Pitt and Greene
Electric Membership Corporation

"Where Customers Have A Choice"

Member Newsletter

October 2017

2017 Annual Meeting of the Members

The 80th Annual Meeting of the members for Pitt and Greene Electric Membership Corporation will be held Thursday, November 2, 2017 at Farmville Central High School, 3308 East Wilson Street, Farmville. Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the business meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. As a member/owner of the cooperative it is important to attend the Annual Meeting to hear how the cooperative performed in 2016. Your registration card was mailed September 7, 2017. You will need to bring this with you to the Annual Meeting in order to be eligible for the drawing of door prizes.

Do you recognize any of the names listed below?

Following is a list of those who have capital credits owed to them from 1996. If you know any of those listed, please ask them to call us at 1-800-622-1362.

Acosta, Paul L
Adams, Pamela J
Alawar, Anwar Assad
Alexander, Angela Tierney
Allen, John H III
Allen, Vickie
Almazan, Alma Nelly
Amerson, Lynda Roberts
Anderson, Dennis J
Andrews, Donna Grant
Anmahian, Edward H
Aviles, Reynalda Gomez
Baltazar, Paula
Barfield, Pennie G
Barnes, Anthony Eugene
Batten, Mildred W
Batts, James M
Bea, Brian J
Best, Derick D
Blackmon, Robert G
Blount, Lillian T
Bowen, Corazon D
Bowen, Deborah Lee
Boyea, Becky Ann
Braswell, Bobby Ray
Bravo, Veronica E
Braxton, Bob A
Brewer, Joyce W
Bright, Arlene P
Britt, Alice W
Britt, James A III
Brown, Johnnie Mack
Brown, Ruth C
Burney, Dorothy B
Burwell, Randy
Butts, Kimberly T
Campbell, Pamela L
Carmen Gomez, Maria Del
Carmon, Regina G
Carraway, Linda P
Casias, Josefa R
Chavez, Jose Fredy
Cherry, Lee
Chevis, Gregory C

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Manager Receives Regional Award Representing 13 States

Congratulations to Mark A. Suggs, EVP and General Manager of Pitt & Greene EMC. He was recently presented the 2017 Regional Award at the NRECA (National Rural Electric Cooperative Association) Regional Meeting in Pittsburg PA. The Regional Award for Outstanding Service recognizes outstanding service to electric cooperatives by individuals at the regional and /or state level. Jim Matheson, CEO of NRECA, "While serving 34 years and most recently as President of North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation (NCEMC), your leadership was guided by two key cooperative principles: Cooperation among Cooperatives and Concern for Community. As board President, your leadership enhanced member cooperative cooperation, communication and improved the quality of life for members of rural communities. Your back ground also includes 40 years of generation, transmission and distribution business experience. This knowledge enabled you to assist numerous sister organizations throughout the Eastern half of the US with natural disasters. It also enabled you to make Pitt and Greene EMC's system more reliable for the members and also improve the safety of the lineman working at those co-ops."

Mark Suggs with Jim Matheson, CEO, NRECA

Manager's Message

By: Mark A. Suggs

Appreciating electricity a penny at a time

I'm old enough to remember when penny candy actually cost a penny. For a nickel, you could buy enough candy to rot your teeth out, as my mother used to say.

But what does a penny buy these days? Not much. The government can't even make a penny for a penny anymore. According to the U.S. Mint, it now costs 1.5 cents to produce one.

About the only thing of value you can still get for a penny is electricity. You might call it "penny electricity."

To make the math easier, let's say the average rate for a kilowatt-hour of electricity is 10 cents. That is 60 minutes of 1,000 watts of electricity for a dime, so a penny of electricity equates to 100 watts. It's enough to power a 9-watt LED lightbulb—the equivalent of a 60-watt incandescent bulb—for 11 hours, all for only a penny. If a gallon of gas costs $2.50 and your car gets 25 miles to the gallon, you can drive 176 yards—about two blocks— on a penny's worth of gas. I will take 11 hours of lighting for a penny over a two-block drive any day.

The value is just as evident when powering things other than lighting. Take, for instance, your smartphone. Using the same 10 cents per kWh price, penny electricity allows you to fully charge your iPhone more than 18 times for a penny. You can charge it once every day of the year for about 20 cents total.

Other examples of what you can do with just a penny's worth of electricity: power a 1,000-watt microwave on high for 6 minutes; run a 200-watt desktop computer for 30 minutes; watch 2.5 hours of your favorite shows on a 40-watt, 32-inch, LED television or 1.3 hours on a 75-watt, 75-inch mega TV.

Electricity itself is not expensive. It's that we use it for so many different things: lighting, heating, cooking, cooling, refrigeration, cleaning, washing, pumping, entertainment, communications—even transportation these days.

Few corners of our lives are left untouched by electricity. Unfortunately, we don't always appreciate it. When our monthly electric bill comes, we open it and may complain about the cost. It's a knee-jerk reaction ingrained in us as consumers. We don't stop to think about the benefit we received from using it in our everyday lives.

