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Co-op Connections® Card



GREYSTONE
POWER CORPORATION

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 



Your new card is here!

Celebrating 10 years and more powerful than ever.

Punch out, save and win! Program benefits detailed next page.



GREYSTONE
POWER CORPORATION
An Electric Membership Corporation

Co-op Connections® Card

BENEFITS GREYSTONE MEMBERS *and* LOCAL BUSINESSES

GreyStone Power:
Your Community Partner. 770-942-6576

Present this card at participating businesses to receive discounts.
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For providers or questions
call 800-800-7616
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COAST TO COAST
VISION

NB Group# 2203GA08
Member# 142407524
Bin# 610182 PCN# NB

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network

Pharmacist Help Desk: 877-448-6182
This is NOT insurance

Punch and begin saving!

508 cooperatives participate
in 46 states

30,000+ national
cooperative deals

62,000+
pharmacies participate, including
20,000 Independent pharmacies

\$102,000,000
saved by cooperative members on prescriptions!
\$2.2 million of that to GreyStone members

Learn more about all your
program benefits at
GreyStone's Annual Meeting.

To request a plastic card, call 770-370-2273.

258 local businesses
offer savings to you!
See center insert for participating businesses.

Co-op members get to take advantage of product and service discounts at participating retail businesses. In turn, participating businesses benefit from increased customer traffic and from promotions in co-op communications and advertising materials in an effort to support our community and local businesses.



ONE CARD THAT DOES IT ALL: 258 Local GreyStone Deals • Online Savings • Healthy Savings (vision, hearing, dental, chiropractic, and lab/imaging) • Prescription Savings • 3,000 Partner Deals with Cash Back Mall (online shopping assistant) and Coupons.com





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MILLER'S MINUTE NEW SOLAR ON THE HORIZON

The past year has been exciting for GreyStone. One of the most satisfying occurrences has been our Cooperative Solar program, which began last October. As you will read on the adjacent page, we are happy that now we are able to provide solar blocks for all of those on our waiting list through GreyStone's purchase of 1 megawatt (MW) of solar generation coming to us from the Hazlehurst, Ga., solar facility.

We have more exciting solar news to share! GreyStone has agreed to a large purchase of 40 MW of solar energy in a landmark agreement with Silicon Ranch, facilitated by Green Power EMC, our renewable energy supplier. Our members have shown a great interest in having solar energy as a part of their energy mix. We are very pleased to add these 40 MW to our future energy portfolio. Forty MW of solar energy can power 7,000 homes. Georgia is the fastest-growing solar state in America, and we are proud to pave the way for other states to follow. The facility will be operational in 2020.

Learn more about solar at the Expo tent at our Annual Meeting of Members on Oct. 14 from 8 a.m. until noon.

- Gary
Gary Miller,
President/CEO



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Co-op Connections® Card, 770-370-2436
EMC Security, 770-370-2030
Gas South, 1-866-563-8129
GEMC Federal Credit Union, 770-949-3557,
770-445-2800
Operation Round Up®, 770-370-2080
SurgeMaster Plus, 770-370-2070
Cooperative Solar, 770-370-2252



AROUND GREYSTONE Solar sign-ups CONTINUE!

GreyStone's successful Cooperative Solar launch at last year's Annual Meeting led to 750 available blocks being sold out in about a month. By the end of 2016, 80 members were on the waiting list to purchase blocks.

The co-op's solar field in Paulding County generates clean, renewable energy, and members who participate in Cooperative Solar support this green generation without having to invest in home rooftop or yard solar panels.

Participating members pay \$25 each month per solar block and receive a credit for their solar-powered generation. This solar generation credit will vary due to the sun's angle, the time of year, the number of cloudy days in the month and other factors. Participants can expect to get the vast majority of the money they've invested returned through the credits.

Members attending the Annual Meeting on Oct. 14 have another chance to sign up for Cooperative Solar. Look for the FilterEasy booth in the Expo, where GreyStone employees can help you sign up to participate and capture your share of the sun!

