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POWERING STUDENTS' FUTURES

WASHINGTON D.C. YOUTH TOUR



Six students from all three area high schools were selected to represent GCEA on an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., this June.

As a part of GCEA's commitment to the community it serves, GCEA sends students to participate in the Washington D.C. Youth Tour. They will visit the nation's capital with hundreds of other students from across the country. Their trip will begin at the Colorado Capitol before heading to Washington, D.C. In D.C. they will meet members of Congress and visit national monuments, the Library of Congress, Smithsonian museums, and much more. GCEA is excited to have these six amazing young adults represent the co-op in Washington, D.C., as tour participants.

Crested Butte

Elise Hanna
Luca Meyer
Josie Feier

Gunnison

Dakota Sahagun
Annie Harvey

Lake City

Priyah Hartman

COOPERATIVE YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP



Each year, GCEA sponsors local students from its service territory to attend the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp at the Glen Eden Resort in Steamboat Springs, Colorado in July.

Connor Thomson from Crested Butte was selected to represent GCEA at the 2024 Leadership Camp this summer. He will join nearly 100 students from electric cooperatives in Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Wyoming. The week is filled with learning about cooperatives and developing leadership skills that will help the students in their future endeavors.



GCEA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

GCEA awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors, returning college students, and nontraditional students. Scholarships will be awarded to students who meet all the requirements and plan to attend an accredited college, university, trade school, online school, or community college.

- Must be a GCEA member to apply
- Applications can be submitted by:
 - Email - scholarship@gcea.coop - Return Students Only
 - Mail - PO BOX 180, Gunnison, CO 81230
 - In person - GCEA Headquarters - 37250 West Highway 50, Gunnison, Co 81230



SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT GCEA.COOP FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY.

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS ON MARCH 1, 2024

GCEA Annual Meeting and Board Election Notice

The election for the board of directors and the 85th Annual Member Meeting for Gunnison County Electric Association will be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 6 p.m. at 37250 W US Highway 50, Gunnison, CO 81230.

Board Districts up for Election

GCEA's Board of Director positions at the end of each three-year term that are eligible for election are as follows:

District No. 6 – (Incumbent Polly Oberosler)

The Tomichi Creek area east of the City of Gunnison to the Continental Divide within the certificated service area of the Association.

District No. 7 – (open seat) This District shall be considered an “at-large” district encompassing the entire certificated area of the Association. A member residing in any of the Association’s director districts may seek nomination for this position, subject to the qualification, nomination and election standards and procedures applicable to all other director districts.

How to Become a Candidate

To become nominated as a candidate for the GCEA's Board of Directors Election, an interested person must meet the qualifications for serving as a director and must timely submit a nomination petition signed by at least 15 members of GCEA. Signers do not have to live within your district. Additionally, GCEA strongly encourages any person interested in serving as a director to schedule an information/orientation meeting with CEO Mike McBride. Petitions will be available February 15.

To serve as a director, you must be a member of GCEA, reside within the district for which you are nominated, and meet all other qualifications for serving as a director. **DEADLINE:** Completed petitions must be returned to GCEA by 12 p.m./noon MDT on Monday, April 22.

Ballot Mailing Deadline

In case of a contested election, ballots will be posted for mailing to members on Monday, May 20. Ballots are mailed to members of record as determined 60 days prior to the election date and sent to the member’s main address on file. Ballots must be completed per instructions and returned by the close of registration at the Annual Meeting held on June 18, 2024. Any ballots received after this deadline will be considered invalid.

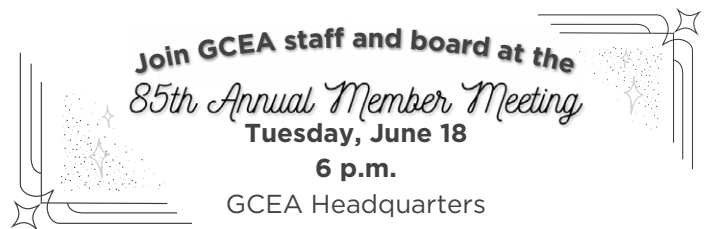
Electronic Voting

Due to changes in Colorado law, members now have the option to vote electronically in case of a contested election. In case of a contested election, electronic voting instructions will be provided to all members of record in their mailed paper ballots.

