

Wake ElectriConnection

For members of Wake Electric Membership Corporation



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DECEMBER 2013

New Time-of-Use Rate Offered to Members with an Electric Vehicle

Starting on January 1, 2014, Wake Electric will offer a favorable electric rate for residential account holders with an electric vehicle (EV) to encourage charging of their EVs during designated off-peak hours. The discounted rate is available on a voluntary basis to all territory served by Wake Electric, subject to established Service Rules and Regulations of the Cooperative. This special rate is available to owners of or to those leasing "plug-in" EVs (conventional gas/electric hybrid vehicles that use the engine to re-charge the battery are excluded).

This schedule is applicable to



and available for residential single-family dwelling use only, excluding prepaid and net metered accounts. The intent is to provide an incentive for charging of a "plug-in" electric vehicle during off peak times. To qualify, an applicant must:

- ★ Register the vehicle with Wake Electric by providing a copy of the electric vehicle "proof of purchase" or lease agreement
- ★ Provide the electric vehicle registration card corresponding to the associated electric address with the Cooperative
- ★ Provide proof that vehicle can be recharged from an external (plug-in) source of electricity
- ★ Agree to notify Wake Electric if ownership or lease of the electric vehicle changes during the calendar year

★ Register annually for the rate
The energy charges for this special EV rate are:

- ★ Monthly Facilities Charge—\$12 (as compared to \$10 for standard residential rate)
- ★ All kWhs from 6 a.m.–10 p.m. will have a rate of 11.48¢ per kWh (same as standard residential rate)
- ★ All kWhs from 10 p.m.–6 a.m., which is considered off peak, will have a rate of 9.48¢ per kWh (two cent discount from standard residential rate)

Note: Members with an electric vehicle currently billed on a TOU rate have the option to remain on their existing TOU rate or switch to the new rate

Contact Wake Electric if you have purchased or plan to purchase an electric vehicle. We can be reached at (919) 863-6300 or (800) 474-6300.



*Happy Holidays
from Wake Electric!*

Our cooperative family wishes you a very happy, healthy and safe holiday season.

 Wake Electric
Membership Corporation

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Call to report outages: 919.863.6499 or 800.743.3155
Regular office hours: M–F, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Telephone hours: M–F, 7 a.m.–6 p.m., 863.6300 or 800.474.6300
Underground locating service: Call 811
Dedicated pay-by-phone number: 866.999.4593

Wake Electric Awards More than \$19,000 in Classroom Technology Awards to Teachers

Wake Electric recently awarded \$19,437 in Classroom Technology Awards grant monies to deserving teachers in the Triangle and surrounding counties.

Wake Electric annually offers grants to area teachers for one piece of technology that will enhance classroom teaching and learning. From laptop computers and digital cameras, to scanners and software, teachers will be able to guide their students in new and creative ways with the help of Wake Electric's Classroom Technology Awards.

Public school and community college teachers in Durham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Nash, Vance, and Wake counties are eligible to apply. Funding for Classroom Technology Awards grants are made possible by Wake Electric member-consumers and Wake Electric employees through the Operation RoundUp program.

Since the inception of the Classroom Technology Awards program in 2004, the program has awarded approximately \$189,000 in grant monies. This program truly helps today's teachers better reach their students because research shows that students who are in technology-rich environments experience positive effects on achievement in all major subject areas.



CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY AWARDS GRANT WINNERS FOR 2013

NAME	SCHOOL	COUNTY	NAME OF GRANT
Tommy Kemp	Franklinton High	Franklin	iAgribusiness: Virtual Global Agriculture for the Classroom
Stephanie Toney	Leesville Road Middle	Wake	Smart Pens Help Smart Teachers
Joseph Davis	Wake Technical Community College	Wake	R.O.C.K.S.
Jeff Derda	Apex High School	Wake	Bi-Coastal: Water Quality Project
Shannon Pawlak	Riverwood Elementary School	Johnston	What's Inside? The Mini World Around Us
Doug Pawlak	Riverwood Middle School	Johnston	Explore your Genealogy
Nicholas Graber Grace	Hillside High	Durham	Hillside Oral History Project
Kirsten Oshinsky	Wakefield High School	Wake	Project SPARK
Florence Blackwell	Joe Toler-Oak Hill Elementary School	Granville	Mighty Microscopes!

Funding for technology grants come from Wake Electric members who agree to round up their light bill to the nearest whole dollar through the Operation RoundUp program. For example, if the bill is \$190.91—the bill will be rounded up 9 cents to \$191. These pennies add up to major dollars.

October Member Advisory Committee (MAC) Meetings were a Success!

Wake Electric hosted three Member Advisory Committee (MAC) Meetings in October, and they were a great success! More than 160 members attended and heard Jim Mangum, general manager and CEO of Wake Electric, discuss how electricity generation in North Carolina from older, coal-fired power plants is ending, as well as proposed EPA regulation of carbon dioxide emissions under the Clean Air Act.

Members enjoyed a delicious meal, as well as fellowship with one another. There were also several drawings for \$25 credits on members' electric bills.

