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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

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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, 2015, and Feb. 28, 2016.)

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

*Rider T —

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

If it quacks like a duck...

EPA's power plant rules don't tell
the full story on electric bills



Jerry Kackley,
General Manager/CEO

ONE OF MY ALL-TIME FAVORITE sayings is: "If it looks like a duck, walks like a duck, and quacks like a duck ...it's a duck." In other words, don't be deceived by well-tuned rhetoric or promises that seem too good to be true. Judge the situation based upon fact, logic and historical perspective. This advice has never been more important than it is today as we are constantly bombarded with information that is designed to sway our opinions.

The Clean Power Plan (CPP) finalized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on Aug. 3 is a fine example. The EPA assures us its plan will not only reduce global warming, it will enhance the reliability of your electric service and LOWER your electric bills. These rules that effectively eliminate coal-fired generation from the energy mix will make us more "energy independent," according to the EPA. These rules will save lives, help our economy thrive and create jobs in the process — and the rest of the world will follow our example. Really?

I love my country, and I appreciate this wonderful world that the good Lord has given us. I believe that the members of our cooperative and other cooperatives across America share this feeling. I am proud that your cooperative has always promoted conservation and efficiency, and I believe that as consumers of electricity, we must all work to conserve and use our resources more wisely. Buckeye Power, GMEC's cooperative power supplier, has been proactive in meeting all the pollution standards established and has invested over \$1 billion over the past decade to install pollution-control equipment at the Cardinal Generating Station, making it one of the cleanest coal-fired generation units in the world. Now the EPA wants to change the rules yet again. GMEC would be the first in line to support the CPP if we truly believed that the benefits outweigh the costs. But the promises that the EPA is making, no matter how wonderful and patriotic they may seem, are simply an attempt to portray that duck as an eagle!

Electricity is no longer a luxury to each of us; it is a necessity. We must be absolutely sure that our members have the power they need, when they need it — and it must be affordable. The EPA deceptively indicates that electric bills will go down with these rules in place, but they fail to tell you that they are assuming that you will be using less electricity. Members using the same amount of electricity will likely see their bills increase by 40 percent under the CPP proposed rules. The EPA says reliability won't be an issue, but natural gas cannot be stored or transported as easily as coal to ensure an adequate fuel supply during cold winter weather. Renewable energy from the sun or wind is not always available and cannot be stored effectively, so it cannot replace "baseload" generation sources like coal. The winter of 2014 should be a wake-up call for us because the Midwest came dangerously close to running short of electricity.

Meanwhile, the EPA assures us that these new regulations will help our economy to prosper, but it is unlikely that other countries will be adhering to similar rules anytime soon.

Yes, the EPA has a lot to say in its 1,560 pages of regulations, and the agency has a lot of criticism for anyone who disputes its position. But, if you listen really closely, I think you'll hear the "quack."



Karaoke “Country Style” contest winners

The Karaoke “Country Style” Contest was an opening-day event sponsored by Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative, Inc., at the 169th Muskingum County Fair. Singers in four age categories competed with their favorite tunes. The winners were:

Under 18: Kendra Kent, Zanesville

18 to 35: Cati McGee, Zanesville

36 to 50: Julie Janicki, Chandlersville

Over 50: Pat Wess, Glenford, and Barb Marling, Zanesville

Each winner received a \$50 gift card, and all participants received a sandwich and drink coupon to use at the fair. Judges for the evening were Laura Schumann and Kenny Wayne; sound was provided by Sandy Groves.



Karaoke contest winners were, from left, Pat Wess, Barb Marling, Julie Janicki, Cati McGee and Kendra Kent.

Your GMEC regional energy meetings

Please pick the most convenient meeting for you and plan to attend any or all of this year's regional meetings this fall to learn more about your cooperative.

DATE	PLACE
Tuesday, Oct. 20	Deerasic Park 14250 Cadiz Road, Cambridge
Thursday, Oct. 22	Timber Run Grange 4065 West Pike, Zanesville
Tuesday, Oct. 27	Cassell Station Fire Dept. 4500 Peters Creek Rd, Cambridge
Thursday, Oct. 29	Bristol Twp. School 3763 SR 78, McConnelsville

GMEC is pleased to announce a new format this year: Meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. with social time and refreshments. At 7 p.m., there will be a question-and-answer session with CEO/General Manager Jerry Kackley and cooperative employees, followed by door prizes at 7:45 p.m. Look for your invitation with your October bill. We look forward to seeing you there!



