



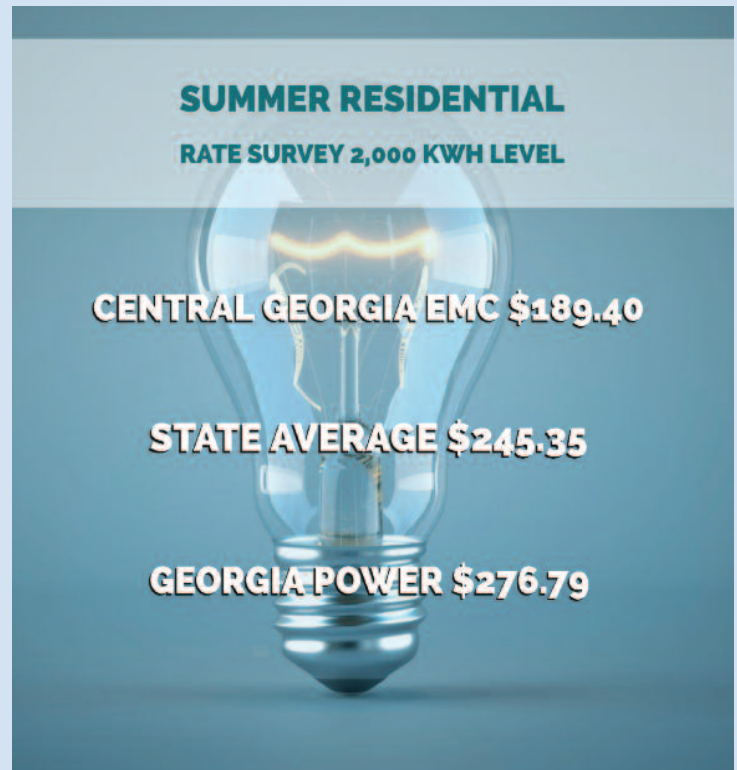
## CGEMC Provides Value for Your Energy Dollars

Central Georgia EMC (CGEMC) continues to provide electricity at a great value. The Georgia Public Service Commission (PSC) recently released its Summer 2016 Residential Rate Survey, which shows that CGEMC continues to rank as one of the lowest-cost energy providers out of the 94 electric providers throughout the state.

Central Georgia EMC is the lowest-priced cooperative provider at the 2,000 kilowatt-hour (kWh) level. CGEMC customer-owners pay \$87.39 less than Georgia Power Co. consumers and \$55.95 less than the state average for their power at the 2,000-kWh level.

In addition, CGEMC was the fifth lowest at the 1,500-kWh level, saving customer-owners an average of \$55.27 over Georgia Power and \$37.48 as compared to the state average.

Providing our customers with the highest level of service at the lowest practicable rates is a mission our Board of Directors, staff, and employees take seriously. CGEMC has remained among the lowest-cost providers throughout the state since 2012, proof of our dedication to our mission and our customer-owners.



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## October is National Cooperative Month

Central Georgia Electric Membership Corporation (CGEMC) is joining with 30,000 other nationwide cooperatives in October to celebrate National Cooperative Month. National Cooperative Month recognizes the many ways cooperatives help build stronger communities and a stronger economy.

Cooperatives are not-for-profit businesses organized by people to provide needed goods and services. Cooperative ownership is an economic model that can create great benefits for our communities and customer-owners. More and more communities want the stability and accountability that a cooperative can offer.

Nationwide, cooperatives create 2.1 million jobs and generate more than \$650 billion in sales and other revenue annually. CGEMC employs a workforce of more than 96 full-time employees in the region and delivers electricity to more than 54,000 meters in our 14-county service area. Through real estate, sales, and payroll taxes, CGEMC is a major contributor to the tax base of our local governments, helping to support schools, police, fire protection, and other vital community infrastructure.

Customers who participate in the Operation Round Up<sup>®</sup> program help build stronger communities. Operation Round Up<sup>®</sup>, administered by the Central Georgia EMC Foundation, has returned more than \$2 million to our communities since the program's inception in 2006, investing in civic, educational, and charitable organizations.