The next round of MAC meetings will be in February 2014, so stay tuned for more information in the January edition of *ElectriConnection* or visit www.wemc.com/membermeetings.aspx. We hope to see you there!



Jim Mangum gives the MAC presentation to a packed room.

Wake Electric Seeks Applicants for its Scholarship Program

On December 1, the co-op is kicking-off its esteemed 2014 Wake Electric Scholarship Program. Students can apply for the coveted Fred M. Alford Scholarship (\$2,000), as well as 16 Touchstone Energy Scholarships (\$1,250 each).



Catherine Mary Foley, who attended Wake Forest-Rolesville High school, was the 2013 Fred M. Alford Memorial Scholarship winner.

All applications will be under consideration for one of the two scholarship categories. Students only need to submit one application to be considered for both scholarship programs.

The requirements for the Fred M. Alford Scholarship are:

- ★ Must be a child of or under legal guardianship of a Wake Electric member or live in a home served by Wake Electric
- ★ Must be a high school graduating senior (cannot already be attending college)
- ★ Must pursue a four-year undergraduate baccalaureate degree at an accredited

institution in North Carolina

The requirements for the Touchstone Energy Scholarships are:

- ★ Must be a child of or under legal guardianship of a Wake Electric member or live in a home served by Wake Electric
- ★ Must use these funds at a North Carolina college or university, community college, vocational or technical school

- ★ Applicants can be a high school graduating senior or already enrolled full-time in a university, community college, vocational or technical school

To download an application, please visit www.wemc.com/scholarships.aspx. The deadline to submit applications to the Wake Electric Scholarship Program is March 14, 2014, by 5 p.m. Contact Wake Electric at communications@wemc.com or call (919) 863-6312 for any questions.



Holiday Closings

Wake Electric's offices will be closed on Tuesday, December 24, Wednesday, December 25, and Wednesday, January 1, for the holiday season. For emergencies, please call (800) 474-6300 or (919) 863-6300.

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ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP

Electric bills rise in the winter for lots of reasons—holiday parties, house guests, and shorter days and longer nights. Take little measures to help control costs like turning down the thermostat, washing clothes in cold water, swapping out light bulbs for high-efficiency versions, and using microwaves or toaster ovens to cook. Find more ways to save at TogetherWeSave.com.

Source: TogetherWeSave.com

Wake Electric Awards \$6,150 in Operation RoundUp Grant Monies to Local Nonprofit Organizations

Wake Electric awarded \$6,150 in grant monies during the 3rd quarter of 2013 to deserving nonprofit organizations located in counties served by the co-op. These grants were made available through the Operation RoundUp program.

Nonprofit agencies located in counties that Wake Electric serves, which includes Durham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Nash, Vance and Wake counties, are eligible to apply. The agency does not have to be a member of Wake Electric.

Grants are open to all project and subject areas that enhance economic infrastructure and job creation, promote service or charitable organizations, and meet emergency needs of individuals within the service area of Wake Electric.

Each quarter, the board of directors for the program's administrative body, the Wake Electric Foundation board, meets to



The next deadline for Operation RoundUp grant applications is Friday, December 13, 2013, by 5 p.m. A simple and convenient downloadable application can be found at www.wemc.com/oproundup.aspx.

determine who will be awarded funds.

The funds for the Operation RoundUp grants come from Wake Electric members who agree to round up their electric bill to the nearest whole dollar. For example, if the bill is \$104.91, the bill will be rounded up 9 cents to \$105.

THE 3RD QUARTER 2013 OPERATION ROUNDUP GRANT WINNERS ARE:

Name of Nonprofit Organization	Amount Awarded	County Nonprofit is Located	Info about Grant
Kerr Bots-Vance County 4H	\$1,500	Vance	Robotics club funding
Granville County Extension Volunteer Association	\$750	Granville	Backpack Buddies program
Isaiah 58:12 Project, Inc.	\$400	Granville	Workbooks and supplies for "2nd Chance Program"
Mercy for America's Children	\$1,000	Wake	Funding for library supplies
Vance County 4-H	\$2,500	Vance	Four County Livestock Show



Holiday Safety Tips

Santa Claus isn't the only one traveling during the holiday season; many of you will be adding points to frequent flier miles, hitting the roads, or "walking over the river and through the woods." Wherever you are traveling and however you choose to get there, it is important to keep a few safety tips in mind.

- ★ Leaving your house makes it vulnerable to break-ins. Take precautions so you can come back to your house the way you left it.
- ★ Be sure to hold your mail and newspapers while you are gone. This is free to do and only takes a phone call. A pile of mail or newspapers is a dead giveaway for a vacant house.
- ★ Unplug your electronics to save energy and increase electrical safety.
- ★ Set your lights on timers. If you do this, your house looks more lived in, discouraging burglars.
- ★ Turn off the main water supply to your house. It can save you thousands of dollars by preventing leaks that may be caused by frozen water in the pipes. Even if the pipes aren't in danger of freezing, a leak can happen, and without someone there to notice it, serious damage can occur.



Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season!