on the primary



Jerry Kackley will be taking over where Garry Mbiad leaves off.

goal of the board and all of our employees — to provide safe, reliable electric service to our members here in southeast Ohio, which enhances the quality of life for all of us. I look forward to serving the members in this new capacity and I hope to always do the right thing, in the right way, for the right reasons."

Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative, Inc. wishes Garry and Jerry both success in their new ventures. There will be an open house to tour the office renovations, to wish Garry an enjoyable retirement and to meet Jerry at a later date.

Washington Youth Tour

Alex Untied and Christina Fisher were selected to represent Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative this year at the Washington Youth Tour. Alex and Christina joined 33 other students from around Ohio and one from West Virginia for the seven-day, all-expense paid trip.

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

The tour is offered in conjunction with Ohio 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.

Alex, a junior at Granville High School, is the daughter of Vince and Cathy Untied. Christina, a senior at Buckeye Trail High School, is the daughter of Joe and Kathy Fisher.



Tip of the Month

Drying clothes can use a lot of energy, but there are some things you can do to save. Use the moisture sensor feature on your clothes dryer if it has one. This option shuts down the dryer when clothes are dry. In addition, clean the lint filter after each load and clean the dryer vent pipe occasionally. This improves air circulation and increases the dryer's efficiency. Also make sure the washer is properly spinning the water out of the laundry. Many new high efficiency washers do a much better job of this.

Don't forget about the clothesline. Drying a load of laundry can use \$0.50 in electricity, so there is a nice savings. The sun also has a great disinfecting and deodorizing effect.

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.

- #35-0665-18-04Gregory D. Kawa
- #40-0445-12-00Walter Martin
- #43-0250-05-02Doug W. Devore
- #47-0913-13-00Daniel R. Oswald
- #51-0067-42-05Lori Bailey
- #53-0160-08-00Arthur M. Gray
- #57-0163-01-00Raymond E. King
- #60-0414-42-02Darryl R. Hayes

KARAOKE CONTEST 'COUNTRY STYLE'

WHEN: Sunday, Aug. 12, 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 25
- Over 25



RULES: Fairground admission is not included. Singing order will be randomly selected at registration. Singers can bring their own CDs or use Sandy's. Music will end after four 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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