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News & Views

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Central Georgia EMC Mourns John Fish



John E. Fish
1963-2017

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Central Georgia EMC (CGEMC) Chief Operating Officer John E. Fish on October 11, 2017. John began his electric cooperative career at Cobb EMC in April 1986 and served the CGEMC membership since February 1990.

Under John's leadership, CGEMC experienced unprecedented growth of more than 150 percent. John was instrumental in the implementation of technologies leading to more reliable, affordable energy for all of our customer-owners as well as advocating for electric cooperatives on the state and national levels.

Central Georgia EMC and all of its business partners extend our deepest sympathies to the Fish family.

Tropical Storm Irma Knocks Out Power to CGEMC System



High winds and heavy rain caused by Tropical Storm Irma beginning on Monday, September 11, 2017, had a devastating effect on Central Georgia Electric Membership Corporation's electrical system. Overall, 33,889 of the cooperative's 55,133-metered customer-owners were left without power.

Irma's path of destruction included miles of tangled power lines buried under fallen trees, and 115 broken poles throughout our 14-county service territory. Crews worked throughout the day and night from the beginning of the storm. Power was restored to all CGEMC customer-owners by 9 p.m. Friday, September 15, 2017.

Central Georgia EMC is grateful to the following cooperatives and contract crews that assisted in outage restoration:

- Blue Grass Energy, from Kentucky

- Caney Fork Electric Cooperative, McMinnville, Tenn.
- Central EMC, Sanford, N.C.
- Farmers Electric Cooperative, Greenville, Texas
- First Electric, Jacksonville, Ark.
- Horry Electric, Conway, S.C.
- Kenergy, Henderson, Ky.
- Lee Electric, Aberdeen, N.C.
- Middle Tennessee Electric Membership Corp., Murfreesboro, Tenn.
- Palmetto Electric, Ridgeland, S.C.
- Pike Electric, Mount Airy, N.C.
- U-TEC Construction, Lawrenceville, Ga.
- Townsend Tree Service, Muncie, Ind.


Central Georgia EMC would like to thank all customer-owners who were affected by the outages caused by this storm for their patience and cooperation during outage restoration.

Residential Service Rate Adjustment Effective January 1, 2018

Effective with billings that begin January 1, 2018, Central Georgia EMC's residential service charge will adjust to \$25 per month from the current \$22.

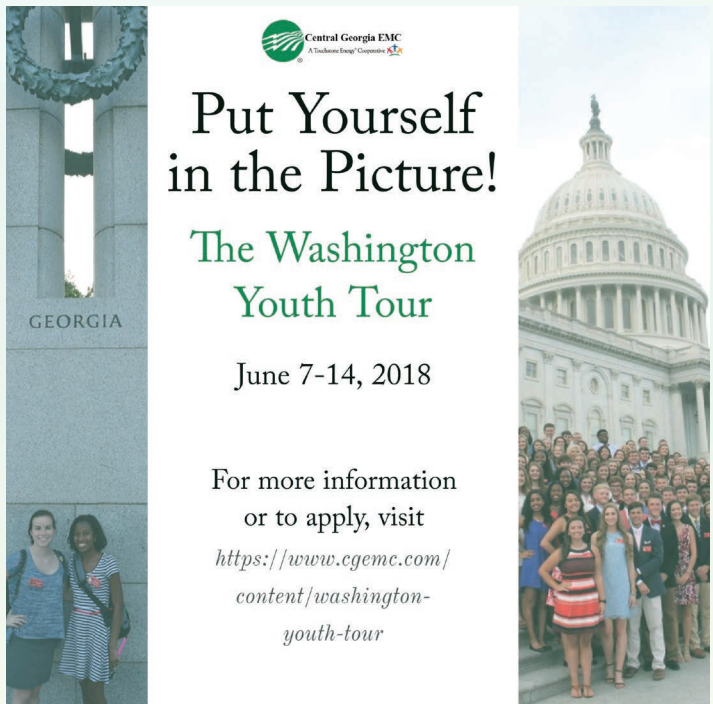
The service charge is a fixed amount each billing period. It covers member accounting, power distribution (construction, maintenance, metering, and outage restoration), and availability of energy from a generating source.


Even with this adjustment to the service charge, Central Georgia EMC remains one of the lowest-cost electric utilities in the state. Customer-owners may compare current residential rates online at the Georgia Public Service Commission website: www.psc.state.ga.us/electric/surveys/residentialrs.asp.



Holiday Notice

Central Georgia EMC's office will close Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24, 2017, for the Thanksgiving holiday. In the case of a power outage, please call our 24-hour automated system at 770-775-7857 or 800-222-4877 for an immediate response. System operators are on duty to assist you.



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[https://www.cgemc.com/
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Central Georgia EMC is pleased to play a part in helping our members pursue their dream of a college education.

We annually offer the prestigious Walter Harrison Scholarship, a program sponsored by the EMCs in Georgia.