Learn more about Cooperative Solar and check out the online dashboard, which shows solar energy production, at greystonepower.com/solar.

As of Sept. 1, GreyStone added 1 megawatt (MW), or 750 blocks, of solar generation to our existing Cooperative Solar program. That 1 MW comes from a solar facility in Hazelhurst, Ga., that was commissioned by Green Power EMC.

GreyStone's Cooperative Solar program launched last October with 750 blocks available for purchase, so the additional megawatt being added will

double the program's solar blocks.

Everyone who was on the waiting list for solar has been enrolled in the program, and new participants can sign up online or at the Annual Meeting Oct. 14.

Created by Georgia's electric co-ops, Green Power EMC obtains power from renewable sources throughout Georgia. As a member of this co-op, GreyStone supports new renewable energy projects.



Celebrating a Decade of Savings!

As your electric cooperative, it's important for GreyStone Power to provide you with safe, reliable power. Yet our service goes beyond the wires. It's also important that we offer additional value with a positive impact on everyone in the community. And as a Touchstone Energy® co-op, we strive to meet that goal on a daily basis.

That's why GreyStone Power, in conjunction with the other Touchstone Energy co-ops serving 22 million member-owners nationwide, has participated in the Co-op Connections® Card (CCC) program for the past 10 years. Our decade of savings has allowed members to save more than \$2.2 million in prescriptions alone. This powerful little card-based member benefit program is designed to deliver added value to our members — residential and business — by offering valuable discounts at participating local and national businesses. Its use supports and encourages local shopping at our member businesses. And best of all, it's free!

In 2007, we launched the program with 141 local businesses. Over the years, we have seen more than 325 participating at any given time, some even offering multiple discounts for members. In

“This powerful little card-based member benefit program is designed to deliver added value to our members...”



celebration of our 10th anniversary, you will have the opportunity to meet some of these businesses at our 80th Annual Meeting of Members on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017. CCC businesses, along with many energy efficiency vendors, will host booths in our Expo tent, allowing you to shop or simply stop by to ask questions.

In the months leading up to the Annual Meeting, we took the CCC on the road. In remote fashion, we offered some pretty great prizes to the first 10 members to visit the participating business and show us their CCC. By visiting one CCC business per month, we have really been able to get out in the community and re-emphasize the opportunity for everyday savings.

As the program grew, so did the benefits. Today, you enjoy additional savings when you use the card, such as more places to shop, discounts offered for many health services, prescription savings, valuable coupons for everyday living, the ability to earn cash back while shopping online with more than 3,000 merchants, 30,000 local and national deals, and 62,000 participating pharmacies around the country, not to mention 20,000 independent pharmacies.

With 508 cooperatives participating in 46 states around the nation, it's even easier to use your card for



Top: The Irish Bred Pub is a proud supporter of the CCC! Above: Members can take advantage of discounts, from businesses like Edible Arrangements, by showing their CCC as they check out.

Members can save at 3,000 merchants, 30,000 local and national deals and 62,000 participating pharmacies – for free!



Top: Members received a free sub meal when they showed their CCC at our first Celebration Tour stop at Subway in East Point in January! Above: Let your CCC help you save on services and goods for discounts on gifts and entertainment, from businesses such as Stars and Strikes.

out-of-town discounts. Simply look for the CCC sticker in their windows, or log on to the CCC website — connections.coop/greystonepower — and check out the list of participants.

So, while our No. 1 priority is to keep the lights on, GreyStone is committed to bringing additional value to our members and powering the communities we serve in ways that make life better for you. The Co-op Connections program is just another way to accomplish that goal. That's the cooperative difference.

EFFICIENCY 101

VISIT US & learn

Want to learn how to lower your electric bill? With our free Energy Efficiency 101 (EE101) seminars, members are learning how to better manage their home's energy use and save money.

This free seminar is offered twice a year at GreyStone's main office in Douglasville, located at 4040 Bankhead Highway. The next EE101 seminar will be held on Thursday, Nov. 9, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in GreyStone's auditorium.

