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DATA THAT POWERS OUR WORLD

When new businesses join our lines, the positive impact can ripple throughout the community – from new jobs and increased tax revenue to improved infrastructure, strengthening our electric distribution system. You may have heard of data centers coming to your area. These businesses provide the physical infrastructure needed to power our online lives and smart devices.

GreyStone is serving data centers because of the positive impact for all of our members. We want to assure our members that we make sure data centers always pay their fair share.

By having data centers pay appropriate amounts up front for transmission and distribution investment, the co-op ensures that directly assigned costs are not socialized across the greater membership, but borne by the data centers. These infrastructure improvements, which include new substations, help to improve the financial health of the co-op. The increased revenue to the not-for-profit co-op can be used to stabilize retail rates as well.

As we grow, we'll continue to deliver the reliable service our members expect for as low a price as possible. Learn more about data centers on page E.

- Gary

Gary Miller,
President/CEO

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Find the hidden lightning bolt (⚡) in the following GreyStone pages and send us an email to MemberMatters@greystonepower.com with the subject line: Find the Bolt!

Include the following information in the email: the page you found the lightning bolt on, your full name, your phone number and your member account number. You will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Visa gift card.

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The Paulding County High School JROTC was presented with a donation at the GreyStone Power annual Military Service Recognition breakfast in November.

GREYSTONE NEWS

HONORING VETERANS

GreyStone Power honored its veterans with an annual Military Service Recognition breakfast for GreyStone employees, retirees and board members who are veterans or are actively serving in the military, as well as spouses of veterans, on Wednesday, Nov. 12.

The event featured the presentation of colors by the Paulding County High School JROTC, and guests enjoyed special remarks from GreyStone Connect Broadband Member Services Manager Austin Phillips. Phillips served in the Air Force and spoke about his time in the military and its impact on our lives.

"Freedom is not free. It's all about sacrifice and service," Phillips says. "Without the service and the sacrifice, we don't enjoy the freedoms we have today."

The breakfast also featured a special check presentation to the Paulding County High School JROTC program. They were awarded \$1,500 for their JROTC program. Command Sgt. Maj. Jason York, JROTC Army Instructor at Paulding County High School, says they hope to use the funds for travel, new uniforms and equipment for their drill team, who are back-to-back state champions.

GreyStone Power honors veterans in the local community via financial and in-kind support. GreyStone's support includes service programs, such as Habitat for Humanity; scholarships and donations to causes and organizations dedicated to honoring military service; employment opportunities; and recognizing and showing appreciation for its own veteran-employees.

Foundation scholarships

Attention, students! GreyStone Power is awarding five \$3,000 scholarships to GreyStone Power members or their children who are either seniors in high school or enrolling in college annually. The scholarships, provided by the GreyStone Power Foundation, Inc./Operation Round Up, are awarded based on need and academic achievement. All ages are eligible.

The scholarships are given based on academic performance as well as school and community activities and are made possible by GreyStone members who agree to round up their electric bills to the next dollar. The application deadline is Monday, Jan. 12, 2026. Applications are available at greystonepower.com/scholarships.



WASHINGTON *Youth Tour*

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Reginald Ward, Amaya Williams, Kaylyn Owens, Kennedy Ware and Marvin McMurray Jr. were selected as GreyStone's 2025 Washington Youth Tour delegates. Photo credit: Kathryn Green



The leadership
experience of a
lifetime



Area high school and homeschooled juniors are currently competing for an all-expenses-paid spot on the 2026 Washington Youth Tour. This inspiring, weeklong leadership trip offers participants the opportunity to experience U.S. government and U.S. history firsthand while having fun, making new friends and developing leadership skills.

If chosen, a student will become one of up to five delegates sponsored by GreyStone and will join more than 100 teens from other electric membership cooperatives (EMCs) across Georgia to represent the state during the 2026 Washington Youth Tour to be held June 12-19, 2026.

Candidates who compete to win the weeklong experience are student leaders chosen by counselors or staff from participating high schools in GreyStone's service area. Candidates are required to attend an in-person interview. The students who earn the top five scores win the trip!

GreyStone delegates who are selected for the Youth Tour have the opportunity to visit historical sites and monuments, as well as make connections with other high-achieving peers while participating in an unforgettable weeklong journey in the nation's capital. The Youth Tour includes face-to-face meetings with state and national leaders, leadership training and discussions about important issues with students from other states.

Students will also have the chance to network with delegates from other states, as the tour brings more than 1,800 students from across the country to D.C.

The Washington Youth Tour is Georgia's oldest leadership program for teens, and there are more than 50,000 alumni from the program. For more information on the program, contact your school counselor or call GreyStone's Youth Tour coordinator at 770-370-2059.



