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Central Georgia EMC Joins Touchstone Energy[®] Alliance

Central Georgia EMC (CGEMC) customer-owners will begin seeing a new graphic symbol accompanying the cooperative's familiar name and logo on bucket trucks, customer communications, and the power bill. In March, CGEMC joined other electric cooperatives across the country as a Touchstone Energy[®] member.

Touchstone Energy is an alliance of local, consumerowned electric cooperatives across the country committed to providing superior service to members large and small. The dictionary defines touchstone as "a standard by which something is judged." Touchstone Energy symbolizes everything that electric cooperatives represent: electric power, human connections, and a strong commitment to the communities and customer-owners they serve.

More than 740 Touchstone Energy cooperatives in 46 states deliver energy and energy solutions to more than 30 million customer-owners every day. The addition of Touchstone Energy symbolizes our commitment to our customer-owners. You can count on us as a locally based and controlled utility to deliver reliable, affordable energy services and to be an advocate for your energy and community needs.

Watch for exciting news and benefits related to this Touchstone Energy alliance in the coming months!

Summer Rates May through October

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

Summer Rate (May-October)*

All kilowatt-hours (kWh) used \$0.08520 per kWh

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



HOLIDAY NOTICE

Central Georgia EMC's office will close Monday, May 29, 2017, in observance of Memorial Day. In 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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CUSTOMERS DUE REFUNDS

Adams, Dawn Alicia Bowser, B.J. Crosby, Tabatha Gonzalez, Victor Enendy Hodges, James M. Lewis, Lester Clark Jr. Matthews, Travis J. National Home Fire Safety Puppy House Turner, Jessica Lane Willard, Trey



Keep warm summer air outside and cool air inside. Add caulk or weather stripping to seal air leaks around doors and windows.

> —Source: U.S. Department of Energy

Load Management Season Starts on June 1



Switch on Savings

Georgia summers are notoriously hot, and keeping your home cool and comfortable requires your electrical system to work harder. Now imagine your neighbors, businesses, and entire counties also trying to stay cool. This high demand for energy is what we call peak demand. During peak demand periods, Central Georgia EMC pays a premium to supply power to our customers.

The Load Management Switch program reduces the energy required during these periods and helps lower the overall cost of providing energy. This reduction in peak energy use equals savings for our customer-owners in the form of lower monthly electric bills. For more information on our load management program, visit our website, *www.cgemc.com*.



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

ANNUAL MEETING DATE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2017

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 2, 2017, at 10 a.m. at the Central Georgia EMC Annex, 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. Charles Dumas
44 Briarcliff Road	1239 Juliette Road
Griffin, GA 30223	Forsyth, GA 31029
Mr. Robert Christopher Brown	Mr. Dan Jordan
225 N. Unity Grove Road	1726 Jordan Road
Locust Grove, GA 30248	Monticello, GA 31064
Mr. Harry Clark	Mr. John Donald Kicklighter
2161A Brownlee Road	5301 Seven Islands Road
Jackson, GA 30233	Madison, GA 30650
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Mr. Randy Dougherty	Mr. Hugh Franklin Weaver
100 Cabin Creek Circle	2252 Highway 16 West
Griffin, GA 30223	Jackson, GA 30233
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING –FRIDAY, May 19, 2017

The date set for the meeting of the Nominating Committee is Friday, May 19, 2017, 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 2, 2017.

TWO DIRECTORS TO BE ELECTED AT ANNUAL MEETING

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

- Spalding, Lamar, and Pike counties (Post No. 2), currently Incumbent D.A. Robinson III
- At-Large (Post No. 2), currently Incumbent Arthur White Jr.

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 16, 2017, 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 16, 2017, by the close of business at 5 p.m.)



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Board of Directors

Chairman D.T. Hamil Vice Chairman Warren E. Holder Sec.-Treas. D.A. Robinson, III J.O. Colwell Phillip B. Ham, Jr. Linda H. Jordan Arthur White, Jr. J. Everett Williams

Staff

President/CEO George Weaver Chief Operating Officer John Fish Senior Vice President of Engineering and Operations **Herschel Arant Senior Vice President of Corporate** and Energy Services **Ben Thomason Vice President Distribution Services** John Harkness Vice President of Information Technology Jeff Greeson **Director of Corporate Services Chuck Griggers Director of Human Resources** Rhee lvey **Executive Assistant Tina Kitchens**

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This May, Take Time to Plug into Safety

We all depend on electricity to power our lives, but accidents can happen when electricity is used improperly. According to the Electrical Safety Foundation International, thousands of people in the U.S. are critically injured or electrocuted in their homes because of electrical fires or accidents.

May is Electrical Safety Month, so we encourage you and your family to take a moment to reflect on the importance of safety. Central Georgia EMC (CGEMC) will be sharing safety tips and reminders throughout the month to help raise awareness about the dangers of electricity. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to find valuable information and safety tips.



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Safety education

To promote safety education in our communities, we visit elementary schools and organizations to provide safety information and demonstrations. Recently, we vis-



May is National Electrical Safety Month Plug into safety ited Unity Grove Elementary School in Henry County. While the students are excited to see the bucket truck and linemen, they are also interested in how electricity works.

These events enable us to educate students about the safety precautions linemen take and to warn them of common electrical dangers in their environment. For example, many children are surprised to learn that sitting on an underground transformer is not a safe activity. We strive to provide our communities with safe, reliable, and affordable electricity and to serve as your trusted energy adviser, now and into the future.



Connect with us!

Breaking news on storms and power outages
Updates on system maintenance
Money and energy saving tips

Special events



THE EMC SECURITY DIFFERENCE

 Serving residents exclusively in Georgia, we protect our families, friends and neighbors as our own.

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