Early in my career, I had the pleasure to interview an elderly woman who vividly remembered the day electricity came to her farm. Her name escapes me, but I do remember she proudly showed me the worn, dog-eared membership certificate the co-op issued to her husband. "You young people will never know what it was like to have electricity for the very first time," she said. "It was glorious. Nowadays, you take it for granted." Her farm was energized in 1940. She said the price of electricity at the time was slightly less than a penny a kilowatt-hour—true penny electricity.

A lot has changed since then. Wages and the cost of living today are a far cry from 1940, when the average annual wage was less than $150 a month and the average cost of a house was $3,920.

But one thing that hasn't changed is the value of electricity. In 77 years, its price has risen much slower than the rate of inflation.

A penny in 1940 had as much buying power as 17 cents today, which means the residential price of electricity—which now averages 12 cents a kWh nationally and less than 10 cents in the Pacific Northwest—is actually a better deal today than it was in 1940.

So to my way of thinking, the value of electricity is like the bygone days of penny candy, and it's OK to indulge yourself a little. But, unlike penny candy, penny electricity won't rot your teeth out.

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Clark, Alexander L
Clark, Franklin D
Coates, Harry J
Coleman, Cynthia A
Colie, Crystal L
Combs, Joey Todd
Cooke, Mary Allen
Coppedge, Larry
Cortes, Arturo Lemus
Cortes, Jose Salud
Cox, Mary M
Cox, William
Craig, Michael S
Creech, Deborah
Cross, Teresa Ann
Dail, Marjorie C
Dancy, Gregory
Daniels, Ethel H
Davis, Helen G
Davis, Mary Simpson
Deans, Anna B
Dial Call
Diggens, Ernest Lee
Dillon, Rachel H
Dixon, Kenneth Warren
Draughn, Mark B Jr.
Dudley, Evelyn Denise
Duncan, Dexter M
Dunn, Annie
Eason, Lerman T
Edwards, Aron
Edwards, Bertie Wells
Edwards, Charles Morae
Edwards, Karen W
Edwards, Myrtle Gunn
Ellis, Kirby Jr.
Ellis, Shelton
Ellis, Thomas Phillip
Epps, Jimmie L
Estrada, Robertino
Etheridge, Lela Gail
Fabian, Kim M
Fields, Marjorie S
Flores, Pablo
Flores, Virginia G
Forbes, Dennis James
Ford, Barbara J
Forrest, Lela G
Foss, Laura Renee
Foyles, James R Jr.
Freeman, Brenda L
Gallegos, Rafael
Gamboa, Gustavo O
Gibson, Sidney Clay
Gilbert, Thomas
Gomez, Hermelindo
Gonzalez, Domingo Torres
Gooch, James Ray
Grant, Luther Howard
Green, Anthony
Griffin, Lavell M
Grimes, Charles Edward
Grimsley Supply Co.
c/o Rodney Faulkner
Gurganus, Jenny C
Hagans, Phyllis A
Hall, Eddie E
Hall, Gregory Allen
Hamm, Misty Lynn
Harden, Barbara
Hardy, Jeanette H
Harmon, Veronica B
Harper, Cora Bertha
Harper, Lora M
Harper, Patricia
Harris, Chantelle J
Harris, May Alice
Harris, Shirley P
Hassell, Oscar Mccoy Jr.
Hensel, Lona J
Hernandez, Augustin
Hernandez, Inocencia
Hill, Chester Delovon
Hines, Eva M
Hines, Richard
Hines, Roscoe
Hogan, Larry
Holloway, Melva C
Holmes, Ruebell
Hopkins, Lucy G
Horne, Inez
Howard, David Earl
Howard, Sandra
Hugo Grocery,
Humbles, C Boyd
Humbles, William
Ibarra, Jose Angel
Isler, Linda Carol
Jackson, George Harley Jr.
Jenkins, Jonathan L
Jenkins, Wanda Louise
Joe Baker's Repair Service
Johnson, Christopher A
Johnson, Curtis Jay Jr.
Johnson, Ethel A
Johnson, Larry Bernard
Johnson, Lewis Carl
Jones, Gregory O
Jones, Larry
Jones, Verna S
Jones, Vicki Ann
Jones, Willie B
Joyner, Lucille Carmon
Kelly, Brian Scott
Kennon, Clayton O'Brian
Kenyon, Michael E
Kepler, Scott Thomas
Kimball, Bethany Michelle
King, Paulette
King, Sandra Denise
Lane, George
Langley, Doris C
Langley, Leonard
Leitch, Connie G
Lewis, June Georgina
Lewis, Louise H
Lewis, Mildred
Little, Joseph H III
Lopez-Ramirez, Moises
Maldonado, Sergio H
Manka, Lisa T
Martin, Albino Garcia
Martin, Juan Arzujo
Martin, Remigio Ortiz
Martinez, Ardella E
Martinez, Cornelio
May, Latonya S
May, Lillie
McCall, James
McCotter, John T
McCullough, Daniel P
McEachin, Lucille E
McLawhorn, Yshander
McNeill, Elizabeth L
Mercer, Charles Jr.
Merrill, Sherry N
Miles, Mary
Miller, Ronney A
Miller, Ronnie Clay
Mitchell, Eula
Mitchell, Louis R
Mitchell, Roosevelt Jr.
Mohn, Randy
Montalvo, Santos M
Moody, Jimmy
Mooney, Jennifer P
Moore, Jeffrey Alan
Moore, Rex
Morgan, Maurice
Morgan, Roland (Butch) Jr.
Moseley, Betty Lilley
Moye, Elbert Lee
Moye, M J
Mozingo, Shirley V
Murphy, Charles Henry
Newton, Martin Albert
Nichols, Reiferd
Nunez, Rodolfo G
Olds, Willie D
Orellana, Martha I
Ortega, Raymundo
Ortego, Alejandro
Otero, Eusebio Amgles
Parker, Neil
Pate, William R
Peaden, David A
Peele, Robert Earl
Phillips, Margarite C
Pittman, Jimmy N
Pittman, Lisa M
Pittman, Victoria O
Pleasants, Iris Peaden
Pletcher, Daniel T
Plummer, David
Porter, Cornelius J
Potter, Ruth J
Pridgen, Sarah J
Quinerly, Joyce S
Ramirez, Pedro Mendez
Ramsey, Phyllis W
Reason, William
Reel, Joel T III
Reid, Douglas M
Roberson, Lillie Young
Robinson, Carrie K
Rodriguez, Eraclio
Rosario, Oscar
Rouse, Betty Dunn
Rouse, George
Russell, Sandra L
Santaclara, Ernesto
Sasser, Sherry Hoyle
Sasser, Susan B
Sauls, Jimmy Allen
Sawyer, Allison Belle
Scarborough Farms Inc,
Scott, Christina C
Sewell, Elaine Mcintosh
Shackleford, Betty Exum
Sheffield, Carla A
Shepard, Danny Ray
Shinaman, Debra L
Smith, Alton Bernard
Smith, Doris Evette
Smith, L A
Smith, Robert David Jr.
Speight, Clara
Speight, Joyce P
Stancil, Shirley Jean
Starcraft Interior Con.
Starling, Leslie R
Stewart, Ruth C
Stocks, Steve F
Stox, Kevin Wayne
Strange, Travis R
Streeter, Bonnie B
Strickland, Jeanette R
Suggs, Cindy G
Suggs, Joyce Ann
Suggs, Malcolm
Summerlin, Evelyn G
Sutton, Carl
Sutton, James J
Sutton, Leslie Elks
Sutton, Martin Eugene

