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Electric Rates

Farm and Home Service
rate schedule R-1

Service Availability Charge
\$15/month
First 500 kWh/month
@ 11.419¢/kWh
Over 500 kWh/month
@ 9.295¢/kWh

Seasonal Residential Service
annual rate schedule S-1

Service Availability Charge
\$180/year
First 800 kWh/year
@ 19.419¢/kWh
Over 800 to 6,000 kWh/year
@ 10.295¢/kWh
Over 6,000 kWh/year
@ 9.295¢/kWh
(Your minimum annual charge will be \$180 per year for
service between March 1, 2010, and Feb. 28, 2011.)

Commercial Service
rate schedule C-1

Service Availability Charge
\$15/month
First 1,500 kWh/month
@ 11.419¢/kWh
Over 1,500 kWh/month
@ 9.295¢/kWh

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Kilowatt-hour Tax applies to all rate schedules.
First 2,000 kWh/month .465¢/kWh
Next 13,000 kWh/month .419¢/kWh
Over 15,000 kWh/month .363¢/kWh

Your Touchstone Energy® Partner 

Holiday Workshop

GMEC hosted its 12th Annual Holiday Workshop on November 3. More than 100 people attended the two workshops held in the afternoon and evening. Topics this year included wool crafts by Sally Mehler, making “feed bag” bags by Helen Richey, the “Apron Talk” by Dorothy Montgomery and microwave cooking by Darrel “Cubby” Cubbison.



Dorothy Montgomery entertains the attendees with her “apron talk.”



Cubby demonstrating his cooking for the attendees.



Helen Richey demonstrating her process for making “feed bags.”



Sally Mehler discusses techniques for preparing wool for different projects.

Did you know?

We have more than 5,150 members with radio-controlled switches on their electric water heaters, which gets them up to a \$1 monthly electric discount, a rebate on new water heater purchases and free water heater repairs from Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative.

Youth opportunities abound

Guernsey-Muskingum Electric has a long history of supporting its area youth in a variety of activities throughout the year. In this issue you will find three outstanding opportunities that exemplify one of your cooperative's core principles, Commitment to Community: 1) Scholarship Day,

2) Touchstone Energy® Achievement Scholarship and 3) Washington Youth Tour. You can find more information, including rules and applications, about all of these opportunities at our website, www.gmenergy.com, or call Heather Baker at 800-521-9879.

High School Seniors

You could win a college, vocational or technical school scholarship of:

\$2,810*

Contact your electric cooperative for details on how you can enter

**First place for each division, boys' and girls'*

OREC Scholarship

Second place: ...\$1,965

Third place:\$1,685

Fourth place:\$1,570

Fifth place:\$1,460

Sixth place:\$1,345

Seventh place: ..\$1,225

Guernsey-Muskingum Scholarship

First place:\$1,000

Second place:\$500

Third place:\$300

Fourth place:\$200

For further information, contact:
www.gmenergy.com
Heather Baker
740-826-7661 or 800-521-9879
Application deadline: Feb. 4



High School Sophomores and Juniors You could win the trip of a lifetime!



What is Youth Tour?

It's not just another trip! Youth Tour is an annual contest sponsored by the Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc., and your local electric cooperative that gives deserving high school sophomores and juniors like you the opportunity to use their knowledge and wit to compete for a FREE week-long trip to Washington, D.C., June 10 to 16.

You'll meet up with nearly 1,500 students from across the country in June if you win. You'll get a chance to meet and talk to congressional leaders from Ohio at the U.S. Capitol, plus you'll get to see all the sights and visit a bunch of really cool places.



What are the entry requirements?

Guernsey-Muskingum will sponsor two students on this trip. To be eligible to compete, you must be a high school sophomore or junior whose parents/guardians are members of Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative.

How will the finalists be chosen?

For information on how you can be part of this trip, visit our website at www.gmenergy.com or call Heather Baker at 1-800-521-9879. Application deadline will be Friday, March 4. All qualified applicants will be interviewed on Wednesday, March 16.

Touchstone Energy[®] Achievement Scholarship

Did you overcome adversity, obstacles or personal challenges on your way to excellence?

Tell us about it, you may win a scholarship!

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www.gmenergy.com

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Application deadline:
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Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives
Four **\$1,675** Scholarships

Guernsey-Muskingum Electric
First Place **\$500**
Second Place **\$300**





GMEC promotion

Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative, Inc., is pleased to announce that Kim Swinehart has been promoted to the position of administrative services manager. She began her new duties in August, filling the position left from the retirement of Ruth Ferguson. Kim worked as an intern while attending Zane State College in 1988 and 1989. She then returned in 1995 as a part-time member accounting clerk. In 1998 Kim became full-time and shortly after took on the role of member services administrative assistant. She then moved on to become the executive administrative assistant in 2006. Kim resides in Zanesville with her husband, Andy, and their two sons, Kirk and Clay.

Co-op Connections Card

The past two months we've talked about using your Co-op Connections® Card at local businesses and pharmacies to save. This month let's focus on Internet shopping. Many companies are offering holders of the Co-op Connections Card discounts when making their purchases online. They range from 5 percent off total purchases to free shipping or special deals only for Co-op Connections members. Below are just a few examples of national chains making offers; details can be found by following the link on our website, www.gmenergy.com.



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| 1-800-PetMeds | HughesNet by Satellite Internet Pros |
| Barnes & Noble | Jenny Craig |
| Borders | Lands End |
| Caribou Coffee | Niagra Conservation |
| DISH Network by Dish Systems | Omaha Steaks |
| Energy Savers | ProFlowers |
| Everything but Water | The Hershey's Store |
| Footaction | XM Radio |

Are your name and location/account number here?

If they are, call your cooperative's office and receive a FREE home changeout to compact fluorescent light bulbs. (Limit 12 bulbs.) Thanks for reading the "local pages" of *Country Living* magazine.

- #11-0042-79-02Jerry R. Frame**
- #12-0035-82-04Tim L. Sagle**
- #13-0218-55-02.....Melinda S. Lutz**
- #24-0528-85-04Daniel E. Neville**
- #35-0929-85-01.....Clarissa Williamson**
- #40-0029-66-04.....Kathy Pennington**
- #43-0406-90-02Corey D. Gray**
- #60-0420-61-00Homer Hammel**

Using less energy to keep things clean

Your ENERGY STAR-qualified clothes washer or dishwasher operates very efficiently. That's likely one of the reasons you bought it.

But there are simple ways to further reduce how much electricity each of these appliances consumes. Selecting a lower water temperature — a cold wash/cold rinse setting, for example — on your washing machine will save energy dollars. You can also choose a lower water level for smaller loads, trimming water use. Some ENERGY STAR clothes washers even boast extra energy-cutting features such as pre-soak and "suds saver."

Much of the energy used by your dishwasher — as much as 80 percent — goes for heating water. An ENERGY STAR-qualified dishwasher with a booster heater allows you to set the temperature on your home's water heater at a lower 120 degrees.

In addition, many ENERGY STAR dishwashers offer efficiency settings, such as "energy-saving" and "short-wash" cycles that shave both energy and water consumption. Most models come equipped with an air-drying option that helps lower electric bills.

For other tips on how to save energy — and money — call the energy experts at Guernsey-Muskingum. You can also find out how little changes quickly add up to big savings at www.TogetherWeSave.com.



*Ray Crock,
Energy Advisor*