Start saving with a DIY home energy audit

AS TEMPERATURES BEGIN TO DROP and your energy focus turns from cooling your home to heating it, consider using this time to increase energy efficiency and cost savings for the colder months ahead. Whether your home is old or new, chances are you are spending more on energy costs than necessary.

Armed with some basic knowledge and a little time, you can conduct a baseline energy audit of your home to identify where you are losing energy — and money. Use a checklist and take notes on problems you find as you walk through your home. But remember, the audit itself won't save you money unless you act on your findings.

DIY 101

So, where to start? If your home has multiple levels, work from the top down.

Insulation and air leaks (drafts): According to the U.S. Department of Energy, improving your home's insulation and sealing air leaks are the fastest and most cost-effective ways to reduce energy waste and make the most of your energy dollars. Check to see whether there is sufficient insulation in the attic. Are openings containing piping, ductwork or a chimney sealed?

Electronic devices: Inventory all of the electronic devices you have and how often you use them. Computers, printers, DVD players, phones and gaming consoles are notorious “phantom power” users, meaning they drain energy even when they're not in use. If items can be turned off without disrupting your lifestyle, consider plugging them into a power strip that can be turned on and off, or use a timer. For devices like cable boxes that take a long time to boot up, smart power strips allow power to continue flowing via one plug and shuts off power to others.

Lighting: Note where you still have incandescent lights. Can you replace them with compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) or LED upgrades? Nightlights are great candidates for an LED swap

because they're low cost and will last much longer. Are there places where you can install motion sensor lights in low-use areas, such as a closet, porch or garage?

Thermostat/indoor temperature:

Do you have a programmable thermostat? When was the last time it was programmed? Is the date and time correct? If they are not, this could throw off the automatic settings. Is it set so the temperature is lower during the day and times when no one is home and at night when people are sleeping? Consider lowering the temperature a few degrees.

Appliances and cleaning: Appliances are large energy users, and if yours are more than 10 years old, they are likely not as energy efficient as today's options. How you use them also makes a difference. Do you wash your clothes in hot water, or can you use cold water instead? Does your water heater have a blanket? If not, consider insulating it. Make sure your dryer vent isn't blocked — this will not only save energy, it may also prevent a fire.

Evaluation

Once you have completed the audit, review the findings. Prioritize actions you can take based on your time and budget, weighing where you can get the most impact for your investment. Increasing your home's energy efficiency will make your family comfortable while saving you money.

Taking savings to the next level

If you would like to take your audit and savings to the next level, contact GMEC at 800-521-9879 for an energy evaluation conducted by the energy experts. Sharing your audit findings with the representative from your co-op will provide a great starting point for a more detailed assessment. ☞



Ray Crock,
Energy Advisor

DIY Home Energy Audit Check List

Whether your house is old or new, chances are you are spending more on energy costs than necessary. By understanding how your home uses energy, you can determine the best ways to modify energy use and keep more money in your wallet. With a little time, you can conduct a baseline energy audit of your house to identify where you are losing energy (and money). Use this checklist and take notes on problems you find as you walk through your home. However, the audit itself won't save you money unless you act on your findings.

TIP: If your home has multiple levels, work from the top down. Begin in your highest floor and work your way down to the lowest floor. Once you have completed the audit, take a look at the findings. Prioritize actions based on your time and budget, weighing where you can get the most impact for your investment.



1. Insulation and Air Leaks (drafts)	Result/Suggested Action	Next Steps
Is attic hatch above an air-conditioned space, weather stripped and at least as heavily insulated as the attic?		Quick Fixes 1. 2. Long Term Solutions 1. 2.
Does attic hatch close tightly?		
Are openings for pipes, ductwork, and chimneys sealed?		
Are drafts coming from windows, doors, electrical outlets?		
Are there gaps along the baseboard, edge of flooring and/or at junctures of walls, ceiling?		
2. Electronic Devices	Can device be plugged into a power strip (and/or put on a timer?)	Next Steps
Inventory of electronic devices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computers/printers • Mobile devices • DVD/Blue-ray players • Stereo • Gaming consoles 		Quick Fixes 1. 2. Long Term Solutions 1. 2.



