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Colquitt EMC Restores Power in Kentucky

Facing the biggest natural disaster in the state's history, Kentucky called upon EMCs in Georgia, including Colquitt EMC, to send additional crews and equipment to restore electricity to approximately 500,000 cooperative consumers.

Due to the extent and widespread nature of damage, Colquitt EMC deployed a construction crew along with workers from S & S Constructors to aid in restoration for West Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation based in Mayfield, Kentucky.

EMCs from Georgia and Georgia Transmission Corp. sent nearly 100 line workers to help sister cooperatives repair extensive damage in the aftermath of the worst and most destructive storm to ever hit the region. Heavy snow and thick ice brought down trees and power lines causing approximately \$63 million in cooperative damages.

"Every co-op member in Georgia would be proud of the job they did under extremely



Amidst the harsh conditions of cold temperatures, rain and wind, Colquitt EMC workers did not rest until the lights came back on. (L-R) Keith Luke, Austin Taylor, Jody Brown, Luke Miller, Clint Herrington and Jamie Stanford worked in the West Kentucky RECC service area from February 3rd to February 14th.

harsh conditions," noted Jim Wright, vice president of training, education and safety with Georgia EMC.

The crews provide assistance through mutual aid agreements between the nation's nearly 1,000 electric cooperatives to help one another during natural disasters, including storm restoration efforts.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

The Cooperative Way

ALWAYS CALL BEFORE YOU DIG



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TRAVELERS

Common Ground Alliance

Celebrate Earth Day

Take action at home

Wondering what you can do to help celebrate Earth Day on April 22? Try a few simple things to get started. Think about it: You not only help the environment with just a few easy changes in your lifestyle, but you receive direct and indirect benefits too. It's ironic—the more you protect the Earth, the less hassle you have to go through and the more you save on energy bills.

Start by making small changes in your routine: Recycle that empty can

of soda or plastic bottle of water you had with lunch. Check the air pressure in your tires. These are little actions that add up to make a huge difference.

Who likes to constantly haul a ladder around to change blown bulbs or loosen those pesky screws that hold the light cover on the outside porch? Replacing inefficient incandescent lightbulbs with long-lasting compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFLs) is the way to go. According to Energy



Star, if every household in the U.S. replaced one lightbulb with a CFL, it would prevent enough pollution to equal removing 1 million cars from the road.

Use the tips on this page to help save energy and help the environment. ♻️

—Source: www.earthday.gov,
Environmental Protection Agency

Reduce, reuse, recycle

Reduce

- Buy permanent items instead of disposables. Take a coffee mug and a water bottle to work to reduce the amount of plastic or Styrofoam cups you use.
- Buy and use only what you need.
- Buy products with less packaging.
- Buy products that use less toxic chemicals.

Reuse

- Repair items as much as possible.
- Use durable coffee mugs.
- Use cloth napkins or towels.
- Clean out juice bottles and use them for water.
- Use empty jars to hold leftover food.
- Reuse boxes.
- Purchase refillable pens and pencils.
- Participate in a paint-collection and reuse program. For information on handling household solid waste, visit www.epa.gov/epawaste/index.htm.
- Donate extras to people you know or to charity instead of throwing them away.
- Reuse grocery bags as trash bags.

Recycle

- Recycle paper (printer paper, newspapers, mail, etc.), plastic, glass bottles, cardboard and aluminum cans. If your community doesn't collect at the curb, take them to a collection center.
- Recycle electronics. Visit www.epa.gov/epawaste/conservematerials/ecycling/index.htm for recycling centers.
- Recycle used oil and hazardous waste. Visit www.epa.gov/epawaste/index.htm and click on "Hazardous Waste" for a list of hazardous waste types.
- Compost food scraps, grass and other yard clippings, and dead plants.
- Close the loop—buy recycled products and products that use recycled packaging. That's what makes recycling economically possible.



It's amazing how many products can be recycled. Glass, plastic, aluminum, paper—the list goes on. And, keeping these items out of the trash can means you have to empty it less.

NOTICE OF PURPA HEARING

Colquitt Electric Membership Corporation will hold a public hearing on June 18, 2009, for purposes of hearing testimony and developing a record concerning the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, updated by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, P.L.110-140 et seq.

