



Pitt and Greene

Electric Membership Corporation

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

“Where Customers Have A Choice”
October 2019

Member Newsletter

82nd Annual Meeting of the Members

The 82nd Annual Meeting of the members for Pitt and Greene Electric Membership Corporation will be held Thursday, November 7, 2019 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 2018. Your registration card was mailed September 13, 2019. 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?

The following is a list of those who have capital credits owed to them from 1998. If you know any of the names, please ask them to call us at 1-800-622-1362.

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| Allen, James Lloyd III | Draughn, Mark B Jr. | Isler, Linda Carol | Sorrells, Thelma R |
| Batten, Mildred W | Dunn, Annie | Jackson, George H Jr. | Stewart, Ruth C |
| Beacham, Steven | Edwards, Ethel G | Jenkins, Jonathan L | Stox, Kevin Wayne |
| Best, Derick D | Elks, Dennis Earl | Jones, Kenneth J | Strickland, Jeanette R |
| Bradley, Andre Jerome | Elliott, Randall L | Jones, Larry | Surcy, Steven Ray |
| Brann, Kevin R | Elsley, Stephanie | King, Joyce L | Taylor, Melanie |
| Bravo, Veronica E | Fields, Marjorie S | Lewis, Louise H | Teresa’s Board & Groom |
| Bryant, Eva Marie | Flores, Mirta Adriana | Lewis, Mildred | Thompson, Ethel |
| Canady, Ronald Lee | Garcia, Felix B | Madrigal, Irma S | Tilton, Francis B |
| Caravantes, Angel O | Gardner, Tammy | Maldonado, Sergio H | Trejo, Eugenio M |
| Carmon, Donnie Earl | Gibson, Lena Q | McMahon, Lucia | Tyson, Lou Ellen |
| Clark, Franklin D | Gilbert, Thomas | Miles, Mary | Varnell, Thelma S |
| Coates, Harry J | Gonzalez, Domingo T | Mills, Michael W | Wade, Michael |
| Collier, Linda Lee | Gordon, Mary Ann | Mitchell, Eula | Wallace, Ersella B |
| Combs, Joey Todd | Graham, Thurman Jr. | Moseley, Betty Lilley | West, Robert Darrell |
| Condery, Roy Rogers | Gulley, Joshua L | Myles, Michael W | White, Bobby Ray |
| Cortes, Enrique | Hall, Charles L | Nichols, Reiferd | Whitney, Richard A |
| Cox, Leslie Jr. | Hall, Gregory Allen | Orellana, Martha I | William Coy Moore |
| Cox, Mary M | Harmon, Veronica B | Outing, Betty J | Williams, Andrew |
| Cross, Teresa Ann | Hepburn, Gilbert F | Payne, Michael | Williams, Andrew L |
| Dail, Marjorie C | Hernandez, Augustin | Perez, Aristeo P | Williams, Brenda Joyce |
| Daly, Charles Harold | Hettle, Jacqueline T | Pittman, Kelvin T | Williams, Helen C |
| Davis, Helen G | Hines, Eva M | Pittman, Victoria O | Williams, Mary L |
| Davis, Mary Simpson | Holloway, Melva C | Pridgen, Sarah J | Williams, Ricky |
| Deans, Anna B | Hopkins, Lucy G | Perez, Jose R | Wilson, Jessie |
| Dial Call, | Howard, Sandra | Rosalino, Adrian R | |
| Diggens, Ernest Lee | Humbles, C Boyd | Smith, L A | |



Reminder
Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday,
November 3rd.
Move your clock’s back 1 hour.





Manager's Message

By: Mark A. Suggs

Cybersecurity Starts with all of us.

We often associate October with spooky treats. This October Pitt & Greene EMC is observing National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, a time to focus on the very real tricks posed by online scammers and the importance of taking proactive safety steps both at home and the work place. Here are some simple ways to protect yourself and others:

Create strong Passwords!

Create a strong password and keep it private. Use a combination of letters, numbers and symbols, and change them regularly. Don't use the same password for all your accounts and don't share your passwords with anyone.

Keep Your Defenses Up!

Keep the operating system, browser and security software on all your Internet connected devices updated to protect against known vulnerabilities. Treat all Wi-Fi networks as a potential security risk. Never check financial or other sensitive accounts when using public Wi-Fi.

Think before you Click!

Don't Click links or attached files in emails or text messages from senders you don't know. Even if you do know the sender, hold your cursor over links in an email to view their full address before clicking. If the link looks suspicious, contact the sender to verify the link before clicking. When in doubt, play it safe and delete it.

Share with Care!

Be careful how much personal information you share online, and enable privacy settings on social media networks to limit who can see what you share. Be aware that your posts can last a lifetime, and that you may inadvertently be sharing personal details about yourself or others when posting photos or videos online.

Don't Fall for a Phish!