3. Existing Incandescent Lighting	Opportunity to Switch to CFL or LED	Next Steps
<p>Note locations of existing incandescent lighting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hallways • Bedrooms • Bathrooms • Closets • Nightlight areas • Living area • Kitchen • Dining area • Porch • Laundry/Mudroom • Utility/Storage areas 		<p>Quick Fixes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. <p>Long Term Solutions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2.
4. Thermostat/Indoor Temperature	Result/Suggested Action	Next Steps
<p>Do you have a programmable thermostat?</p> <p>When was the last time it was programed?</p> <p>Is the date and time correct?</p> <p>Is the temperature adjusted during the day and/or times when no one is home and at night when people are sleeping?</p> <p>Can you adjust the temperature a few degrees and still be comfortable?</p>		<p>Quick Fixes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. <p>Long Term Solutions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2.
5. Appliances and Cleaning	Result/Suggested Action	Next Steps
<p>Which appliances are more than 10 years old?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refrigerator/Freezer • Stove • Dishwasher • Washer/Dryer <p>Can you wash your clothes in cold water instead of hot?</p> <p>Can you use your washer, dryer or dishwasher during an off peak time instead of during the day?</p> <p>Does your hot water heater need an insulating blanket?</p> <p>Is your dryer vent blocked?</p>		<p>Quick Fixes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. <p>Long Term Solutions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2.



WOULD YOU PLEASE HELP YOUR COOPERATIVE FIND FORMER MEMBERS?

The following is a listing of former members of Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative, Inc., who received service from the cooperative in prior years. Attempts were made to mail capital credits checks to these former members in 2011. These capital credits checks have remained unclaimed for at least four years.

The cooperative's Code of Regulations provides that capital credits payments that remain unclaimed for four years shall, after proper notice is given, be reallocated to the current margins of the cooperative. After such reallocation, these unclaimed payments will no longer be available for payment to the former members listed.

If you have any information on any of the names published in this listing, please call the cooperative's office at one of the numbers listed below. Thank you for your help in locating our former members.

New Concord 740-826-7661

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**Mark your calendar for
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Join us for refreshments and door prizes.**



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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 lightbulbs. (Limit 6 bulbs.)

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

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#52-0392-02-00 Sean R Kennedy

Tree clearance guidelines

The Arbor Day Foundation encourages thoughtful practices that help preserve community trees while also benefiting Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative consumers.

Trees can help cool your home and neighborhood, break cold winds to lower your heating costs and provide food for wildlife. Properly placed trees can lower line clearance costs for utility companies, reduce tree mortality and result in healthier community forests.

Tall trees surrounding your home, such as maple, oak, pine and spruce, provide summer shade to lower cooling costs and keep out cold winter winds. Medium trees, 40 feet or less in mature height, might include Washington hawthorn and golden raintree, while smaller trees suitable for planting beneath utility lines might include redbud, dogwood and crabapple. When planting near utility lines, consider a 25-foot maximum mature height and 20 foot spread. See the image below for a guide.

To learn more about which trees might work best in your yard, visit www.arborday.org.

