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Electric Rates

Farm and Home Service rate schedule R-1*

Service Availability Charge	\$18/month
First 500 kWh/month	12.769¢/kWh
Over 500 kWh/month	@ 10.645¢/kWh

Seasonal Residential Service annual rate schedule S-1*

Service Availability Charge	\$216/year
First 800 kWh/year	@ 20.769¢/kWh
Over 800 to 6,000 kWh/year	@ 11.645¢/kWh
Over 6,000 kWh/year	@ 10.645¢/kWh

(Your minimum annual charge will be \$216 per year for service between March 1, 2016, and Feb. 28, 2017.)

Commercial Service rate schedule C-1*

Service Availability Charge	\$18/month
First 1,500 kWh/month	@ 12.769¢/kWh
Over 1,500 kWh/month	@ 10.645¢/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

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

A healthy bottom line

IN MY ARTICLE A COUPLE MONTHS AGO, I mentioned that revenues this year were down due to a very mild winter. I also noted that a warm summer could help the co-op financially, but I wouldn't wish higher electric bills on any of us. Well, I'm sorry! Like my electric bill, I am sure your electric bills were plenty high enough in July, August, and September as the dog days of summer seemed to last forever, and the air conditioners were humming day and night.



Jerry Kackley,
General Manager/CEO

The good news is that increased sales over the past few months have helped the co-op's finances. But what does that do for members? First and foremost, it enables your co-op to keep the lines clear and the power flowing — because that isn't cheap. We will spend nearly \$3 million in 2016 alone just in right-of-way work to keep power lines clear so outages can be minimized and service remains reliable.

Perhaps the best news is that a "healthy bottom line" helps us keep rates stable. You may not realize this (and some may call me a liar) but the rates that most of our members pay today are lower than the rates charged in 2012! Yes, I said LOWER. Our current residential members pay \$3 per 1,000 kilowatt-hours less than they did four years ago. In addition, we've had temporary rate reductions during that same period. So, if your summer bills were higher, it was due to the greater use of that "hungry" AC unit, not a rate increase.

Evenings are cooler now, and I'm happy to sit in the swing and enjoy the soothing sounds of nature. It seems that the squeaking springs are simply one more instrument playing along with a symphony of insects. Before long, the cold breath of winter will send me from the porch to the warm embrace of my recliner. Where does time go?

As you prepare for Thanksgiving, may God bless each of you and your families. May your tables be abundant with food and your hearts be full of love and gratitude. ☮

*Have a wonderful day!
God Bless!
Jerry*

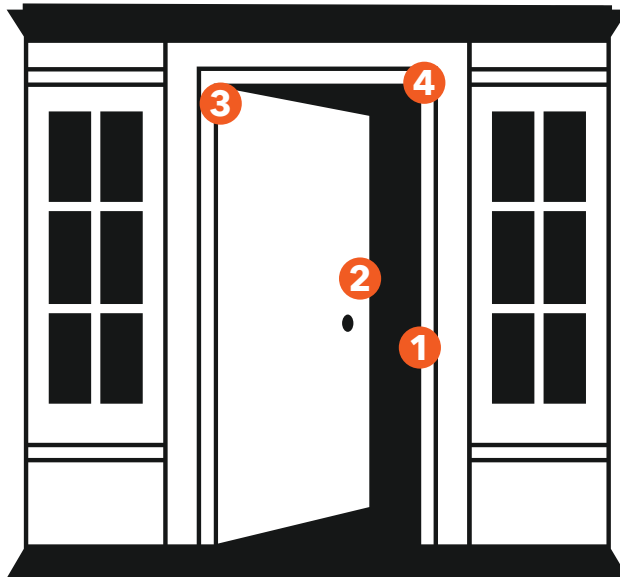
Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors and employees wish all our members a

Happy Thanksgiving.