Election Results

In case of a contested election, results will be announced approximately 2-5 business days following the June 18 annual meeting.

For complete information regarding the nomination process, please call Chief Executive Officer Mike McBride or Executive Assistant Sherry Shelton at 970-641-3520 or email directorelections@gcea.coop



- ✓ GCEA's annual meeting brings together co-op members, staff, and board members to share a meal, talk about the status of the cooperative, and to connect with friends and neighbors.



NOTICE OF APPROVED RATE ADJUSTMENT

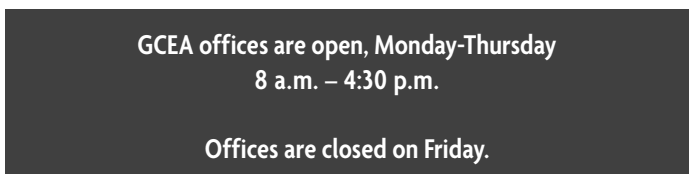
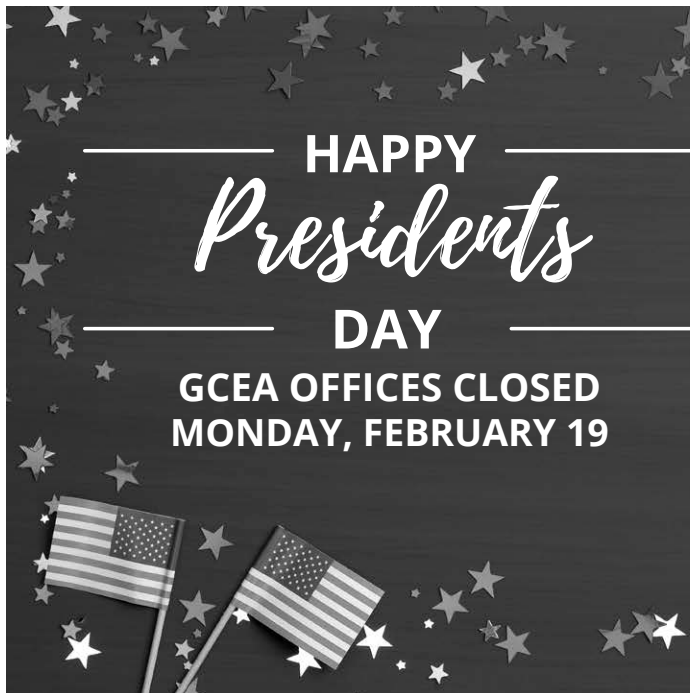
You are hereby notified that Gunnison County Electric Association approved the following changes in its tariffs to become effective March 1, 2024. The last rate adjustment was May 1, 2023. Due to publication deadlines for the Colorado Country Life, this notice was prepared for publication in anticipation of Board approval. Please visit gcea.coop for the final notice. Any differences will be highlighted on the website.

The overall average rate increase of 5.0% is necessary to cover rising costs associated with general inflation, wage inflation, global supply chain challenges and an increase in our wholesale cost of purchased power. This adjustment will cover 60% of the increased costs, with GCEA absorbing the remaining 40% to minimize the

impact on members. The impact of this rate increase to individual accounts will vary depending upon the rate class and energy use pattern. The average residential bill for 704 kilowatt-hour monthly usage will see an increase of \$6.84 per month.

The board, management, and employees of GCEA understand this increase may impact your budget and we want you to know we will do everything we can to assist you in the months ahead. We encourage each of you to be aware of your energy use choices and to utilize GCEA and community resources available to help conserve and lower your monthly bills.

The existing rates and approved new rate changes are on the following page. Only rate classes with changes are noted.



GCEA REBATES

DON'T MISS OUT ON SAVINGS!

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR GCEA MEMBERSHIP, BY APPLYING FOR A REBATE ON ITEMS SUCH AS LED LIGHTBULBS, ENERGY STAR HOME APPLIANCES, OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT, E-BIKES, AND SO MUCH MORE!




