



Pitt and Greene

Electric Membership Corporation

A Touchstone Energy Cooperative 

member newsletter

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Check To See If Your Name Is Listed Below

Pitt & Greene Electric Membership Corporation is holding unclaimed checks for the names listed below. The owner may claim the check by contacting a Customer Service Representative at Pitt & Greene EMC at the address and/or telephone number listed in this newsletter. If satisfactory proof of claim is not presented by October 3, 2011, the law requires Pitt & Greene EMC to submit these checks to the North Carolina Department of State Treasurer to whom all further claims must be directed.

Adams, Candra Lea
Albritton, Louise Ham
Allen, Jeanette Dixon
Altman, Mary Linda
Arrington, Gloria J.
Baker, Mildred B.
Barnes, Nora Lee
Beavers, Fannie M.
Blue, Billy Dewayne
Bottoms, Gregory Bryan
Bowen, Elsie Ellis
Brooks, Walter E.
Burnette, Mary Emma
Cherry, Jessica
Coggins, Louise Norville
Composter Property
c/o Environmental Technology
Cook, Andrew Bailey
Cox, Lynn Jones
Croom, Sean Kojak
Cruikshank, William A.
Cunningham, Deborah J.
Dixon, Sharon Ann
Edmondson, Velma Jean
Ellis, Harvey Gray
Exum, Takima Chanel
Farmer, Staci Darlene

Finch, Andre
Forbes, Latoya Renee
Fulford, Carmen D.
Gardner, Jeffrey T.
Greenup, David L.
Gregg, Bobbie Jean
Hall, Douglas
Hartsell, Connie A.
Hedgepeth Jr., Nelson R.
Hill, Andrea Donta
Hill, Chelsea B.
Himes, Jeffery Allen
Hotaling, Donald Stewart
Hurley, Jason D.
Jin Jin Chinese Restaurant
c/o Wei Liang Lin
Johnson, Lisa Exum
Jones, Daniel Adams
Jones, Sandra Onita
Joyner, John M.
Lang, Henry
Letchworth, Kenneth E.
DBA Worth Products
Mendez, Jesica
Moore, Patrick Ryan
Munoz-Gomez, Ma Teresa
Newcome Jr., Roy Kenneth
Nieto-Valdes, Santiago

O'Neal, Anthony Mark
Ortiz-Adame, Rosa M.
Patrick, Hugh Alton
Perkins, Natalee Dawn
Plymouth, Winona Platt
Remsen, Cheryl C.
Ruffin, April Anne
Sharp, Benjimen David
Skipper, Larry Warrington
DBA Skipper's Well & Pump
Smith, Amekea McDougald
Smith, Brenda Dodd
Taylor, Katherine L.
Turner, Barbara Coates
Victoriously Ours Variety LLC
c/o Ella Stevenson
Warren, Lorrie Ann
West, Matthew M.
West, Ronald Christopher
Wilkins, Craig Allen
Williams, Kelvin Lamonte
Williams, Sudie Gray
Williams, Timmy Eugene
Winstead, Ashley Renee
Wooten, Kendrick L.
Wright, Jamie Lynn
Zacharia Church
c/o Frances Hall

Pay Your Bill Online.....

Utility payments can now be made online by check, debit or credit card. Visit our website at www.pgemc.com. On the home page you will see "Select One" hit the drop down button and choose "Pay My Bill" and follow the prompts to register. Not only can you pay your bill but you can view your payment history as well as your usage. For those of you who are going green you have the option to stop receiving bills in the mail. An email alert will let you know when your statement is ready to be viewed online. If you have any questions, please call and speak with a customer service representative at 252-753-3128.



Manager's Message

By: Mark A. Suggs

In a day when it seems that a dollar buys less and less, the men and women working at your local electric cooperative are doing what they can to make sure you get the most out of every dollar you spend with them.

Consumer education is one of the primary missions of your cooperative. Wasting energy not only costs you money, it forces your utility to buy more power from generating plants, adding to the cost of operating the system and adding to your electric bill. This publication, and others like it, regularly carries information to help keep your electric bill as low as possible.

Whether it's a tip on installing energy efficient lighting in your home, insulating your water heater, or just changing the filters in your heat pump, Pitt & Greene EMC wants to help you get the best deal you can on the electricity you buy.

That's what makes energy conservation a partnership between you and Pitt & Greene EMC. While you work at home to keep your power bill as low as possible, we are working to put the latest technology in place to better manage the system of power plants, wires and substations that bring the power to you. This new technology adds to the savings that can be passed on to you.

Another important part of our commitment to you is safety education. Electricity is such a normal part of our life that it is easy to forget it can be dangerous if improperly used. Pitt & Greene EMC reminds you to play it safe by installing child safety plugs in unused outlets, being careful when using electric tools near water, or having underground cables marked prior to digging around your home. We also provide important information to local schools to help teach children about electric safety.

Your electric cooperative was created to serve the people it provides power to, not provide profits to out of town power companies. This principle on which we were founded, service to our local communities, is just as strong today as the day we opened our doors. Regardless of how much electricity you use we will do everything we can to help you get the most out of your power dollar.

AMI UPDATE: To date approximately 6500 meters have been replaced with the new AMI meters. We have received the additional equipment needed that will allow us to communicate with the meters. This equipment is currently being installed at the substations. Implementing this program has gone very well and although we are in the short rows there is still plenty to be done before we complete this project.

If You're Not Baking, You're Wasting Energy

All of us are familiar with the Easy-Bake Oven. It was a miraculous device, baking brownies, sugar cookies, and any number of other treats, all with the aid of a 100-watt incandescent lightbulb.