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Pitt & Greene EMC will be closed Friday, November 10th for Veterans Day and Thursday and Friday, November 23rd and 24th for Thanksgiving.

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Sutton, Sonya C
Sutton, Stacie Dione
Taylor, Betty Tugwell
Taylor, Chester Jr.
Taylor, Mary L
Teresa's Board & Groom
Terry, Charles
Thigpen, Charles Ray
Thomas, Mabell
Thompson, Ethel
Thurston, Ena Louise
Tilton, Francis B
Tripp, Dixie Lee
Tugwell, Samuel S
Tugwell, Terry
Turnage, Johnny Iven
Tyndall, Howard
Tyndall, Susan
Tyson, Connie Jr.
Tyson, Lou Ellen
Underhill, Harry D Jr.
Vargas, Elizabeth C
Varnell, Thelma S
Viverette, Connie L
Wade, Earl Jr.
Wade, Wendy Cae
Wainwright, Margaret G
Wallace, James
Warren, A D Jr.
Warren, Jennifer Outlaw
Warren, Sharon Evett
Washington, Bernice N
Waters, Ronnie S
Watson, James Thomas
Webb, Keith A
White, Bobby Ray
White, Christine Allen
White, Douglas E Jr.
Whitney, Richard A
Wilkinson, Dennis Earl
Williams, Brenda Joyce
Williams, Dewayne L
Williams, Helen C
Williams, Joni M
Wood, Katherine A
Wooten, William Allen
Worsley, Columbus
Yanez, Roberto
Yater, Donna Dunn
Zills, Donna Sue

Important Sales and Use Tax Notice

A purchaser (farmers, manufacturers and commercial laundries) that is eligible for a preferential tax rate on electricity should complete and furnish the seller/electricity supplier Form E-595E, Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement Certificate of Exemption, to take advantage of qualifying reductions.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Fall/Winter Energy Tip: When you are asleep or out of the house, turn your thermostat back 10° to 15° for eight hours and save around 10 percent a year on your heating and cooling bills. A programmable thermostat can make it easy to set back your temperature – set it and forget it!

Source: U.S. Dept. of Energy

Do you or a loved one rely on medical equipment that is supplied by electricity? If so, do you know what you will do if the lights are out for an extended length of time due to damage caused by a storm, tornado or hurricane?

Now is the time to put a backup plan in place in the event power is knocked out. We will restore power as soon as possible, but depending on the type of damage caused and where the damage may be, we cannot guarantee how long you may be affected by an outage.

Remember, Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 5th. Set your clocks back 1 hour.

De lunes a viernes de 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m
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