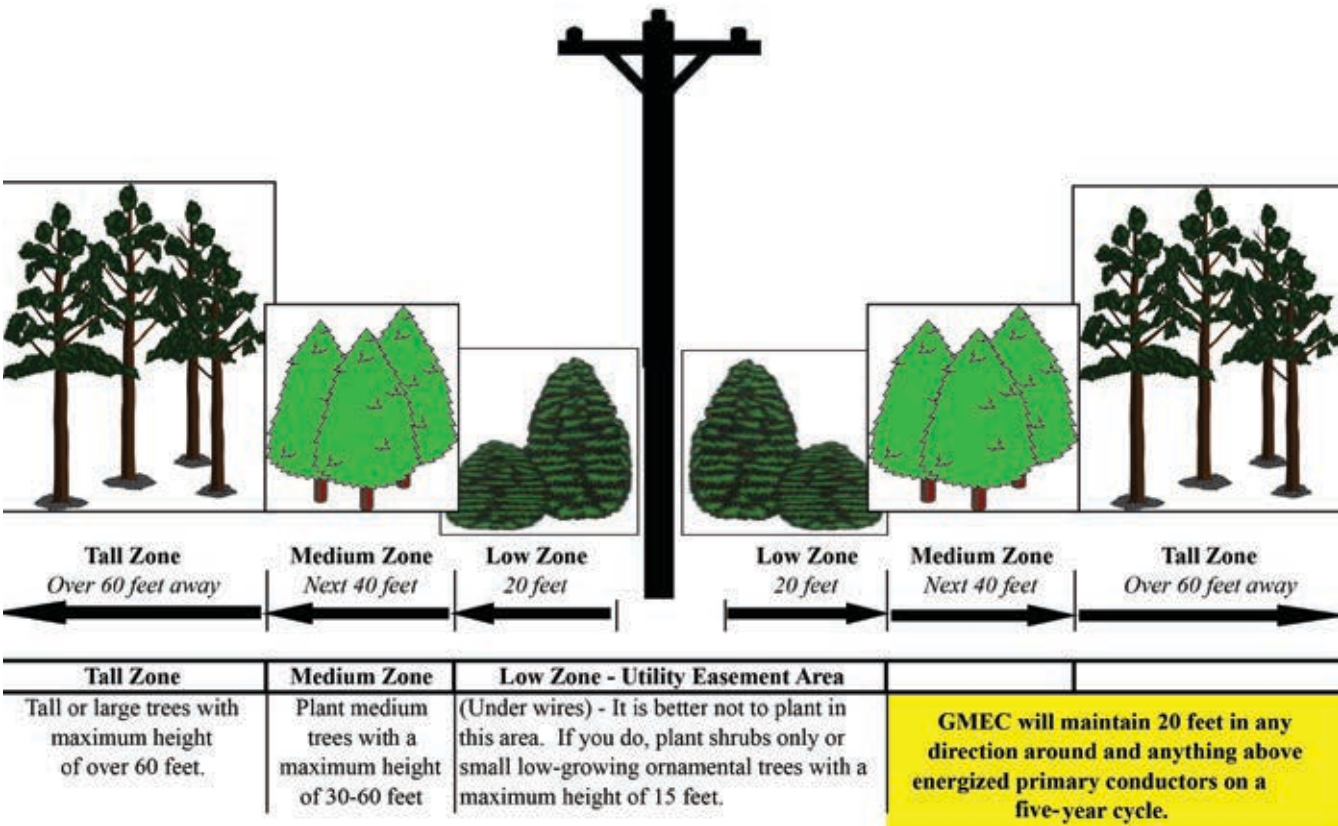
Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



With the arrival of cooler temperatures, it is the perfect time to call

Guernsey-

Muskingum Electric to schedule a free home energy audit, including a blower door test and infrared scan. Your energy advisor, Ray Crock, will help you prioritize air-sealing and weatherization projects and will answer questions about your home's HVAC system and appliances. Call 800-521-9879 to get started today.



Electrical safety tips **for kids**

BY KALEY LOCKWOOD

With more than 140,000 electrical fires occurring each year, knowledge of electrical safety is necessary to ensuring your loved ones stay safe. Here are a few tips from Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative you can share with your little ones:

Electrical fires are caused when a wire or electrical device overheats. It is important to make sure your children understand that water cannot extinguish this type of fire. Only fire extinguishers can be used to remedy this situation.

In addition, **never mix water with electricity**. Keep blow dryers, radios and other electrical devices away from water, especially in the bathroom or kitchen.

Keep metal objects out of appliances and plugs. If a piece of toast gets stuck in the toaster, never use a metal knife to retrieve it. Unplug the toaster, and use a different utensil to remove the toast. Remember, only plugs should go in outlets. Sticking fingers or other objects in outlets may result in an electrical shock.

It's always a good idea to **turn lights off when**

they are not in use. This will save your family money on your electric bill and prevent electrical fires from overheated bulbs. Newer compact fluorescent lamps and LED bulbs don't get nearly as hot as traditional incandescent bulbs, so switching can save money and reduce this hazard, too.

Kids will be kids, and they love the great outdoors. Remind them to **stay far away from overhead power lines**. Whether they are climbing trees or flying kites or remote-controlled toys, they should always be aware of what is above.

Talk to your children about the importance of electrical safety, and more importantly, lead by example — because you never know who's watching. For more information about electrical safety, visit esfi.org.

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HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS



WALK SAFELY

- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.



TRICK OR TREAT WITH AN ADULT

- Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be without supervision, they should stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick or treat in groups.



KEEP COSTUMES CREATIVE AND SAFE

- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.
- Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.



DRIVE EXTRA SAFELY ON HALLOWEEN

- Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.
- Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., so be especially alert to kids during those hours.



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Source: Safekids.org

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Saturday, October 3, 2015

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**Recognition of Bicentennial
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- The First 100 Years of
Ohio Agriculture

- Barn Owls

- Genealogy - How to start?

- Bluebirds For Everyone

- Bicentennial Tree Planting

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Joseph Burwell Farm	1813
Tunis Family Farm	1815

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