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Mission Statement

Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation is committed to providing dependable, affordable electric service through the expertise and dedication of competent leadership and a well-trained and responsive workforce.

AS I SEE IT

Manager's Viewpoint

Powering safely during an outage

One of the great things about the modern American electric grid is that power almost always flows when we need it. Given our dependence on electricity, it's understandable why portable generators are popular when the power goes out and stays out for a while.

But generators can cause more harm than good if not used properly. In honor of Electrical Safety Month recognized each May, I want to give you a few safety tips to protect yourself and our linemen who are working to restore your power.

First, never plug a portable generator directly into one of your home's outlets — unless you have had a licensed electrician install a "transfer switch" in your home. If you don't have a transfer switch, power provided by the generator can "backfeed" along power lines, which can electrocute a lineman working on those lines.

In addition, portable generators create carbon monoxide, the odorless, colorless gas that can quickly become deadly if the generator exhaust isn't vented to the outside. An attached garage with an

open door will not satisfy ventilation requirements — the carbon monoxide can still seep indoors and poison inhabitants. Generators must go outside in a dry area, which might mean you'll need to rig a canopy to protect it from precipitation at a safe distance from your home's windows, doors and vents. How far is a safe distance? Even 15 feet can be too close.

Other things to keep in mind: Plug appliances directly into the generator using heavy-duty, outdoor-rated extension cords, but don't overload the generator. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for maximum load. Shut off the generator before refueling, or a fire could start — and it's a good

idea to have a fully charged fire extinguisher nearby, just in case.

Safety is the top priority at Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation for our employees and members alike. Contact us at 800-987-2362 if you'd like to learn more about how to properly install and use a portable generator.

For more electric safety tips, visit www.safetyathome.com or www.cemc.org.



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2013 annual meeting set for Sept. 14



The 75th annual meeting of Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation will be held Saturday, Sept. 14, at Rossvie High School in Clarksville.

Voting in the election of three CEMC directors will be held prior to the start of the business session as well as the day before the annual meeting at all CEMC district business offices.

As in the past, the meeting will include a complimentary breakfast, registration for door prizes and the grand prize, entertainment and the Youth Corner with activities and special age-appropriate prizes for the kids.

Make plans to join us as we celebrate 75 years of service to YOU!

Newly approved Supplemental Residential Rate implemented

Beginning April 1, Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation's newly approved Supplemental Residential Rate (SRS) went into effect. CEMC is proud to be one of the first co-ops in the Tennessee Valley to introduce this new rate, which provides significant cost savings to qualifying members. Those who qualify will see a decrease in the amount of the customer charge and the energy charge compared to the current General Service-1 rate. The following metered services are eligible for the Supplemental Residential Rate:

- Detached garage
- Personal shop
- Pool house/pool pump
- Electric gate
- Storage shed

The new rate is available to any single-phase, noncommercial meter where the electric service is for a separately metered application on the same parcel of property as an existing single-family dwelling where the meter is for domestic purposes such as lighting, household appliances and the personal comfort and convenience of those resid-

ing in the single-family dwelling. Those with such an application need only to apply to start saving today.

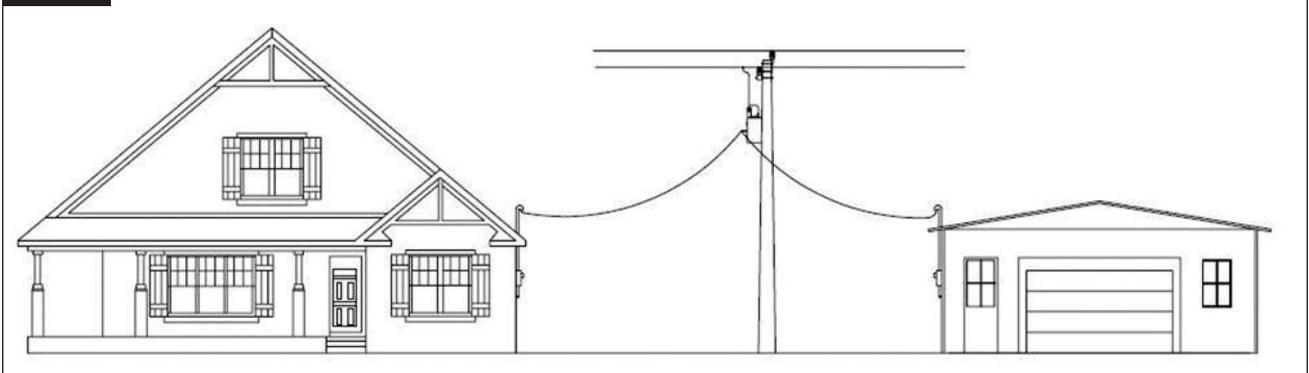
Types of services that do not qualify for the SRS rate include temporary services, barns and greenhouses.