Be on the lookout for emails, phone calls or other messages that try to gain access to co-op and member information. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

More information about internet safety and privacy is available through the National cyber Security Alliance at staysafeonline.org.

Don't be fooled by common energy myths

Eating carrots will greatly improve your eyesight, cracking your knuckles leads to arthritis, watching too much TV will harm your vision. We've all heard the old wives' tales, but did you know there are also many misconceptions about home energy use? Don't be fooled by common energy myths.

****Myth: The higher the thermostat setting, the faster the home will heat (or cool).***

Many people think that walking into a chilly room and raising the thermostat to 85 degrees will heat the room more quickly. This is not true. Thermostats direct a home's HVAC system to heat or cool to a certain temperature. Drastically adjusting the thermostat setting will not make a difference in how quickly you feel warmer. The same is true for cooling. The Department of Energy recommends setting your thermostat to 78 degrees during summer months, and 68 degrees during winter months.

****Myth: Opening the oven door to check on a dish doesn't really waste energy.***

While it can be tempting to check the progress of that dish you're cooking in the oven, opening the oven door does waste energy. Every time the oven door is opened, the temperature inside is reduced by as much as 25 degrees, delaying the progress of your dish and, more importantly, costing you additional money. If you need to check the progress of a dish, try using the oven light instead.

****Myth: Ceiling fans keep your home cool while you're away.***

Believe it or not, many people think this is true. Ceiling fans cool people, not rooms. Ceiling fans circulate room air but do not change the temperature. A running ceiling fan in an empty room is only adding to your electricity use. Remember to turn fans off when you're away and reduce your energy use.

****Myth: Reducing my energy use is too expensive.***

Many consumers believe that reducing energy use requires expensive up-front costs, like purchasing new, more efficient appliances or construction upgrades on older homes. But the truth is, consumers who make small changes to their energy efficiency habits, such as turning off lights when not in use, sealing air leaks and using a programmable thermostat, can see a reduction in energy consumption. Remember, energy efficiency doesn't have to be difficult. Focus on small changes to save big.

Storm season sets co-op principles in action

Your power is on 99.9 percent of the time, and that's something we're proud of at Pitt & Greene EMC. Storms, particularly hurricanes, can create natural, unavoidable circumstances that sometimes lead to serious, widespread outages.

Most of the time, outages are simple to restore, but major storm events can create conditions that snap poles, topple trees and leave power lines dangling. In these situations, Pitt & Greene EMC personnel call on neighboring cooperatives to help get your power back on as quickly and safely as possible.

The deployment of support crews is part of a mutual aid agreement shared between the nation's nearly 1,000 electric cooperatives to help one another in times of emergency. Electric cooperatives across the country use the same line system engineering standards, which means line crews from any part of the country can quickly help sister cooperatives with restoration efforts.

This agreement exemplifies the cooperative principle of "cooperation among cooperatives," which reads: "Cooperatives serve their members most effectively and strengthen the cooperative movement by working together through local, national, regional, and international structures." This concept makes sense in the cooperative business environment because we're focused on our members.

As an electric cooperative, our members are our priority, and that's why we've worked for years to analyze how we respond to outages and make improvements – because we know you, our members, depend on electricity for almost every aspect of your daily lives.



Pitt & Greene EMC will be closed Monday, November 11th for Veterans Day and Thursday and Friday November 28th and 29th for Thanksgiving.

Do you need to update your contact information? If you have a new telephone number or need to add a secondary contact to your account, please call Pitt & Greene EMC at 252.753.3128.

Are you putting the lives of our linemen in danger??

Although seemingly innocent enough, putting any type of item on utility poles creates serious safety hazards. Staples, nails, and tacks used to hang signs, the signs themselves, as well as any other objects, pose dangers to Pitt & Greene EMC lineworkers who must climb poles when either restoring power following storms or while performing routine maintenance to ensure system reliability.

Posters, birdhouses, balloons, flags, basketball goals, signs, etc. create dangerous obstacles for lineworkers. The nails and tacks left behind can snag utility workers boots or puncture safety clothing, making lineworkers vulnerable to slipping or worse, electrocution.

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.

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.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Heating requires more energy than any other system in your home, typically making up about 42% of your energy bill. With proper equipment maintenance and upgrades like additional insulation and air sealing, you can save about 30% on your energy bill.

Source: energy.gov



Co-op Office Hours
Monday - Friday - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
252-753-3128 / 1-800-622-1362 / 252-747-7600

POWER OUTAGES & EMERGENCIES
During weekends, holidays and after office hours
252-753-8778

De lunes a viernes de 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.
252-753-3128 / 1-800-622-1362 / 252-747-7600

CORTES DE SUMINISTRO ELÉCTRICO Y EMERGENCIAS:
Durante fines de semana, días festivos y después del horario de oficina
252-753-8778