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[www:// gcea.coop](http://www.gcea.coop)  970-641-3520

EXISTING RATES

Residential – General Service

Residential – General Service Net Metering

Monthly Service Availability Charge:

Single Phase	\$35.00
Three Phase	\$59.00

Energy Charge:

Per kWh (Single Phase)	\$0.13268
Per kWh (Three Phase)	\$0.13055

Commercial - General Service

Commercial – General Service Net Metering

Service Availability Charge:

Single Phase	\$37.50
Three Phase	\$59.00

Energy Charge:

Per kWh (Single Phase)	\$0.11740
Per kWh (Three Phase)	\$0.13580

Residential & Commercial – Large Power

Residential & Commercial – Large Power Net Metering

Monthly Service Availability Charge:	\$145.00
Energy Charge Per kWh	\$0.05718
Demand Charge Per kW	\$16.28

Time of Use Accounts Established *Before* 1/1/2013

Residential Time of Use

Monthly Service Availability Charge:

Single Phase	\$36.00
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Energy Charge:

On Peak - Per kWh	\$0.25160
Off Peak - Per kWh	\$0.06675

On Peak Periods: Monday through Sunday

**6:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon AND
5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

Time of Use Accounts Established *After* 12/31/2012

Residential Time of Use & Commercial Time of Use

Residential Monthly Service Availability Charge:

Single Phase	\$36.00
Three Phase	\$61.00

Commercial Monthly Service Availability Charge:

Single Phase	\$36.00
Three Phase	\$61.00

Residential TOU Energy Charge:

On Peak – Per kWh	\$0.23664
Off Peak – Per kWh	\$0.08976

Commercial TOU Energy Charge:

On Peak – Per kWh	\$0.25000
Off Peak – Per kWh	\$0.08800

On Peak Period: Monday through Saturday

5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Renewable Energy Rate/ Green Power

Energy Charge:

Each 100 kWh blocks per month	\$0.12
100% Usage Offset Option	\$0.00079 per kWh
134% Usage Offset Option	\$0.00120 per kWh

Community Solar Garden

Production Credit Per kWh: \$0.13268

PROPOSED NEW RATES

Residential – General Service

Residential – General Service Net Metering

Monthly Service Availability Charge:

Single Phase	\$38.00
Three Phase	\$62.00

Energy Charge:

Per kWh (Single Phase)	\$0.13821
Per kWh (Three Phase)	\$0.13498

Commercial - General Service

Commercial – General Service Net Metering

Service Availability Charge:

Single Phase	\$40.50
Three Phase	\$62.00

Energy Charge:

Per kWh (Single Phase)	\$0.12072
Per kWh (Three Phase)	\$0.14023

Residential & Commercial – Large Power

Residential & Commercial – Large Power Net Metering

Monthly Service Availability Charge:	\$145.00
Energy Charge Per kWh	\$0.05884
Demand Charge Per kW	\$17.35

Time of Use Accounts Established *Before* 1/1/2013

Residential Time of Use

Monthly Service Availability Charge:

Single Phase	\$38.00
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Energy Charge:

On Peak - Per kWh	\$0.25602
Off Peak - Per kWh	\$0.06786

On Peak Periods: Monday through Sunday

**6:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon AND
5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

Time of Use Accounts Established *After* 12/31/2012

Residential Time of Use & Commercial Time of Use

Residential Monthly Service Availability Charge:

Single Phase	\$38.00
Three Phase	\$62.00

Commercial Monthly Service Availability Charge:

Single Phase	\$39.00
Three Phase	\$64.00

Residential TOU Energy Charge:

On Peak – Per kWh	\$0.24384
Off Peak – Per kWh	\$0.09136

Commercial TOU Energy Charge:

On Peak – Per kWh	\$0.25818
Off Peak – Per kWh	\$0.09016

On Peak Period: Monday through Saturday

5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Renewable Energy Rate/ Green Power

Energy Charge:

Each 100 kWh blocks per month	\$0.13333
100% Usage Offset Option	\$0.00087 per kWh
135% Usage Offset Option	\$0.00133 per kWh

Community Solar Garden

Production Credit Per kWh: \$0.13821

These tariff provisions are available for examination and explanation at the above listed Gunnison County Electric Association office and on the GCEA website www.gcea.coop.

Franchise Lighting and Large Power Industrial rates are provided directly to members who hold such accounts.