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Take Action During Load Management Season

Summertime is just around the corner, and so is Load Management Season. When the demand for electricity peaks during the summer, Central Georgia EMC pays a premium to supply power to our customers. The Load Management Switch program reduces the energy required during these peak



On hot summer days when electric use is at its peak, a Central Georgia EMC signal activates the Load Management Switch and temporarily cycles off your water heater during the peak demand period. Your central air conditioner compressor temporarily cycles off for 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ minutes each half-hour. The system's fan inside your

periods and helps lower the high cost of producing electricity.

Load Management Season begins June 1 and continues through August 31. The Load Management Switch program typically operates on weekdays between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., when temperatures are in the high 90s or 100s, and electric demand is at its highest.

home continues to run, circulating the air. The switch then turns the compressor back on and normal air conditioning resumes, all without any noticeable disruption in your comfort. Cycling continues until the peak demand situation passes. Most customers actually forget the Load Management Switch is connected after a few months because there is no change in the comfort level in the house or hot water availability.

Central Georgia EMC Encourages Energy Conservation Throughout the Summer Months

In an effort to remind our members to take energy-saving measures, CGEMC will have its conservation gauge available on our website at www.cgemc.com. The gauge will inform customers when there is an anticipated increase in the demand for energy and will recommend that you reduce your electric use during this time. The conservation gauge will be updated daily in order to inform customers if we are going to have normal, elevated, or peak electric

To take part in peak use conservation or receive more information about our Load Management Switch program, please call CGEMC at 770-775-7857. In addition to helping minimize your energy consumption, customers who participate in the load management program will receive a yearly bill credit of \$10 for a water heater switch and \$20 for a central air conditioner switch—a maximum of \$30 per residence.

use for the day.



Central Georgia Electric Membership Corporation • 923 South Mulberry St., Jackson, GA 30233 • 770-775-7857 Office Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SUMMARY OF BYLAWS ON ANNUAL MEETING; MEMBERSHIP; NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS; AND BOARD REPRESENTATION

ANNUAL MEETING DATE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2015

The Bylaws of the cooperative require that the Annual Meeting be held each year at such date, time, and place in one of the counties in Georgia within which the cooperative serves, and beginning at such hour, as the Board of Directors shall from year to year designate. The purpose of the meeting is to elect directors, to pass upon reports covering the previous fiscal year, and to transact such other business as may come before the meeting. The Board of Directors has set the Annual Meeting for Wednesday, August 5, 2015, at 10 a.m. at the Central Georgia EMC Annex Courtyard, 1083 Mulberry Street, Jackson, Ga. 30233.

COOPERATIVE MEMBERSHIP

Each member who is not in a status of suspension, as provided for in Section 2.01 of the Bylaws, shall be entitled to only one vote upon each matter submitted to a vote at any meeting of the members. Any person, firm, or corporation may become a member of the cooperative by filing an application for membership; paying a membership fee; and agreeing to purchase electric power and energy from the cooperative. The applicant further agrees to be bound by and comply with the cooperative's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, and all rules, regulations, rate classifications, and rate schedules as exist or may thereafter be adopted or amended.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The Board of Directors of the Central Georgia Electric Membership Corporation has appointed an eight-member Nominating Committee composed of:

Ms. Janice Brooks	Mr. Robert Christopher Brown
44 Briarcliff Road	255 N. Unity Grove Road
Griffin, GA 30223-7009	Locust Grove, GA 30248-9450
Mr. Harry Clark	Mr. Dan Jordan
2161A Brownlee Road	1726 Jordan Road
Jackson, GA 30233-4302	Monticello, GA 31064
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Mr. Randy Dougherty 100 Cabin Creek Circle Griffin, GA 30223-1651

Mr. John Donald Kicklighter Mr. Hug 5301 Seven Islands Road 2252 Hi Madison, GA 30650-9375 Jackson,

Mr. Charles Dumas 1239 Juliette Road Forsyth, GA 31029-3014

Mr. Hugh Franklin Weaver 2252 Highway 16 West Jackson, GA 30233-5308

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING— FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2015

The date set for the meeting of the Nominating Committee is Friday, May 8, 2015, at 9 a.m., at the headquarters building in Jackson, Ga. The Nominating Committee is required by the Bylaws of the corporation to post at the cooperative office in Jackson the names of nominees to the Board of Directors at least forty-five (45) days prior to the Annual Meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, August 5, 2015.

