



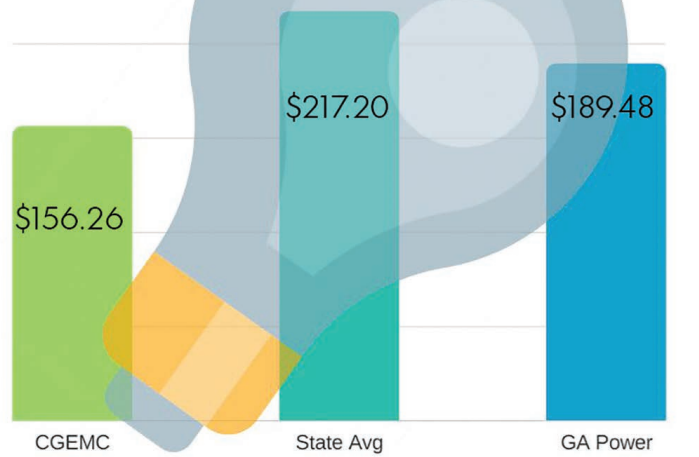
Central Georgia EMC Keeps Rates Low

The Georgia Public Service Commission recently released the Winter 2017 Residential Rate Survey. The survey contains results for the 94 electric providers in Georgia, including all electric cooperatives, municipalities, and Georgia Power Co., based on the total electric bill amounts for 2,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh), 1,500 kWh, 1,000 kWh, and 500 kWh.

Central Georgia Electric Membership Corporation (CGEMC) ranked as the lowest-cost electric provider in the state at the 2,000-kWh level and third lowest at the 1,500-kWh level. The average CGEMC customer-owner uses approximately 1,800 kWh per month, allowing them to enjoy the lowest rates for their energy dollars.

“Keeping our rates low and our level of service high is our commitment to our customer-owners,” says Central Georgia EMC President/CEO George L. Weaver. “Our cooperative team works hard to diversify our energy mix to ensure our rates are competitive while allowing for system growth and improvement.”

PSC 2017 Winter Survey
2,000 kWh Level



For more information on the PSC survey, visit <http://www.psc.state.ga.us/electric/surveys/residentialrs.asp>

CENTRAL GEORGIA ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION ANNOUNCES UNCLAIMED CAPITAL CREDIT CHECKS FOR 2016

Central Georgia EMC is a not-for-profit organization. This means any excess revenue, after covering operating costs, is returned to our customer-owners in the form of a capital credit check (based on each customer-owner’s energy use).

In December 2016, Central Georgia EMC issued capital credit refund checks for half of 1997 and a majority of 1998. However, some of the refund checks issued were

returned by the U.S. Postal Service as “undeliverable.” A list of the names of these customer-owners can be found by visiting our website, www.cgemc.com, or by viewing the list at our office, located at 923 South Mulberry Street, Jackson, GA, 30233. If you know the correct address of these individuals or have any helpful information, please contact our office or notify the customer-owner to contact us as soon as possible by calling 770-775-7857 or 1-800-222-4877.



CUSTOMERS DUE

REFUNDS

Adams, Dawn Alicia
Bowser, B.J.
Hodges, James M.
Jones, Eugene III
McCord, Herbert Jr.
Mills, Tabitha Rebecca
Puppy House
Richardson, Calshirshawnde J.
Starr, Jamiea
Suttle, Desheria L.
Turner, Jessica Lane
Valle, Jesus
Willard, Trey



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month



Air-dry clean dishes to save energy. If your dishwasher does not have an automatic air-dry switch, turn off the dishwasher after the final rinse and prop the door open slightly so the dishes will dry faster.

—Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy

Celebrate Lineman Appreciation Month

Throughout April, we take a little extra time to thank our extraordinary linemen who dedicate their lives to keeping the lights on. Central Georgia EMC (CGEMC) has 32 linemen who maintain more than 5,000 miles of line in our 14-county service territory.

Our linemen are brave, committed, and important to our success. They sacrifice time with their families to repair damaged lines and maintain critical infrastructure in the worst of weather conditions, regardless of the time of day, or day of the week, to ensure you have reliable service. Without their hard work and commitment to the job, our cooperative would not succeed.

In addition to aiding customer-owners in our local service territory, CGEMC's linemen are always willing and eager to volunteer when a neighboring community is in need. This past January, 16 of our linemen spent a week in Albany, GA., assisting with the restoration from tornado damage in the area. Helping another cooperative in need is one of the seven cooperative principles: Cooperation among Cooperatives.

Throughout April, we hope you will join us in thanking the many linemen that light our lives. Use [#ThankALineman](#) on social media to show your support.



Do Not Cut Meter Seals

Central Georgia EMC meters are secured with a meter seal to prevent unauthorized access to energized equipment. Only Central Georgia EMC employees or contractors are authorized to remove this seal. Fees may be assessed when a seal is cut or removed by an unauthorized party, including licensed electricians.

If you discover the meter seal at your location is broken, or if the meter seal needs to be removed to accommodate work by your electrician, please contact our office at 770-775-7857 or 1-800-222-4877.

Heat Pump Rebates

Before summer heat returns, consider replacing your HVAC system with a more energy-efficient model. The following 2017 rebates are available to help you upgrade your existing system and potentially reduce your energy use:

Converting from a natural gas furnace **\$400**

to a 16 SEER or greater traditional electric heat pump or VRF system.

