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'Tis the season to be saving

Get ready for the upcoming holidays and save money when you use your Co-op Connections® Card (CCC) at more than 325 local businesses. Simply present the card at any participating vendor when you make a purchase.

In addition to business discounts, GreyStone members also receive savings at participating pharmacies when using the CCC. Members have already saved more than \$1.8 million on their prescriptions since the program launched in 2007!

To request your free CCC, call 770-370-2273. Businesses that would like to sign up and offer a discount to members can call 770-370-2436. The program is free for business owners to join, and the only cost is the discount offered to members.

To view all our CCC discounts, visit connections.coop/greystonepower and select GreyStone Power. See some of the latest vendors to join the CCC program on page 4.

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GreyStone residential winter rates in effect now through May

Higher summer rates end Oct. 31, so GreyStone residential members can look forward to lower winter rates for the next seven months. GreyStone members already enjoy some of the lowest rates in the state.

Whether you use 500 kilowatt-hours (kWh) a month or 2,000 kWh a month, you can see from the chart below that you'll be paying less as a GreyStone residential member than you would with the average electric membership corporation (EMC) or as a Georgia Power customer. The average residential member household uses about 1,000 kWh in a month.

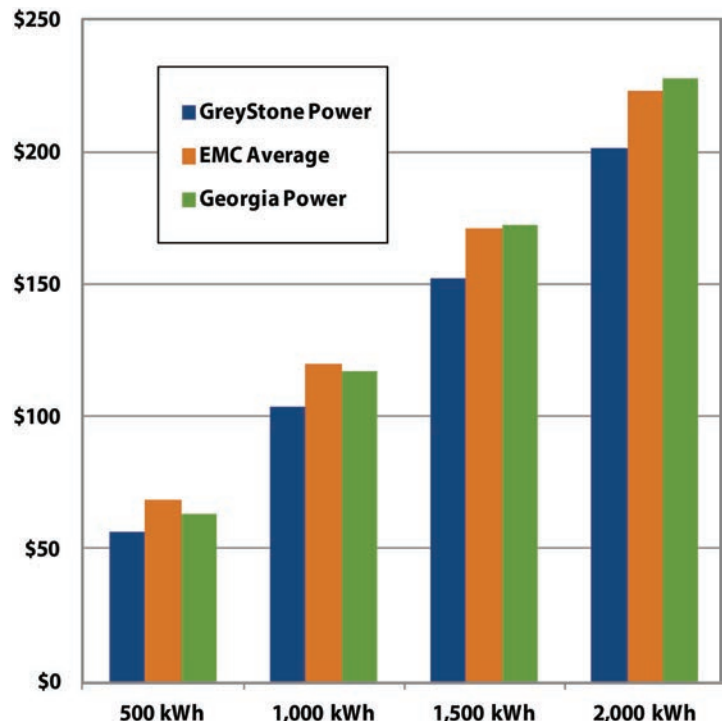
Every winter and summer, a survey by the Georgia Public Service Commission (PSC) ranks electric providers by residential rates based on total electric bill amounts.

For summer 2014, GreyStone ranked the sixth-lowest cost provider among all 41 EMCs in Georgia for those

members using 1,000 kWh monthly. For winter 2014, GreyStone ranked fifth lowest in cost out of 41.

Among all 94 electric providers in Georgia, GreyStone ranked 11th lowest in summer and 16th lowest in winter. At the same time, Georgia Power ranked 80th in summer and 30th in winter. This means the average Georgia Power residential customer paid nearly

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For the above chart, the costs reflect an average of the 2014 summer and winter residential bill amounts. The Georgia Public Service Commission (PSC) surveys electric providers to rank rates.

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\$26 more than the average GreyStone Power residential member in summer months. During the winter months, the average Georgia Power residential customer paid nearly \$8 more per month than the average residential GreyStone Power member.

Visit the PSC's website, www.psc.ga.us to compare electric rates for providers in Georgia.

GreyStone's residential winter rate schedule runs November through May. Under GreyStone's residential rate schedule, the first 650 kWh cost \$0.0740 per kWh. The next 350 kWh cost \$0.0720 per kWh, while any kWh

over 1,000 cost \$0.0637 per kWh, the highest rate block.

While you're enjoying GreyStone's low winter rates, take steps to conserve energy and watch your power bill drop even more. Set your thermostat at 68 degrees or lower during the winter months. Heating and cooling costs typically account for more than 50 percent of your home's energy dollars each month, so it's important for your HVAC system to be running efficiently.

Members who want to understand their home's specific energy efficiency issues may request a free professional energy audit by a GreyStone residential energy consultant by calling 770-370-2070. The consultant will make recommendations to help you improve energy efficiency.

GreyStone members can learn more about saving energy at an Energy Efficiency 101 (EE101) seminar. These seminars are held twice a year at the co-op, in the spring and autumn. Led by GreyStone's Residential Energy Services department, EE101 guides members on how to perform their own home energy audits. Members can register online for EE101 at www.greystonepower.com. For questions, call 770-370-2252.

