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Pitt & Greene EMC's Billing Statements Have A New Look

We have revamped the member billing statements in hopes that you will find them easier to read as well as informative. You will see the change on the statement in the near future.

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. But summer 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 re-



spond to outages and make improvements—because we know you, our members, depend on electricity for almost every aspect of your daily lives.



Stay Focused on Safety During Harvest

Farming is among the more dangerous occupations for several reasons, including potential for encounters with electrical hazards. Before taking to the fields, the Safe Electricity program urges farm workers to be aware of overhead power lines and to keep equipment and extensions far away from them. Safe Electricity encourages farm managers to share this information with their families and workers to keep them safe from electrical accidents.

During harvest season, farmers reap many of the benefits of advancement in agricultural technology. With the help of GPS auto-steer devices, farmers are able to decrease driver error and maximize productivity. Despite these advances, safety risks remain. To help farmers stay out of harm's way, Safe Electricity shares tips for a safe harvest.

GPS with auto-guidance provides farmers with real-time location data about a field, which is used for crop planning, map making, navigation assistance and machinery guidance. During harvest, this technology allows drivers to have their hands off the steering wheel as the combine maneuvers itself through the field. Thanks to this technology, farmers can more easily and efficiently maintain accuracy even during low-light conditions, which enhances productivity.

One critical part of safety around electricity is awareness. It is important to remember that farm machinery is vulnerable to hitting power lines because of its large size, height and extensions. Being aware of the location of overhead power lines and planning a safe equipment route can help reduce accidents.

In equipment with auto-guidance systems, less focus is needed on steering, which may lead some drivers to think

that they do not need to be as aware of navigation issues. However, even while using a GPS with auto-steering, farm workers need to keep safety in mind and stay focused on their surroundings.

Regardless of the technology used on the farm, keep the following electrical safety guidelines in mind:

- Start each morning by planning your day's work. Know what jobs will happen near power lines and have a plan to keep the assigned workers safe.
- Use a spotter when operating large machinery near power lines.
- Keep yourself and equipment at least 10 feet away from power lines in all directions, at all times.
- Use care when raising augers or the bed of a grain truck. It can be difficult to estimate distance, and sometimes, a power line is closer than it looks.
- Always lower equipment extensions, portable augers, or elevators to their lowest possible level, under 14 feet, before moving or transporting them. Wind, uneven ground, shifting weight, or other conditions can cause you to lose control of equipment and make contact with power lines.

- Never attempt to raise or move a power line to clear a path. If power lines near your property have sagged over time, contact Pitt & Greene EMC at 252-753-3128.
- Do not use metal poles when breaking up bridged grain inside and around bins.
- As in any outdoor work, be careful not to raise any equipment, such as ladders, poles, or rods, into power lines. Remember non-metallic materials, such as lumber, tree limbs, tires, ropes, and hay, will conduct electricity, depending on dampness and dust and dirt contamination.

For more information on electrical safety, visit SafeElectricity.org.



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Claim Your Capital Credits Check

Below is a list of those who have unclaimed checks with Pitt & Greene EMC. To claim your monies, contact JMS Database at 678-496-4695 by October 1, 2022. If satisfactory claim is not made by this date, the monies will be escheated to the North Carolina Department of State Treasurer whom all other claims must be directed.

Aguirre, Alonso
 Alling, Amanda Victoria
 Barnes, Crystal W
 Barrett, Charmaine Lacole
 Battle, Arenda K
 Beaman, Donald B
 Braswell, Pamela Denise
 Bynum, Natoshia Layvett
 Crawford, Robin Evon
 Downes, Leonard
 Draughn, Malaisha Ashee
 Dunn, Brenda Kay
 Edwards, Bertie Wells
 Ellis, David D
 Exum, Willie Earl
 Fields, Akeyla Lawaun
 Foreman, Willie Ray
 Francis, Sonya Lee
 Gomez, Victor J Uriarte
 Gooding, Herman Lee

Hill, Codey Jorden
 Kane, Michael S
 Lancaster, Michael Jake
 Lanier, Kristin Nicole
 Lindsey, Brittany Cherelle
 Madera Madera, Alvin Omar
 McDaniel, Steven
 McMillan, Shauna Lee
 McPhillips, Christopher Justin
 Merrill, Ashley Lynn
 Meyer III, Walter Warren
 Moore, Delores
 Mosley, Ella Barrett
 Murray, Timothy L
 Newton, Annie Ruth
 Newton, Christa Baker
 Parsons, Robert Christopher
 Pittman, Cynthia Sutton
 Potter, Amber Nicole
 Robbins, Mildred Owens

Rose, Suzanne Dixon
 Shelter, Moses
 Shovelin, Jeffrey Dennis
 Shreve, Denise B
 Simpson, Brandon Jean
 Smith, Colleen Kristan
 Speight, Catherine Barnes
 Speight, Johnny Ray
 Streeter, Ashley Renee
 Sutton, Larry Eugene
 Sutton, Sylvia
 Tapia, Rodrigo Gutierrez
 Taylor, Cecil B
 Turnage, Amber Lynn
 Ulrey, Natalie F
 Wallace, Donisha Ronchele
 Webb, Raymond M
 Williams, Pamela Holloway
 Williman, Neatha E

Play it safe. That text can wait.



While driving, turn phone to silent mode or pull over if the text can't wait.

August is
**BACK TO
SCHOOL
SAFETY
MONTH**

Stay alert!

Slow down and be alert in residential areas and near schools. Be especially watchful of kids in rural areas without sidewalks.



Starlink Follow-up

As a follow up on the article in the June 2022 Carolina Country, the Starlink Satellite was set up and tested on Brick Kitchen Road over a 7-day period. The results did not disappoint. Starlink provided average Internet speeds of 136 mbps download and 79 mbps upload. These are incredible speeds that will more than meet the average family's needs.

We also heard from a Pitt & Greene EMC member after reading the original Starlink article in the June newsletter. The member needed to find an alternate internet provider because she and her husband work from home. While researching Starlink she found information on the Facebook page "Starlink NC". On June 17, the member set up an account on the Starlink website, placed the \$99.00 deposit and received notification to track the order. The member received the system on June 24.

On June 30, we followed up with the member to see how things were going. She stated she is grateful for the article in Carolina Country. She and her husband both work from home and are amazed with the service Starlink is providing. They have two neighbors who have also ordered and received Starlink and they are happy with the service as well.

If you have questions about the Starlink system, please visit their website: [Starlink.com](https://www.starlink.com) or call us here at Pitt and Greene EMC and we will be glad to demonstrate our system for you.