EE101 helps members understand where the energy hogs are located in the home, and how they can better manage them. Our energy efficiency experts cover a range of useful topics, from filter choices to home lighting to insulation to solar programs.

EE101 sessions will also be held during GreyStone's Annual Meeting on Saturday, Oct. 14, at 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. Attend and receive a prize!

Register for EE101 online at greystonepower.com. For questions, call 770-370-2252.

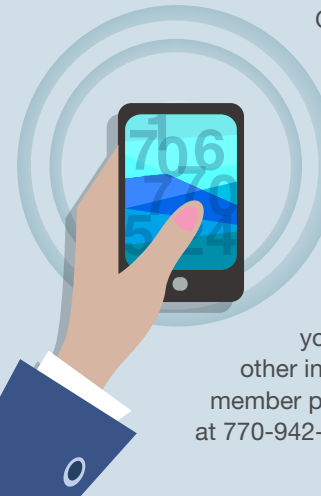
For those who need extra help to rein in energy costs, GreyStone offers a do-it-yourself home energy audit and if needed, an in-home residential energy audit. Call 770-370-2252 for information.



improving service FOR GREYSTONE MEMBERS

10 numbers that matter

We need your help. Your correct 10-digit telephone number in our records can help us find you in the blink of an eye when you need assistance! We need to be sure we have current information on all GreyStone members.



Surpassing your needs and expectations is our focus, and this is one way we can serve you better!

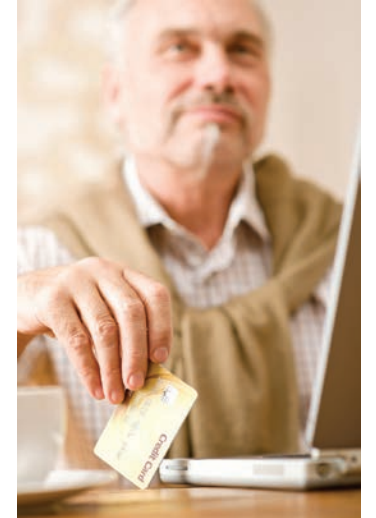
Please update your phone number and other info at the GreyStone member portal online, or call us at 770-942-6576. Thank you!

Automatic is better

Tired of the routine of paying your bill by writing out those pesky checks each month? Automatic payments can make your life easier. Haven't done it before? Try it out.

Sign up for autodraft of your payment monthly from your bank account. Visit the GreyStone member portal, and record your bank account and routing numbers. Your bill will be paid automatically on your schedule each month! No worries!

Autodraft your credit card! Earn points to visit all those fun spots you've dreamed of vacationing, points toward air flights, or even to purchase a new car! The best part is, autodrafting your credit card is fee free!



You can win \$2,000!

There's never been a better time to go paperless. Sign up for paperless e-billing, and you could win \$2,000, \$500, or \$100! Three lucky GreyStone winners will be drawn on Oct. 18, Nov. 15 and Dec. 20. Visit the GreyStone member portal to sign up. To be eligible, you must agree to stay on paperless billing for at least one year. It's easy! It's convenient! And it's free! Think GREEN, and do your part to help the environment.

Nine lucky members will take home a total of \$7,800 for signing up for paperless billing. Don't miss out on your chance to win!



GET YOUR FREE FILTER SHIPMENT

GreyStone offers a simple way for you to keep the air in your home cleaner. Just replace those pesky filters that need replacing when they get dirty and have them delivered right to your door! And you'll receive the first ones FREE, compliments of GreyStone Power, as well as a 20 percent discount on following deliveries, also compliments of GreyStone!

FilterEasy helps residential members replace air filters periodically to keep your heating and air equipment running at peak efficiency. Visit FilterEasy.com/greystone to learn more!