The Standards to be considered are:

- Integrate energy efficiency into their integrated resources plans and to establish cost effective energy efficiency as a priority resource.
- Electric rates should align utility incentives with the delivery of cost effective energy efficiency and to promote energy efficient investments.
- State Regulators should (A) require regulated utilities to consider smart grid investments before permitting investment in non-advanced grid technologies; (B) permit recovery from ratepayers of the cost of deploying smart grid technologies; and (C) permit utilities to recover stranded costs from old grid technologies made obsolete and replaced by smart grid technologies.
- Provide (A) that electricity customers should be given direct written or electronic access to information concerning time-based electricity prices at wholesale and retail and their usage on at least a daily basis and (B) that everyone should have access to data concerning the sources of the power provided by the utility, including the greenhouse gas emissions associated with each type of generation.

The hearing will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will be held at:
Colquitt EMC Headquarters
15 Rowland Drive
Moultrie, Georgia

The hearings will be conducted in accordance with the Rules and Procedures Governing Conduct of PURPA Proceedings, as adopted by the Colquitt EMC Board of Directors. A copy of the Rules and Procedures may be viewed at Colquitt EMC's website, www.colquittemc.com, or is available for inspection and copying between the

hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the office of Colquitt EMC, 15 Rowland Drive, Moultrie GA 31776. A copy of the Rules and Procedures also is available upon written request to Colquitt EMC's mailing address:

Colquitt EMC
15 Rowland Drive
P.O. Box 3608
Moultrie GA 31776
ATTN: Danny Nichols

The request must be accompanied by a check or money order for \$3.00 to cover copying and postage.

The hearing schedule will be as follows:

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Limited Appearance Statements

1:00 p.m.
Testimony of Intervenor and Parties of Record

Please refer to the Rules and Procedures for rules regarding Limited Appearances and Testimony of Intervenor and Parties of Record. **The hearing schedule may be revised or updated. For updated information on the hearing schedule and on other matters relating to the hearings, please check the Colquitt EMC website, www.colquittemc.com, or call 1-229-985-3620.**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 2631(1), the U.S. Secretary of Energy and any electric consumer of Colquitt EMC may participate in the hearing as an intervenor. To apply for status as an intervenor, an application must be filed with Colquitt EMC no later than **April 21, 2009**. Please refer to Rules 1.4 and 3 of the Rules and Procedures for important details regarding the procedure for intervening and for filings. Interested persons who do not wish to intervene may furnish oral or written comments as provided in Rule 4 (Limited Appearances). Please consult the Rules and Procedures for all applicable deadlines and other requirements.

In compliance with **O.C.G.A. Section 44-12-236** of “**The Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act**” of Georgia, Colquitt EMC is attempting to locate former members and heirs whose capital credit checks were issued December 1, 2003 for electrical service received in 1982, but which have been returned by the U.S. Post Office as “undeliverable” or have otherwise been unclaimed.

A current listing of these members, with their last known addresses, is available at our corporate office located at 15 Rowland Drive, Moultrie, Georgia. The last possible date to claim these funds is **June 30, 2009**. All funds not claimed by this date will be donated for charitable uses, as permitted by **O.C.G.A. Section 44-12-236** of “**The Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act**” of Georgia.

RECIPES OF THE MONTH



March is National Nutrition Month

Nutrition tip:
Vary your veggies.

Color your plate with
great tasting vegetables.

Buttered Baby Carrots and Sweet Peas

2 1/2 cups baby carrots,
halved lengthwise
2 tablespoons butter
1 1/2 cups frozen peas
2 tablespoons water
1 teaspoon sugar
salt and pepper



In a skillet, saute carrots in butter for 5 minutes. Stir in remaining ingredients. Cover and simmer for 10 minutes or until vegetables are done.

Yield: 4 Servings

Per Serving: 124 Calories, 6.1g Fat, 163mg Sodium, 15mg Cholesterol, 15.1g Carbohydrate.

Fiesta Corn



(16 ounce) package frozen corn
nonstick cooking spray
1 teaspoon margarine, reduced fat
1/2 cup red onion, chopped
1/2 cup green bell pepper, chopped
1/2 cup red bell pepper, chopped
4 ounces green chilies, canned, diced

Cook the corn according to package directions. In a nonstick skillet sprayed with nonstick cooking spray; melt the margarine. Add the onion and bell peppers. Saute gently, do not let the onion brown. Drain the corn and return it to the sauce pan. Add the onions and peppers to the corn. Add the chilies; and warm through. Serve. **Yield:** 4 Servings

Per Serving: 136 Calories, 2.0g Fat, 18mg Sodium, 0mg Cholesterol, 30.4g Carbohydrate.