THREE DIRECTORS TO BE ELECTED AT ANNUAL MEETING

Three directors will be elected at the Annual Meeting for three-year terms each:

- Monroe and Bibb counties, currently Incumbent Phillip B. Ham, Jr.;
- Spalding, Lamar, and Pike counties (Post No. 1), currently Incumbent D.T. Hamil; and
- Butts County, currently Incumbent J.O. Colwell.

OTHER NOMINATIONS

Any fifteen (15) or more members of the cooperative may nominate a cooperative member for director by filing a petition with the Secretary of the cooperative, who is D.A. Robinson, III, 923 S. Mulberry Street, Jackson, GA 30233, not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the Annual Meeting. (That is, no later than Friday, June 19, 2015, by the close of business at 5 p.m.) The nominations are to be posted at the office of the cooperative. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting, provided that written notice of the full name of such nominee shall have been given to the Secretary of the cooperative at least forty-five (45) days prior to the Annual Meeting. (That is, no later than Friday, June 19, 2015, by the close of business at 5 p.m.)

Go Paperless with Central Georgia EMC's E-bill

Save time for the things that matter most in your life. With Central Georgia EMC's E-bill program, our convenient paperless billing solution, you receive your monthly electric bill electronically. Once you have received your monthly email notification, you can simply click on the Web address provided, and it will guide you to your account information on the CGEMC Customer Portal.

There is no cost to switch to E-bill. Members who use this service will no longer receive a paper bill in the mail each month. Your monthly News & Views newsletter from Central Georgia EMC will arrive at the beginning of each month in a separate email.

To sign up for E-bill, contact CGEMC at *ebill@cgemc.com*. Please include your CGEMC account number and your first and last name as listed on the account. You may also sign up for E-bill directly through our Customer Portal at a time convenient for you. To access our Customer



Portal, go to *www.cgemc.com* and select the Customer Portal icon in the top lefthand corner of our website. Once you have signed into the portal, select the tab marked "My Account" and then select E-notifications/E-bill.

Along with using the Customer Portal to sign up for E-bill, you will be able to view information about your current monthly bill, bill payment history, and electricity use. You can also make monthly cost comparisons, payments, and even set up alerts and reminders to help you monitor your Central Georgia EMC account.

Summer Rates—May Through October

On May 1, Central Georgia EMC's summer rate structure took effect. The summer residential electric rates are:

Summer Rate (May-October)*

All kilowatt-hours (kWh) used......\$0.0852 per kWh *Rates do not include the Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment, which may vary each month.



Holiday Notice

Central Georgia EMC's office will be closed Monday, May 25, 2015, in observance of Memorial Day. In case of a power outage, please call our 24-hour automated outage system at 770-775-7857 for an immediate response. System operators are on duty to assist you.



Hawaiian Pineapple Cake

From the kitchen of **Dawn Gilmore**

Ingredients:

Cake:

- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 2 eggs
- 1 (20-ounce) can crushed pineapple, not drained
- 1 cup walnuts, chopped

Icing:

8-ounce cream cheese, softened

- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup butter or margarine
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- $1 \ \frac{3}{4}$ cup powdered sugar

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine all cake ingredients in large bowl. Pour into a greased 9-inch x13-inch baking pan. Bake 40-45 minutes. Cool completely. Cream icing ingredients together. Spread onto cooled cake.



Abreu, A. H. Betsill, Anthony Horace Clayton, Jamichael Kayvon Duncan, Melinda Denise Hale, Amanda Haney, Michael Johnson, Michael W. May, Matthew Murfitt, Derrick Riggins, Shanerica T. Rogers, Monty W. Est. Watts, Adam Williams, Evan Charles



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Track Your Daily Electric Usage

Central Georgia EMC now offers an online tool to help customers track their energy usage by logging in through CGEMC's Customer Portal, located at *www.cgemc.com*. Customers can now access their daily kilowatt-hour usage. The usage history can help customers better manage their energy use and potentially help identify problems in the home that could increase electricity consumption and costs.



Select the Customer Portal button on the home screen of the website, www.cgemc.com. Enter your

username and password to log in to your account, just as you would to pay your



History from the drop-down menu.

bill. If you are a first-time user of the Customer Portal and need to set up a user ID and password, select New User.







Check your usage during any particular period using the calendar options, and overlay weather data to see how outside temperatures affect your home's electricity usage. The sample graph provided depicts the weather patterns and electricity use during February 2014, with energy use spiking on the coldest days.

Customers can use this feature to keep track of how they are using energy in their home. You may be surprised how much the weather affects energy usage.