Board election candidates

Annually, three of the nine positions on GreyStone's Board of Directors are elected by members. Every member may vote on every position to elect members. The election will be by voice vote at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, Oct. 14. For more information on the candidates, visit greystonepower.com.



John Walton
District 2, Paulding County

John Walton has been on the GreyStone Board since 2001. A graduate of the University of West Georgia, Walton is a partner in Builder Specialties and also owns John Walton Builders and Rental in Paulding County. A member of the

Civil Service Board for Paulding County, he served his county as a Paulding County commissioner from 1987 to 1990. He currently serves as the vice president of the Board of Directors for the Paulding County Builders Association and on the Paulding County Planning and Zoning Board. He is a former member of the Paulding County Hospital Board, the Advisory Board for Georgia State Bank and the Board of Directors of Westside Bank.

"It is an honor to represent GreyStone Power members on their Board of Directors. While we have challenges ahead, in the past we have shown that we have strength in numbers. That strength will lead us to success. My goal as a Board member has been to provide reliable service at competitive rates. I will continue to do all that I can to be sure that this tradition of excellent service at reasonable rates continues," says Walton.



Maribeth Wansley
District 6, Fulton, Fayette and Coweta counties

Maribeth Wansley, president of Cochran Mill Nature Center, has served on the Board since 2005, and currently serves as vice chair. A native of Atlanta who has lived in Palmetto since 1987, she is

a graduate of the University of Georgia, where she received a bachelor's degree in advertising. Wansley worked as a broadcast producer in radio and television in the Atlanta area before switching directions toward the nonprofit world. Environmental education has been her focus since 1991, and she has enjoyed giving much time and energy to the nature center in various roles.

"For 12 years, I have thoroughly enjoyed representing my district on the GreyStone Board, because as a group your Board works as a team to provide the most reliable service at the best rate. Working with such a group of professionals toward the common good of serving our members is very rewarding," she says.



Milton Jones
District 7, Fulton County

Milton Jones was first elected to the Board in 2005 and currently serves as chair. Through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), he has earned certifications for Credentialed

Cooperative Director (CCD), Board Leadership Certificate (BLC) and the Director Gold Credential (GOLD), awarded to less than 25 percent of EMC directors nationally.

A senior systems engineer at IBM Corporation, Jones retired in 2001 after nearly 33 years in information technology and training assignments. After IBM, he completed several other IT and training engagements, including eight years with Greenway Health, a health care IT leader based in Carrollton.

A graduate of the Executive MBA Program at Georgia State University, Jones earned his Master of Business Administration degree in 1992. He subsequently taught for nine years as part-time instructor of management in GSU's Robinson College of Business.

"It continues to be an honor and privilege for me to serve our members, and I look forward to the opportunity to serve another term on the Board of Directors! I remain energized by the challenge of providing our members with reliable electric service at a reasonable cost—and not just reliable power, but also resilient and sustainable. As the factors affecting the grid and our power supply keep changing, my experience, knowledge and commitment help me to better serve our members. Working with my fellow directors and management, I look forward to another term of continued service," says Jones.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS

The members of GreyStone Power Corporation (the "Cooperative") are hereby notified that proposed amendments to the Cooperative's Bylaws will be voted on by the members at the 2017 annual meeting of the Cooperative's members, which will take place at the Cooperative's Headquarters in Douglasville, Georgia on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017, beginning at 8:00 a.m. The Board of Directors has endorsed the proposed changes, and asks that they be considered and voted upon by the membership. A summary explanation and the full text of the proposed Bylaw changes are set forth below.

Summary Explanation: The proposed bylaw revision, if adopted, will: (1) change the threshold for victory in a director election from a plurality of votes cast to a majority of votes cast; and (2) create a runoff procedure for director elections in instances that no candidate receives a majority of votes cast.

The complete text of the proposed bylaw amendments requiring member approval is set forth below:

The Board of Directors recommends that the members approve of the following revisions to the Cooperative's Bylaws (text that is deleted is in red and

stricken, text that is added is in blue and underlined):

Section 4.06. Manner of Voting in Contested Director Elections.