For more information: <https://www.cgemc.com/content/walter-g-harrison-scholarship>

Central Georgia EMC Conducting Phone Survey

Central Georgia EMC will be conducting a member satisfaction survey by phone with the help of TSE Services in November. If you are one of the 250 customer-owners to receive a call, please participate so we can find out how we are doing and how we can better serve you.

The telephone survey takes 5 to 7 minutes; the interviewers will identify themselves as calling on behalf of CGEMC. All calls will originate from a call center within the "919" area code, and the caller ID name will be Data Decisions Group. Thank you in advance for your participation.



GATE Card Exemption Will Expire Soon

If you are currently receiving a GATE sales-tax exemption, your card will expire on December 31, 2017. To continue receiving this exemption, send copies of your renewed GATE card to:

Central Georgia EMC
Attn: Melissa O'Dell
923 S. Mulberry St.
Jackson, GA 30233
Fax: 770-504-7877



Outdoor Lighting for the Fall

With milder weather, but fewer hours of daylight, fall is the perfect time to look at your outdoor lighting needs. LED outdoor lighting from Central Georgia EMC can help provide clear, crisp, energy-efficient lights with dusk-to-dawn photoelectric sensors.

Illuminating your outdoor entertainment areas helps you enjoy evenings outside with your friends and family. Outdoor lighting provides an added measure of security for people, personal property, and businesses. Because the light comes on automatically at dusk and shuts off with the morning light, you do not have to worry about turning lights on and off.

Central Georgia EMC's outdoor lighting is an easy and economical way to light up your home or business. One flat monthly fee covers the fixtures, automatically controlled lamp, energy use, and maintenance.

Take Back The Night With Outdoor Lighting

Small LED Light
120- foot radius
Overhead is \$9.00 per month
Underground is \$13.00 per month

Large LED Light
200- foot radius
Overhead is \$13.00 per month
Underground is \$15.50 per month

* Pole charge (if pole must be installed) is \$2.00 monthly.
* Installation cost will vary.
Visit www.cgemc.com for details

Co-op Connections Card Deal of the Month

Each month, Central Georgia EMC will spotlight a selection of our Co-op Connections participating partners. These local businesses look forward to giving our members the best service and deals available.

High Cotton Uptown

48 N. Jackson St, Forsyth
478-993-7213

Featuring décor, unique gifts, and lifestyle accessories 15% off (some exclusions may apply).



Co-op Connections New Deals

478 Country Buffet

114 E. Johnston St., Forsyth
478-993-2046

Free drink with purchase of full meal.

Barnes Plumbing and Septic, LLC

Serving Jackson and surrounding areas
770-294-5154

10 percent off labor charge of a tank-type water heater replacement, 10 percent off labor charge of a standard 1-hour service call.

Bulldog Gym

533 Venture Court, Monticello
706-418-5901

No enrollment fee for all prepay memberships, including 3-month, 6-month, and 1-year memberships. This represents a \$20 savings.

Desire Bakery

106 W. Broad St., Griffin
470-629-3344

\$5 off a dozen cupcakes. \$2.50 off half-dozen cupcakes.

A list of all local deals is available at www.cgemc.com/content/local-co-op-connections-deals.

If you own a local business and would like to participate in the Co-op Connections program, visit our website at www.cgemc.com to sign up, or call marketing at 770-504-7831.

Winter Rates

Central Georgia EMC's winter rate structure is now in effect. The winter residential charges are:

Winter Rates (November-April)*

First 700 kWh \$0.0852 per kWh
More than 700 kWh \$0.0574 per kWh

*Rates do not include the Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment, which will vary each month.

Load Management Savings

Central Georgia EMC would like to thank all customer-owners who participated in the 2017 Load Management Switch Program. We enacted load management 11 times from June 1 to August 31, 2017. Eleven megawatts of peak system load was shed, with 605,000 kilowatt-hours saved during peak energy usage times. Participating customers can look for an annual bill credit on their November statement (\$20 for an air-conditioning switch and \$10 for a water heater switch, with a \$30 maximum credit).



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Community Partners

24 hours a day, 365 days a year
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Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month



Spending more time in the kitchen during the holiday season? Here is one way to be more energy efficient. Unplug small kitchen appliances, like toaster ovens and microwaves, when not in use. You could save \$10 to \$20 per year.

—Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy

Recipe of the Month



Chicken and Dumpling Casserole

From the kitchen of Alana Knight



Ingredients:

- 2 chicken breasts, cooked and shredded
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1/4 cup butter
- 2 cups all-purpose baking mix
- 2 cups milk
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 3 teaspoons chicken bouillon
- 1/2 teaspoon sage
- 1 teaspoon pepper

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

- **Layer 1:** In a 9-by-13-inch pan, melt 1/2 stick butter. Spread chicken over butter. Sprinkle sage and pepper over chicken. Do not stir.
- **Layer 2:** Mix milk and all-purpose baking mix. Slowly pour over chicken. Do not stir.
- **Layer 3:** Whisk together 2 cups chicken broth, bouillon, and soup. Slowly pour over second layer. Do not stir.

Bake 30 to 40 minutes, or until top is golden brown.