This year, CGEMC has made a commitment to support green energy by investing, along with several other utility cooperatives, in a 942-acre solar energy facility in Hazlehurst, GA. The facility is expected to generate enough energy to meet the power needs of nearly 8,500 residential customers.

If you receive your power from Central Georgia EMC, you are much more than a customer. You are also a member of our cooperative, with a stake in our future. Our success is your success. Thank you for supporting your local cooperative as we build for our future together.

*Five percent of the average household's electric use is lighting.*



You may save \$75 each year by replacing the bulbs in your home's five most frequently used light fixtures with bulbs that have earned the ENERGY STAR rating.

Source: energy.gov



### DEFINED BY PRINCIPLES

There are more than 29,000 co-ops in the U.S. alone. All are guided by the same set of Seven Cooperative Principles.

1. Voluntary & Open Membership
2. Democratic Control
3. Members' Economic Participation
4. Autonomy & Independence
5. Education, Training & Information
6. Cooperation Among Cooperatives
7. Concern for Community

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# HOW THE ELECTRIC CO-OP WORKS



1. Customer-owners elect board directors.

2. Board defines expectations for the co-op's President/CEO and provides policies and strategic goals.

3. President/CEO interprets the board's expectations to create a plan.



8. Board reflects on policies and updates them as needed.



4. President/CEO delegates responsibilities to staff who help carry out the plan.



7. President/CEO shares results with the board.



5. Staff develop and oversee programs to accomplish their tasks.



6. President/CEO collects data from staff about their efforts.



## Pepper Steak, Hightower Style

From the kitchen of *Reba M. Hightower*

### Ingredients:

- 2 pounds lean beef round steak, cut into strips
- Two teaspoons garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 cups vegetable juice
- 1 cup of sliced onion
- Two medium bell peppers, seeded and cut into strips
- Two large tomatoes, cut into wedges
- Salt, to taste
- 3 cups hot cooked rice

### Directions:

Heat drizzle of olive oil in large pan; brown the steak. Add garlic powder, water, vegetable juice, onion, salt, and pepper. Cover and simmer 30 minutes until meat is tender. Gently stir in bell peppers and tomato wedges. Cook 10 minutes until peppers are tender. Serve over hot rice. Yields six servings.

*We are in search of your favorite holiday recipes. If you have one to submit, please send to 923 S. Mulberry St, Jackson, GA. 30233, Attn: Vicki Jolley or email [vjolley@cgemc.com](mailto:vjolley@cgemc.com). Please include your account number. You will receive a \$20 credit on your next electric bill for published recipes.*

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# -Bill

Give yourself the gift of E-Bill this holiday season.

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# Energy Vampires Are Lurking in Your Home

This Halloween, the hungry little vampires who ring your doorbell are not the only ones who may visit your home. Energy vampires may already be inside, sucking electricity right out of the wires!

**ENERGY VAMPIRES  
ARE LURKING IN YOUR HOME**



Energy vampires are appliances and electronic devices that remain plugged in when not in use. Even turned off, they still consume small amounts of energy. In fact, they can add 10 percent or more to your monthly electric bill.

So when you turn something off, unplug the device or appliance, if possible. Some appliances, like your refrigerator or clocks, require constant energy. Here are a few devices that waste energy when plugged in but not in use:

**Chargers.** You have one for your phone, your tablet, your portable speaker, your iPod, and what else? When the device fully charges but remains plugged in, energy use will continue. If you unplug the device from the charger but leave the charger plugged in, the charger continues to waste electricity.

**Computers.** Your home office equipment, like the computer, printer, and scanner, does not need to stay on all the time. Turn them off and unplug them when you are finished using them for the day.

Need help remembering to unplug these items? Connect several devices using a power strip. Power strips allow the user to cut power to multiple devices at once. Unplug anything you rarely use, like the TV in the basement or the old stereo you have not turned on since you started downloading music. These small adjustments will banish those energy vampires, conserve energy, and lower your electric bill.

## Self-service Payment Options

*A free benefit for our customer-owners*



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With bank draft, your bill is automatically drafted from your bank account on the Tuesday after your bill date.



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