(c) Directors shall be elected by a plurality majority of the valid votes cast by the members. ~~Should two candidates tie for the highest vote, then the winner shall be determined by the drawing of lots conducted by the Credentials and Election Committee at the Annual Meeting of members. Should no candidate receive the requisite majority vote, the winner shall be chosen by additional secret ballots between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the prior balloting. The runoff election will be conducted no sooner than fourteen (14) and no later than ninety (90) days after the Annual Meeting of members in which the election occurred.~~

(e) If there is a contested election, the Credentials and Elections Committee shall oversee the preparation and mailing of ballots to all members in good standing on the record date set by the Cooperative, not more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting of members and any runoff election.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF GREYSTONE POWER CORPORATION'S ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS SATURDAY, OCT. 14, 2017

The Annual Meeting of Members of GreyStone Power Corporation will be held Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017, at the GreyStone Power Corporation headquarters facility at 4040 Bankhead Highway, Douglasville, Ga. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 11 a.m.

The business portion of the meeting will be conducted in the following order:

1. Reports of Officers, Directors and President/CEO;
2. Results of the election of Directors to serve three-year terms from Districts 2, 6 and 7;
3. Any and all other business which may properly come

before the membership at this meeting.

Your cooperative exists solely to serve its members, and we hope you will take an active role through your participation in the Annual Meeting. Please come and bring your family.

This Official Notice is hereby issued in accordance with your Bylaws this 28th day of August, 2017, by:

James M. Johns, Secretary/Treasurer



You could be the winner...

Join us for the 80th Annual Meeting of Members!

YOU'RE INVITED FOR THE FUN!

On Saturday, Oct. 14, at 8 a.m., members will once again enjoy the festivities of GreyStone Power's Annual Meeting of Members. Held each year on the second Saturday in October, the event offers fun activities for children, a health fair, a musical performance and much more!

This free event is open to all members and their families who receive electricity from GreyStone and will be held at the co-op's headquarters in Douglasville, located at 4040 Bankhead Highway.

The Expo tent will feature items for purchase from Co-op Connections® Card (CCC) vendors using your CCC discount card, in celebration of the program's 10th anniversary. The first 500 showing their card at the Co-op Connections booth will receive a prize. Energy efficiency experts will share tips to reduce your energy use; vendors will showcase products to help you save money. Energy efficiency seminars will take place in the tent at 8:30 and 9:30 a.m.

Morgan Harper Nichols (pictured top right) will perform for members at 9:45 a.m. Nichols is an award-winning songwriter, singer, author and speaker. She is also one half of the duo Harper Still with her sister, Jamie Grace.

The Annual Meeting kicks off with a free Chick-fil-A biscuit, served from 8-10 a.m., and wraps up with a business meeting to update members on the status of their cooperative.

This year's health fair will provide members with screenings and free or low-cost benefits such as blood sugar testing, flu shots, massages, acupuncture and biometric screenings.

The business meeting will be held at 11 a.m., followed by door prizes and the grand-prize giveaway, a truck retired from the GreyStone fleet.

An election will be held by voice vote for three uncontested directors continuing their service to members. Learn more about the incumbent directors on page G.

Bring your electric bill to simplify registration, which will be open from 8-11 a.m. The member (whose name is on the bill) must be present to register. You cannot register for someone not in attendance, or if you are not the GreyStone member of record.

Visit greystonepower.com to learn more!

Member Melissa King, second from right, was the winner of last year's grand-prize giveaway, a 2003 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 truck.





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Celebrate with us during GreyStone's
Annual Meeting of Members
Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017

Punch out your new card and bring to the Co-op Connections® Card booth inside the Expo tent at GreyStone's Annual Meeting for a special gift. Limited to first 500.



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Celebrating Partner Businesses

All year we've been celebrating a decade of savings with businesses like Sport Clips Haircuts and Jessica (at left). You'll get to meet businesses like this one at our Annual Meeting Expo. Come on down!

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