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FUTURES."**

**-2025 GREYSTONE
DELEGATE
AMAYA WILLIAMS**



AROUND GREYSTONE WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DATA CENTERS

Data centers have been a hot topic of conversation, but GreyStone Power Corporation is committed to educating our members about the energy concerns and issues that affect the communities we serve. While there are numerous resources on data centers, below, we explain the impact data centers have on GreyStone's service area.

What are data centers?

Data centers are physical facilities that house critical computing and storage infrastructure, such as servers, storage systems and networking equipment, that power digital services that billions of people rely on every day. Data centers are essential to support modern digital services such as streaming videos, cloud computing, storage, applications and the evolution of data analytics and artificial intelligence. As digital infrastructure accelerates, data centers are becoming the backbone of the digital economy, supporting everything from AI workloads to autonomous vehicles. To meet the growing demand for data centers and the power needed over the next five years, experts find that data center campuses will have to expand from providing tens of megawatts of power to hundreds of megawatts of power. The advancements in high-performance computing (HPC) and the expansion of AI are increasing the demand for computing power and changing the landscape for energy, real estate and construction.

Why is GreyStone Power serving data centers?

The cooperative principal of voluntary and open membership means that cooperatives are open to all individuals or entities who can use their services and are willing to accept the responsibilities of membership. Any individual or entity with the capacity to enter a legally binding contract with GreyStone Power to receive electric service is eligible to become a member of the not-for-profit electric cooperative. Atlanta's data center market is experiencing significant growth and has become the second-largest data center market after Northern Virginia. The amount of data center construction in the west metro Atlanta area is more than 2,000 MWs. GreyStone is helping to meet a smaller portion of this data center growth, which is helping to keep the residential rates stable while power costs continue to increase.

What are the benefits of data centers?

Data centers can provide several benefits to GreyStone members as well as the local community. The local communities benefit from increased tax revenue, partnerships and investments in local educational programs, and the creation of higher wage jobs resulting from data center growth. GreyStone Power members benefit from increased revenues that will be used to stabilize retail rates by spreading fixed costs over a larger amount of kilowatt-hour sales. As new data centers are connected to the grid, they require new infrastructure to allow for the increase in transmission capacity. The distribution and transmission investment required to provide electric service to these large loads will be fully recovered from the data center and these costs will not be socialized across the GreyStone membership. As a result, these infrastructure improvements will enhance the grid reliability and increase the overall transmission capabilities of the electric grid, thereby promoting future economic growth for all types of businesses and residents within GreyStone's footprint.

How do data centers impact broadband, such as GreyStone's fiber subsidiary GreyStone Connect?

Proximity to a data center minimizes the physical distance that data must travel. This leads to low latency and better performance for all broadband users, including businesses. Streaming, gaming and cloud services perform better and more reliably in this environment. ⚡ This improved uptime is beneficial in a disaster recovery situation as well. Having a data center nearby also reinforces local control of digital infrastructure, keeping capital dollars in our local community. A local data center can help support local schools, hospitals and government offices with higher reliability and speed.

AROUND GREYSTONE MEETING OF MEMBERS



GreyStone Power held a drive-thru event again for the co-op's 88th Annual Meeting of Members, allowing members to efficiently participate in the event.

Following this year's contested board election for District 3, Douglas and Paulding counties, members elected James Stovall to serve a three-year term. Billy Mayhew, District 5, Douglas and Carroll counties, and Charisse Braxton, District 9, Cobb County, ran unopposed and will also serve three-year terms. The proposed amendment to the Bylaws passed.

President/CEO Gary Miller provided a message with information on prices and the addition of new large businesses on our lines.

"We are not looking out for shareholders like for-profit companies,

but working hard to keep costs down so that we can continue to offer lower rates than other utilities," Miller says.

Based on the Public Service Commission's Residential Rate Survey for this past summer, comparing rates at 1,500 kilowatt-hours (kWh), GreyStone's rates are more than 33% cheaper than the local investor-owned utility's rates. For those members using 500 kWh in the summer, GreyStone had the second lowest rates among the 41 electric membership corporations (EMCs) in the state.

Adding large commercial and industrial businesses to our service

area has led to new investments in our distribution infrastructure. GreyStone has added The Preserve, an 1,100-acre wellness resort in Douglas County, and Project Hammer, a pharmaceutical distribution center expected to create more than 200 jobs.

"Along with creating good jobs, these businesses are also strengthening the local economy through property taxes and increasing power sales, which helps keep costs down for all members," Miller says. "Our mission remains making life better in the communities we serve."