The newly approved SRS rate contains parts A and B. The determination for which part of the rate applies (A or B) will be made based on the existing engineering setup in the field. (See images below for examples of A and B).

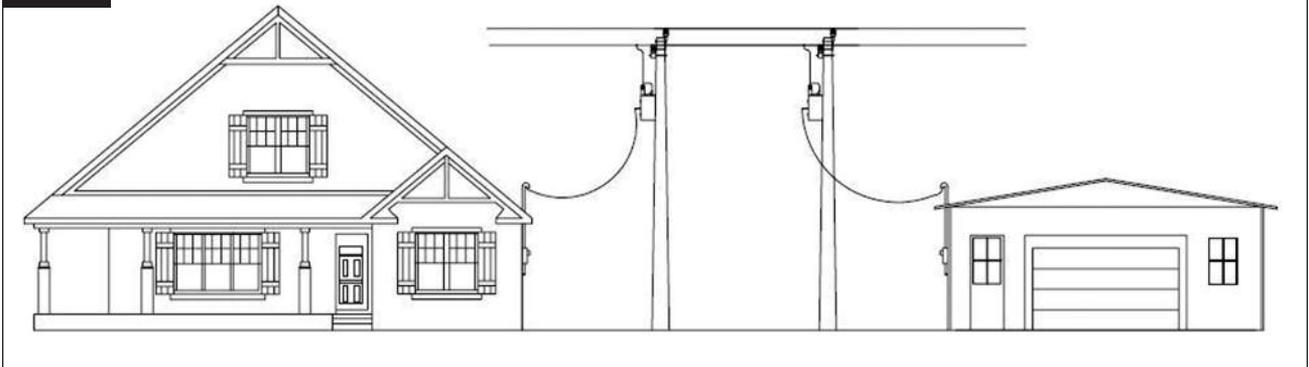
- Part A — Service provided by the same transformer as home service (customer charge: \$19.00)
- Part B — Service provided by a second transformer (customer charge: \$27.60)

In March 2013, CEMC sent a direct mailing to all members who may have a qualifying account. Member response to the mailing has been excellent, and many qualifying accounts have already begun benefitting from this new rate. To obtain additional information about this rate or to view the information sent out in the direct mailing, please visit our website at www.cemc.org. For other questions or to voice concerns, please contact CEMC at 800-987-2362 or come by your local CEMC office.

Part A



Part B



Portland family represents CEMC at Tennessee Young Leaders Conference

Brad Kirkham and his wife, Heather, of Portland participated in the Young Leaders Conference Feb. 22-23 at the Drury Plaza Hotel in Franklin. The couple joined more than 400 other participants from across the state for the annual conference.

The Young Leaders Conference brings couples and individuals together from rural communities to learn about cooperatives, share their views about agriculture and discuss current issues facing rural Americans. This year's event, themed "Cooperatives: Building a Better Tennessee," offered a variety of topics aimed at educating and equipping leaders about cooperatives and agricultural issues.

The Tennessee Council of Cooperatives (TCC) co-sponsors the annual conference with Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation's Young Farmers and Ranchers organization. TCC's membership is made up of a variety of cooperatives across the state, including electric, dairy, farm supply, telephone and tobacco co-ops as well as farm credit banks. The purpose of this select group is to develop future agricultural leaders and generate new ideas to help Farm Bureau keep up with the constantly changing world of agriculture.

Each year, a new group of Young Leaders Conference participants is selected and sponsored by TCC businesses and TFBF's Young Farmers and Ranchers to attend the popular event, a weekend of motivational, recreational and educational segments.

The Kirkhams were sponsored by Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation. A graduate of Western Kentucky University, Brad teaches agriculture at Station Camp High School where he is also the school's Future Farmers of America adviser. Heather, a registered nurse, also graduated from Western Kentucky University and is employed at The Medical Center at Franklin. The couple operate a beef cattle farm. Brad has been farming for 15 years.



Brad and Heather Kirkham of Sumner County were among 400 young Tennesseans who attended the 2013 Young Leaders Conference.

"I began farming when I was around 10 years old," he says. "I started out raising two-tenths of an acre of dark tobacco."

The conference gave the Kirkhams the opportunity to attend sessions and workshops addressing areas of interest to young farmers and co-op members. Sessions ranged from media relations to building strong community and cooperative leadership.

Eagle Fest 2013: A Salute to Freedom

The town of Dover is proud to present the Sixth Annual Eagle Fest, which takes place Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19, in Stewart County. The event allows those in the community and their guests to come together to pay tribute to and remember those who fought for our freedom and to honor those who continue to maintain this freedom today.

Official opening ceremonies will be May 18 beginning at 10 a.m. at the old Gateway Ford dealership on the corner of Doneslon Parkway and Church Street.