A free energy savings guide is also available to members online or in print. To view the digital version, visit www.greystonepower.com in the Save Money/Energy section. Members may request the publication by sending an email to MemberServices@greystonepower.com or by calling 770-942-6576.

GreyStone awards scholarships to local students

The GreyStone Power Foundation, Inc. Scholarship, which is funded by members who donate to Operation Round Up®, was awarded to five students in the cooperative's service area. Winners of the \$3,000 scholarships included students Autumn Cole, Madeline Detraz, Courtney Knight, Karim Lakhani and Deja Stith.

GreyStone members are helping these students reach their education goals by rounding up their power bills to the next dollar each month through the Operation Round Up program.

In addition to the Foundation Scholarship, Operation Round Up funds two \$2,500 scholarships for two technical college students. The Tim B. Clower Scholarship is awarded in honor of a former GreyStone president and his dedication to technical education.

Chattahoochee Technical College (CTC) representatives select the winning students, who must reside in GreyStone's service area. This year's winning CTC students



GreyStone's Foundation Board (back row) awarded students (front row, from left) Courtney Knight, Karim Lakhani, Autumn Cole and Madeline Detraz with the Foundation Scholarship. Winner Deja Stith is not pictured.

included Michelle Jones and Stacey Sing-Tucker.

Along with funding scholarships, Operation Round Up provides severely needed funds to nonprofit organizations in our community. Organizations that have received funds in the past include the Boys & Girls Clubs of Douglas and Paulding, Communities in

Schools of Douglas County, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) and Paulding County Cops for Kids.

Members who would like to help the community by participating in Operation Round Up can sign up at GreyStone's website, www.greystonepower.com.

Linemen wear pink hard hats for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

GreyStone Power linemen showed their support for breast health during October, which is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Each employee who typically wears a yellow or white hard hat, including all linemen and those in the Field Services, Technical Services and Staking departments, received a pink hard hat to wear last month.

The pink hard hat idea began to develop when GreyStone Purchasing Department Manager Danny Alsobrook was approached by a vendor, Tri-State Utility Products, Inc., and was told that one of Tri-State's manufacturers, 3M™, had created the pink hard hats to promote breast cancer awareness.

In addition to the promotional efforts, 3M supported the American Cancer Society® by donating \$15,000 to breast cancer research. "By us purchasing the pink hard hats, it helped 3M fund their donation," said Alsobrook.

GreyStone Operations Department Manager Steve Findley said the pink hard hats were well received among the linemen. "We have a couple folks who've had breast cancer touch their families, so everybody was happy to do it," he said.

For Lineman Travis Fambrough, the cause is personal. His mother is cancer free now, but still goes every six months for a checkup after her battle with breast cancer. "I took a picture when we got the pink hard hats and sent it to her, and she thought it was really cool," he said.

Lineman Terry Queen's wife had breast cancer, so he was also glad to wear a pink hard hat. "I thought it was great. I was hoping we could keep them!" he said.

At the end of October, linemen retired their pink hard hats until next year, since the co-op intends to make it an October tradition.



GreyStone employees form a pink ribbon to promote Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Instead of their traditional yellow or white hard hats, employees wore pink hard hats for the month of October to support the cause.

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GreyStone Power is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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35% off MSRP with a 4-year warranty and free annual hearing checkups.

Legal Shield

Douglasville770-912-9193
\$10 off membership fee for first time members.

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Powder Springs770-222-1763
Free gift with first order.

Trowers Dream Academy

Douglasville770-693-8892
10% discount on tutoring service.

InfoQuest

Douglasville770-235-1664
20% discount on training manual or on-site program when purchased online, using code 219534413 at time of purchase.

Updated offers:

Dependable Services

Douglasville770-577-5770
Free service call with repair (on appliance and HVAC); free duct cleaning with new system purchase; free estimates on replacement systems.

Pil Sung Do Martial Arts & After School Program

Dallas770-443-6460
Two free intro classes and two months for just \$79 (includes uniform belt and

unlimited training).

Greatscapes Landscaping Inc.

Powder Springs770-527-6520
First month free with a 12-month lawn maintenance contract and 10% off all hardscapes. Get 100 bales of pine straw for \$4.90 per bale.

Hardy Chevrolet Pontiac Buick GMC Inc.

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Free 21-point safety inspection and \$10 off any oil change. \$250 off any new or used vehicle purchase.

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Receive one month of training for \$119, which includes a free uniform.

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10% discount off any new security system or camera installation.

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\$30 off any \$100 or more plumbing repair, or \$100 off the purchase of a high efficiency water heater. Available 24/7 for your emergency.

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10% off any service call.

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Free 2-by-3-foot printed banner with any order over \$200 (\$135 value). 12-by-24-inch printed magnet signs \$49.99 per pair (no limit).