

TVA to Add Grid Access Charge

As a not-for-profit electric cooperative, Volunteer Energy (VEC) believes in keeping electric rates low for our members. We also believe in being transparent. For these reasons, VEC offers a detailed analysis of each member's bill showing both the type of rate being charged and the price of each rate. We believe it is important for our members to understand how the money being charged is actually used.

Over the past six years, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) has raised the wholesale electric rate by 1.5% each year. In May of 2018, the TVA Board of Directors also voted to alter the wholesale rate by adding a Grid Access Charge (GAC) to the other base charges. While this new charge was designed to be revenue neutral, TVA ultimately admits it will cause the majority of residential bills to increase.

While TVA discussed the addition of the GAC to the wholesale rate, VEC stood firmly against the idea. We approached TVA executives, the TVA Board of Directors, our elected officials, and even members of the community numerous times, in an effort to change TVA's position on the GAC. Nevertheless, TVA enacted the GAC in October of 2018.

TVA offered a one year deferral on implementation of the GAC, so VEC elected not to utilize it until 2019 when it became mandatory. In October, you will see this new charge added to your bill. It will be in addition to the energy charge applied by VEC, the energy charge applied by TVA, and the fuel cost recovery charge applied by TVA. A sample illustration of how the new bill will look is included below.

As a member, we know this is not the kind of news you want to hear. We would encourage you to communicate with us, and with TVA about how you feel. One great opportunity to do so would be at this year's Annual Membership Meeting, being held on October 5th in Decatur. Please see the other articles included in this edition of *Powerlines* for more details about the Annual Meeting.

Current Service Detail				
VEC Customer Charge				
VEC Energy(kWh)	1,493 kWh @	0.01195		11.71
TVA Energy(kWh)	1,493 kWh @	0.06325		94.43
TVA Fuel Cost	1,493 kWh @	0.02009		29.99
TVA Grid Access Cost	1,493 kWh @	0.00512		7.64
Total Energy (kWh) Rate				
				161.61
Subtotal				
VECcustomers Share				0.39
Project Deserve				1.00
Paid by Credit Card on 10/14/2019				163.00

VEC is Holding Unclaimed Property

Volunteer Energy Cooperative (VEC) is holding unclaimed property of at least \$50 due to the persons listed below. The owner may claim this property by contacting VEC (Volunteer Energy Cooperative, 18359 Highway 58 N. P.O. Box 277, Decatur, TN 37322, 423-334-7014 or 423-334-7017). **If an owner has not contacted us by October 23, 2019,** the law requires us to submit this property to the Tennessee Treasury Department Unclaimed Property Division.