WEATHER STRIPPING DOORS

Capturing Energy Savings by Sealing Air Leaks

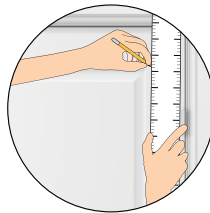
Save energy and seal air leaks by weather stripping exterior doors. How do you know if you need to weather strip? If you can see any amount of light between the door frame and the floor, weather stripping should be applied to eliminate energy waste. This DIY energy-saving project is relatively easy and inexpensive depending on the type of materials selected. The most common weather stripping material is self-adhesive foam strips, although rubber, vinyl, metal, or a combination of materials may also be used.



Ray Crock,
Energy Advisor



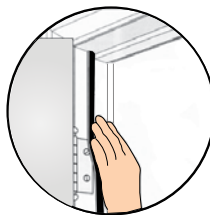
1 CLEANING SURFACES - Clean the door and door jamb to be weather stripped. For best results, weather stripping should be applied to clean, dry surfaces above 20°F.



2 MEASURING DOOR & DOOR JAMBS - To ensure greater accuracy, measure your space twice before cutting the material. It is best to plan for one continuous strip for each side of the door and door jamb.



3 CUTTING FOAM - Cut long pieces of self-adhesive weather stripping material (foam, vinyl, etc.) for each side of the door jamb and door.



4 APPLYING WEATHER STRIPPING - Peel back the self-adhesive foam. Apply one continuous strip of material snugly along each side. Make sure the weather stripping meets tightly at the corners and is pressed firmly onto the door and door jamb. The material should compress tightly between the door and door jamb, without making it difficult to shut.

SOURCE: Department of Energy



Guernsey-Muskingum
Electric Cooperative
holiday hours

Office closed Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, Nov. 24
Office closed day after Thanksgiving: Friday, Nov. 25
Drive-up window Open: Saturday, Nov. 26

Office closed Christmas Eve: Friday, Dec. 23
Office closed Christmas Day: Monday, Dec. 26

Office closed New Year's Day: Monday, Jan. 2

If outages occur during the holidays, someone will be available to take your call and dispatch a trouble crew to correct your problem. Our office's drop box is always available for your convenience.

Free GMEC Holiday Workshop on Nov. 16

The Holiday Workshop at Guernsey-Muskingum Electric will be held Wednesday, Nov. 16. The single workshop will take place from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Guernsey-Muskingum office in New Concord.

This year will be filled with great learning opportunities, including hands-on activities. If you would like to attend this fun-filled evening, please call member services at 1-800-521-9879. There is no charge to attend.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn some great tips that'll help you prepare for the holiday season!

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 6 bulbs).

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

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Call before you dig.



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ELECTRIC THANKS ALL
VETERANS AND THEIR
FAMILIES FOR THEIR
SACRIFICES.**

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Heating your living space uses more energy than any other system in your home — typically making up about 42 percent of your utility bill. By combining proper maintenance with recommended insulation levels, air sealing, and thermostat settings, you can save about 30 percent on your energy bill.

Source: energy.gov

A new face at Guernsey-Muskingum:

Please welcome our new employee, Beth Hopkins

Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative welcomes new employee Beth Hopkins. Beth began employment in September as the credit administrator. She and her husband, Josh, reside in Zanesville with their three children.

Beth holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and finance from Ashland University and brings work experience from Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative, South Central Power, and a local healthcare system.

In her spare time, Beth enjoys serving as a 4-H advisor and a parent representative for high school volleyball and middle school football.

We welcome Beth to the cooperative crew!



Combat High Energy Bills! Schedule a FREE Home Energy Audit.

In a continuing effort to help our members save energy and money, Guernsey–Muskingum Electric Cooperative provides an experienced Energy Advisor, Ray Crock, to conduct on-site, home energy audits. Appointments are filling up quickly so call today to make your reservation!

Contact our Member Service Department at 1-800-521-9879. Visit TogetherWeSave.com for helpful energy saving tips.