It's nice to know the extra heat given off by inefficient lighting can be put to good and delicious use. But you're not cooking with the other lightbulbs in your home, and traditional incandescent bulbs waste 90 percent of their energy by releasing heat. That's not surprising, since the bulb's design hasn't been updated since it was created 130 years ago.

Just as cars and refrigerators have become more efficient over time, lightbulbs are getting an overhaul. In 2007 Congress passed the Energy Independence and Security Act, calling for incandescent bulbs to be at least 28 percent more efficient starting nationally in January 2012. Each household could save \$50 every year with this change, and those savings add up.

You have several efficient lightbulb options. If you don't want to stray too far from the bulbs you're use to, consider halogen incandescent lightbulbs. They cut energy use by about 25 percent and last three times as long as traditional incandescent bulbs.

How are they different? A small capsule holds halogen gas around the filament. This minor addition boosts the bulb's lifespan and efficiency. But everything else, the shape, color range, and ability to dim, stays the same as the bulbs you grew up with.

Another distinctive style of bulb that you should already be familiar with is the compact fluorescent

lamps (CFLs).

CFLs are the most common and cost-effective efficient bulb on the market. The trademark swirly style is linked to the concept of efficient lighting, but some manufacturers also encase CFLs to diffuse the light and provide the same look and feel as traditional bulbs. CFLs offer 75 percent energy savings over traditional incandescent bulbs and last 10 times longer.

The last lighting option holds the most promise for our lighting future. Light-emitting diodes (LEDs) are commonly used in electronics. The bulbs are small, about half the size of a pencil eraser, but by banding several bulbs together, a bright and dependable light emerges. LEDs use 75-80 percent less energy than incandescent bulbs and last 25 times longer, by far the longest lifespan yet for lightbulbs. They're expensive, but prices will fall as more folks use the technology.

Ready to start saving? New labels, appearing in January, will help you compare the lumens (light output) from your old bulbs and buy a comparable efficient bulb. You can learn more at energysavers.gov/lighting.

But what about the Easy-Bake Oven? Have no fear, future bakers will still be able to perfect sugary treats. Hasbro plans to introduce a new Easy-Bake Ultimate Oven in late 2011, featuring an alternative heating element. Rest assured, future chefs can still find inspiration—and you can funnel some of your lighting savings toward culinary school!

Safety Tips for Outdoor Activities

Outdoor adventures such as swimming, camping, and hiking are rewarding ways to connect with nature. However, a few common-sense precautions can help to ensure a safe, fun excursion.

When planning your outdoor trip, make certain you know the area and weather forecast. Buy a map and plan to go with at least one other person. Give a copy of your itinerary and list of any equipment you're bringing as well as the make, year, and license plate number of your car to someone you trust. Find out the location of the nearest hospital and also the nearest ranger station and phone, as cell phone coverage is not always available.

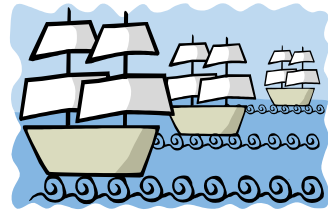
Take an American Red Cross Basic First Aid course so you can deal with common mishaps. The American Red Cross offers a Wilderness and Remote First Aid course, designed to teach folks how to respond to emergencies—such as animal-bite wounds, broken bones, plant poisoning, lightning strikes, and hypothermia—when help is more than one hour away. Make sure everyone in your group is physically able to handle the trip. If you have a medical condition, get the approval of your doctor beforehand and pack extra supplies of any required medications.

Make an emergency checklist of necessary items for each potential situation and include accordingly. Although an overnight trip may not be planned, pack as though it were, with extra clothes, food, water, a compass, blankets, a radio with batteries, flashlights, waterproof matches, and a whistle.

At the top of any emergency checklist should be a first aid kit. While available in a variety of sizes

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**Pitt & Greene EMC will be closed
Monday, October 10, 2011 in
observance of Columbus Day.**



FARMERS, DON'T GET BURNED

Pitt & Greene EMC serves rural areas through out six counties and this includes many area farms. During the coming months farmers will be working in their fields and harvesting their wheat crops. This procedure often includes burning of the wheat field after the wheat is harvested. We would like to remind all of our farmers that use this procedure to please take extra caution when burning a field that has power poles located in the field or adjacent to the field. Often the burning process will burn the pole and although it only looks charred to the eye it will burn through to the inside of the pole and continue to burn, sometimes undetected, until the heart of the pole is destroyed. This weakens the integrity of the pole often causing the pole to fall. This is an extremely dangerous situation for the farmer, their employee's and the general public. We ask that measures be taken to prevent this type of damage to cooperative poles. One way to help is to clean around any pole in the field to be burned. The cost of replacing a damaged pole can be extremely high but more important is the safety of the farmer, his employees and the public. Individuals who damage facilities are liable for any damage they may cause.



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and prices, you may wish to assemble one at home, so you can tailor it to your specific needs. Remember to pack all items in a waterproof container. Below are lists of essential and optional materials to include:

- Essential: First aid manual, bandages, gauze, medical tape, knife, tweezers, scissors, pain reliever, antiseptic, antibiotic ointment, antacid, burn ointment, insect repellent, sunscreen, mirror, plastic gloves, pen/pencil, notepad.
- Optional: Ace bandage, anti-allergy, anti-itch, anti-diarrhea medicine, children's medications, thermometer, ice pack, irrigation syringe, sling, splint, snake-bite kit, bee-sting kit, saline solution.

These tips offer a good start to a safer outdoor adventure and may make the difference between a great trip and a potential disaster.

De lunes a viernes de 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.
252-753-3128 ó 1-800-622-1362

Snow Hill

De lunes a viernes

De 8:00 a.m. a 12:30 p.m. y de 1:30 p.m. a 5:00 p.m.

252-747-7600

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Co-op Office Hours

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Snow Hill

Monday - Friday

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