Saturday's events will include the Eagle Fest parade, which kicks off at 9 a.m., live eagle and owl exhibits, a car show display, arts and crafts vendors, live entertainment and tons of fun and free activities for everyone. A fireworks show at 9 p.m. at City Park will round out the day's festivities.



Don't miss this opportunity to experience patriotism, plenty of family fun and all the small-town charm that Dover has to offer.

Sunday's activities will consist of Gospel Sunday, featuring live entertainment by local gospel musicians, more arts and crafts and a candlelight ceremony honoring our military at 6 p.m. to close out the festival.

Calling all strawberry lovers

The Portland Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend the 72nd Annual Middle Tennessee Strawberry Festival Saturday, May 4, through Saturday, May 11. It's a family-friendly, fun-filled week that promises a variety of activities for all ages. This year's event, themed "Strawberry Dynasty," will feature former Portland resident Tim Guraedy, more commonly known as "Mountain Man" from A&E's hit television show "Duck Dynasty," leading the parade as grand marshal.



Be sure to check out the fol-

lowing lineup and make plans to join the fun! Additional information can also be found by visiting www.portland-cofc.com or by calling the Portland Chamber of Commerce at 615-325-9032. Don't forget to pick up some of Portland's famous and delicious homegrown strawberries while you're there.

May 4: Garden Tractor Pull and Classic Car Cruise-In.;gate fee, \$5

May 5: Bradley Kountry Acres Open House, 1-5 p.m.

May 6: Choir Night at Richland Park

May 7: 15th Annual Golf Scramble at the Kenny Perry Country Creek Golf Course in Franklin, Ky.

May 9: Portland Public Library Story Hour, 5-6 p.m.

May 10: Game Show Night featuring co-hosts "Mountain Man" and Drew Jennings at J.W. Wiseman Elementary School. There's a \$5 entry fee, and the show starts at 6:30 p.m.

May 11: The main festival day:

- Rotary Pancake Breakfast, 7-11 a.m.
- Strawberry Stride, 8 a.m.
- Strawberry Lane & Strawberry Jam, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Strawberry Bake Contest, 10 a.m.
- KidTown USA will feature inflatables on Main Street. Kids can jump and play all day for \$5.
- Visit vendor booths from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Strawberry Festival Parade with grand marshal "Mountain Man" begins at 2 p.m.

Taste of Robertson County

Robertson County's Third Annual Taste of Country USA is coming to Springfield Saturday, June 8, bringing your chance to experience authentic country food, fun, music and more!

The event promises a host of activities for the entire family, including the Farmer's Olympics, a fantastic Kids Country, a motorcycle ride around Robertson County, a Corvette rally and the chance to check out lots of classics at the Antique Car Drive In.

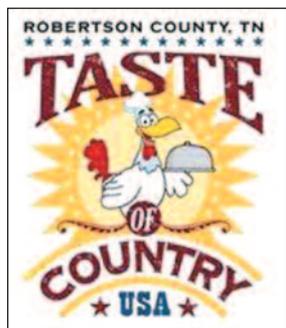
While you're there, don't miss the opportunity to hunt for treasures at the Historic

District yard sale, and check out the county's local green thumbs on the Garden Tour.

If you like traditional country music, Taste of Country USA is the perfect place to enjoy amazing local talent — at no charge! They'll be performing all day on the big courthouse stage.

And, of course, what would a Taste of Country USA be without lots of good, old-fashioned country cooking? The county's finest restaurants and wonderful home-cooking will be showcased as mouth-watering specialties and tasty treats are served up with plenty of Southern charm.

Mark your calendar and join the fun in Robertson County!



Don't miss live local country and bluegrass musicians performing throughout the day on the courthouse stage.

Read Across America



Each year in March, schools across the country participate in Read Across America, an event created by the National Education Association to promote youth literacy. Several employees from Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation were invited to take part in the festivities as guest readers at Cumberland Heights Elementary and North Stewart Elementary. Above left, Dover District lineman Clint Marshall entertains Ms. Jennifer Austin's fourth-grade class at North Stewart by reading "My Lucky Day" by Keiko Kasza. At right, Kevin Casey, Clarksville District serviceman, shares Dr. Seuss' "Oh, Say Can You Say Di-no-saur?" with Mrs. Claudio's kindergarten class at Cumberland Heights Elementary.

CEMC salutes spelling superstars



Cumberland Heights Elementary School held its annual spelling bee March 7. The winners, from left, are Wesley Hudson, first place; Lexie Stafford, second place; and Samari Williams, third place. Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation provided prizes for the top three contest winners.



The Cheatham County Middle School spelling contest was held March 11. The winners are, from left, Mack Waddell, Sycamore Middle School, third place; Oliver Eagan, Harpeth Middle School, second place; and Kaitlin McNeely, Sycamore Middle School, first place. CEMC provided prizes for these winners as well.