Converting from a natural gas furnace **\$250**

to a system that is less than 16 SEER traditional electric heat pump.

Replacing an existing heat pump or electric furnace **\$400**

with a 16 SEER or greater traditional heat pump or VRF conversion/add-on.

E-Bill—Save Paper, Save Time

Feeling inspired by Earth Day? Are you tired of sorting through piles of paper to find that one statement? If so, sign up for CGEMC's free paperless billing option to receive your monthly electric statement by email. This process takes only minutes. As an added bonus, you will receive your News & Views newsletter electronically. To sign up for E-bill, visit www.cgemc.com and follow these steps:

1. Log in to the Customer Portal
2. Choose My Account
3. Choose E-Notifications
4. Then click on E-Bill, simple and free!

If you need assistance in setting up the E-bill service, contact us at 770-775-7857 or email csr@cgemc.com.

PROTECT YOUR ELECTRONICS FROM SPRING STORMS

Central Georgia EMC offers our TES240 MSA Surge Arrestor, designed to withstand strong lighting activity and provide long-lasting protection for your electronic equipment.

PEACE OF MIND
IN THE STORM

Recipe of the Month



Little Angels

From the kitchen of
Colleen M. Fryza



Ingredients:

One can whole water chestnuts
One package of bacon
1/2 cup ketchup
1/4 cup sugar (white)
1/4 cup brown sugar

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cut bacon slices into thirds. Drain water chestnuts. Wrap each water chestnut with a third slice of bacon and secure with a toothpick. Place rolled chestnuts in a 9-x-13-inch foil-lined pan and bake for 30 minutes. Remove from oven and drain grease. Meanwhile, mix ketchup and sugars in a bowl. Proceed to dip each bacon-chestnut in the mixture to coat. Put each back in the pan and bake for an additional 30 minutes. Remove from oven and enjoy each angel.



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Being Green Is Simple with Green Power EMC

Our Green Power initiative offers an easy way to participate in a green way of life. With the help of Green Power EMC and the support of our customer-owners, CGEMC is able to offer a green choice that utilizes electricity generated from biomass resources. Methane gas, a landfill byproduct, is reclaimed and harnessed to create clean and sustainable energy.

Landfill gas generators use the methane produced from the natural breakdown of organic wastes at the landfill site to produce clean, renewable energy while removing harmful methane from the environment.

Members who are interested in participating in alternative energy sources through the Green Power program may purchase a block (150 kWh) of energy on a first-come, first-served basis. These limited blocks are available at an additional cost of \$4.50 per month.

Product Content Label

The product is sold in blocks of 150 kilowatt-hours (kWh).
The product will be made up of the following renewable resources.

Green-e Energy Certified New ³ Renewable in Central GA EMC Green Power Program		Generation Location	
	2016 ¹	2017 ²	
Biomass	100%	100%	Georgia
Geothermal	0%	0%	
Eligible hydroelectric	0%	0%	
Solar		0%	0%
Wind		0%	0%
Total		0%	0%

- The 2016 figures reflect the resources that were supplied for the year ending December 31, 2016.
- The 2017 figures are prospective and reflect the power that we have contracted to provide. Actual figures may vary according to resource availability. We will annually report to you before August 1 of next year in the form of a Historic Product Content Label the actual resource mix of the electricity you purchased.
- New Renewables come from generation facilities that first began commercial operation within the past 15 years. This product includes generation from a facility that is approved for extended use by Green-e Energy.

For comparison, the current average mix of resources supplying Central Georgia EMC includes: Coal (16%), nuclear (34.44%), oil (0%), natural gas (43.58%), hydroelectric (5.74%), and other (0.24%).

The average home in the United States uses 909 kWh per month. [Source: U.S. EIA, 2013]

For specific information about this electricity product, please contact Central Georgia Electric Membership Corporation, 800 222-4877, csr@cgemc.com.



Green-e Energy certifies that Central Georgia Electric Membership Corporation Green Power Program meets the environmental and consumer protection standards established by the non-profit Center for Resource Solutions. For more information on Green-e Energy certification requirements, call 1-888-63-GREEN or log on to www.green-e.org.



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ENERGY THAT IS RENEWABLE. INFORMATION THAT IS RELIABLE.

As a customer-owner of Central Georgia EMC, you can always tap into us for the latest information about renewable energy options in our area. Since Cooperatives serve 75% of America's land mass, we are quite plugged in.

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Making CENTS of Solar

As featured in the April edition of News & Views, Central Georgia EMC continues to offer rates among the lowest in the state. This is great news for the typical CGEMC customer, but it can pose a challenge for those considering installation of solar generation. Low electric rates mean a longer payback period to offset the initial investment required for rooftop solar panels.

Our current net metering tariff, which includes a \$7.00 per kW (AC) solar capacity charge, is designed to ensure customers without solar facilities are not forced to subsidize the cost of providing service to those with interconnection agreements. Beginning this summer, a time-of-use (TOU) pricing option will provide customers, including those with interconnected solar, the potential to realize additional savings by making more informed decisions about their energy consumption and/or production patterns. TOU pricing will encourage customers to focus on off-peak energy consumption, thus helping avoid the use of less efficient generation sources.

Investment, payback period, life expectancy, maintenance, and convenience are all factors to consider when evaluating solar offerings. If you are thinking about installing solar at your home, be sure to contact CGEMC for more information about options and requirements. Central Georgia EMC is your source for power and information.



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