EFFICIENCY 101

Winter savings CHECKLIST

Being energy efficient doesn't always require a lot of time or money. Small measures can help reduce winter bills!

THERMOSTAT ADJUSTMENTS

Smaller gaps between indoor and outdoor temperatures lessens your electricity use, therefore your bill. Keeping the thermostat at 68 degrees or lower is recommended for winter months.

KEEP THE HEAT

Keep warmth and savings from escaping your home by caulking and weather-stripping drafty windows and doors.

LOUNGE IN LAYERS

A blanket paired with your favorite fuzzy socks and sweater provides additional coziness.

UNPLUGGING

Unplug any unused appliances to avoid drawing power, even when they are turned off.

REPLACEMENT

Replace old lighting with LED bulbs that can last 20-30 times longer than incandescent bulbs. Replace HVAC air filters as needed to avoid forcing air through clogged filters.



Surge MasterPlus

SURGEMASTER PLUS

During a storm, lightning may strike at any moment, causing a power surge that could damage or destroy your TV, personal computer and other everyday electrical appliances in your home. This can be avoided by investing in GreyStone Power's SurgeMaster Plus program. This program is not insurance, but it is proven to reduce your risk of loss should a power surge come your way. Surge protection can extend the lifetime of sensitive electronic equipment by protecting it against harmful power surges. To learn more about the SurgeMaster Plus program and how to sign up, visit greystonepower.com/surge-protection.

improving service

FOR GREYSTONE MEMBERS

GO PAPERLESS!

Log in to our member portal to sign up for e-billing.

Having trouble finding where you placed your bill each month? Try a new filing system that includes your email! Simply sign up for e-billing and always have access to your account information with the touch of a finger.

Once signed up, you will receive an email notification that the power bill is available online. You will need to log in to view your bill. Once signed up, be sure to keep your email address up to date so there will be no disruption to your notifications.



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GreyStone employees for heroic efforts



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SAVING LIVES, GOING THE EXTRA MILE

Serving members and the community goes beyond delivering electricity. In 2025, three GreyStone employees received Gatekeeper awards. This award is given to employees who recognize situations where assistance is needed and go the extra mile to render aid.

Jennifer Saint-Jean, Makayla Sanford and Micah Skelton were this year's recipients of the Gatekeeper Award.

Chris Hollomon, Andrew Shirley, Peyton Thorpe, Travis Turner and Matt Williams were honored with Lifesaving awards by Georgia EMC, the statewide trade association for Georgia's 41 electric membership cooperatives, and GreyStone Power.

Hollomon was in Helen, Georgia, near a river when he noticed a man on the river flip his tube and hit his head. The man had washed up to a rock, where he was bleeding profusely and going in and out of consciousness. Hollomon jumped into the water and helped the man to shore, worried he may drown. Once on shore, Hollomon noticed that the man had a huge gash on the back of his head. He called for an ambulance while giving him water and attempting to stop the bleeding. The paramedics arrived and took the man to the hospital.

Last year, while assisting Satilla EMC with power restoration, the crew of Shirley, Thorpe, Turner and Williams encountered a car T-boned by a truck on the way back to camp. They immediately pulled over and hopped into action, blocking traffic with the bucket truck and turning on the strobe lights. They found the driver unconscious with the door caved in and jammed. With help from a tree-cutting crew that also stopped to assist, they freed the driver and placed them in the recovery position, with Williams providing cervical spine support. In the back seat, they found another person unconscious and bleeding. They obtained the proper PPE but when they returned, she was awake and coherent. However, the driver who had suffered from a severe head wound began having seizures. They continued supporting the driver's head and neck while Thorpe and Shirley retrieved first aid kits, monitored other passengers and handed out first aid items as needed. EMS arrived shortly after and took over.

GreyStone also honors an annual GEM Award winner. The GEM program awards those employees who have gone the extra mile for their coworkers, demonstrating exceptional teamwork and collaboration. This year's GEM recipient was Patrick Ehui.

GreyStone employees were honored for going above and beyond in an award ceremony held in November 2025.



**YES, YOU OWN
A POWER CO-OP.**

**NO, YOU DON'T HAVE
TO CLIMB ANY HIGH,
SCARY POLES.**

You probably didn't wake up this morning thinking, look at me, owner in an amazing power co-op. Congratulations! Now for the obvious next question. What's a co-op again? As a co-op, GreyStone Power is owned by our members. We're here to deliver reliable power, for as low a cost as possible. Being a co-op means we can focus on what a power company should focus on: reliable power. You'll see us out in the community, proudly making things better every day. So say hi! And enjoy owning your very own power company.

*Get the benefits of
a co-op, without having
to scale anything at all!*



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