**ATHENS, TN** – Marissa Bain, Larry Bell, Harvey Benton, Cassandra Coleman, Jennifer Escalona, Patrick Grayson, Phoebe Harper, Jerry Hunt, Steven Mocahbee, Connie Roberson, Cynthia Slaven, Antohy Todd Stephens. **BENTON, TN** - Rebecca A Caruso, Terena N Fields, Joshua L Gibbs, Courtney M Jones, Glenn Long, Tracey Lee Nunley, Tiffany D Nyquist, James M Trentham. **BYRDSTOWN, TN** – Rondall Mazurek, Rema Story, Glenn Taylor, William Vitucci. **CALHOUN, TN** – Charles Abrams, Rebecca Alguire, Barbara Parton Allmon. **CHARLESTON, TN** – Tamara Carter, Samuel Knowles, Sharon P Simmons, Robert Taylor, Phyllis Winton, Farrah S Young. **CLEVELAND, TN** – Stephanie Burke, Samantha Nicole Castelow, Cynthia Lou Cathey, Robert Cooke, Chris Coppinger, Jeanine Cummins, Joe W. Daniels, Elizabeth C Davis, Blanche Easterly, Betty Fetzer, Teri Fish, Prescia Harris, Judy Elizabeth Haven, Lori Hayes, Keith Kittler, Christopher Larsen, Johnny D Miller, Paul J Montgomery, Juan Pacheco, Heather Pendergrass, Christy Rhodes, Joshua Richards, Mike Rymer, Kathleen Smtih, Carl Swilling, Buffy Thomason, Diamond Thompson, Keit T Vo, Richard G Wilson. **CROSSVILLE, TN** - Stephen Amsden, Mark T Anderson, Elsa Armendariz, Anthony Lee Barnes, Padgett R Barron. Kenneth Way Bell, Nathan Lane Black, Fred Brandon, Tomay Gail Bryan, Elisha M Campbell, Adam Thomas Choat, Ernest Clauss, Donald Wayne Coterrall, Norman P Curry, Amy Nicole Davis, Fred Demint, Richard Lucas Denton, Christian Marie Downam, James Marshall Evitt, James R Ewton, Gary Fitch, Ariannna Alexa Foster, Britany Lynn Foster, Maria Garcia, Michael Brian Gilbert, Ginny Godsey, Matthew Goforth, Nancy Greer, Julian Hearndon, David E Higgins, Robert H Hinkley, Connasina James, Leffel Earl King, Linda Knight, Amy M Lewis, Jack Lindsay, Jennifer Lockard, Barbara Marshall, Florence Matheson, Michael M Maynard, Vitthalbhai Patel, April Violet Sandoval, Willard Adam Schubert, Frances Threet, Jesse B Tucker, Catherine Elizabeth Vaughn, Jimmie Walker, Jean Ann Webb, Colleen Whiles, Ashley Jena Wilson, Daniel Eugene Woodcock, Gail Anny Woody. **DECATUR, TN** – Wayne Cannon, Anthony Colbaugh, Destiny Hayes, Brenda M Scroggs, John Smith Jr, Minnie Sue Williams, Allysha Yarbrough. **DELANO, TN** – Kelly E Bettis, Eskey Brown. **ETOWAH, TN** - Irene Douglas. **EVENSVILLE, TN** – Christopher Fraley. **FAIRFIELD GLADE, TN** – Kylie Marie Castello, Michael P Howard. **GEORGETOWN, TN** - Lois Hawkins, Amanda Standridge, Craig White. **GRIMSLEY, TN** - Richard Glant. **HARRISON, TN** – Samuel L Braden, Joseph D Brown, Garland S Curvin, Darla Ferrell, Thomas Hogan, Elijah E Johnson, Shelby L Russell, Arnold Sims, David C Walker. **JAMESTOWN, TN** – Audrey Bufford, Edith M Dodson, Donna Edwards, Delbert E Little, Henry L McDonald, Jim Reese, Josephy Allan Tipton, Carol Ann Ward. **KINGSTON, TN** – Clarice Brown. **LOUDON, TN** - Florian Meeks. **MCDONALD, TN** – Luis Abraham, Howard Hannah, Theral Hatchett. **MONTEREY, TN** – Adam Elanze Austin, Tanyia Coley, Kevin H Hershberger, Bill Longmire, Rita F Nugent, Celia Padgett, Yosniel Hernandez Rodriguez, Eric Bruce Swindell, Charles E Thomas, James H Vaughn, Dustin G Woods. **NIOTA, TN** – Howard K Graham. **OCOEE, TN** – Sonya D Thompson. **OLD FORT, TN** - Estate Of James Lee Morgan, Joyce Hawkins, Marie Kneifl, Jack Lo Padgett, Kelli K Williams. **OLTEWAH, TN** – Doran Burnside, Vivian Colvin, Toby Eldridge, Christian Engel, Billy Joe Fairbanks, Coby E Hogan, Deborah V McBryar. **PALL MALL, TN** - Charles Guffey. **PIKEVILLE, TN** – Alicia Koroknai, Elvis Sullivan. **RELIANCE, TN** – Patricia R Tierney, Dennis W Wilcox. **RICEVILLE, TN** – John Coleman, Stephen Daly, Aundrea Duke, Benjamin Mendenhall, Ridghe Monroe, Jimmy C Parker, Darlene Viscusie, Donald A Youngs. **SPARTA, TN** – Kristian A Brown, Jerry Greathouse, Della Ann Page, Earnest S Zile. **SPRING CITY, TN** - Brandi Bowman, Carmaine Daniels, John Arthur Dotson, Seth Doucett, Richard Dale Fowler, Mitchell Higgs, Jennifer Love Huff, Morris McCarther, Reba Tucker, Sherry Varner. **TEN MILE, TN** – Joyce Ann Archer, J W Johnson, Caitlyn Lawson, Alan Schneider. **WILDER, TN** – Clifford Wayne King.

VEC Annual Meeting Set for October 5

As summer turns to fall, many of us get caught up in the hectic, back-to-school rush and return to our more normal routines. But before your calendar gets too full, please make it a point to mark Saturday, October 5. That's the date for this year's Volunteer Energy Cooperative (VEC) Annual Meeting.

VEC's Annual Meeting is an excellent opportunity to learn more about your cooperative and about the differences between being a member of an electric cooperative and being a customer of a different type of electric company.

Registration, free flu shots, and your choice of a pancake or a continental breakfast begin immediately after the doors open at 8 a.m. EST. Morning entertainment will precede the business meeting which convenes at 10 a.m. The Mayberry Deputy, aka David Browning, will take the stage about 10:45 a.m.

In between the entertainment you can visit numerous displays covering VEC's products and services, energy efficiency, and how to save money on your electric bill. There will be plenty of door prizes and every family will receive a free gift.

There will also be face painting and safety demonstrations designed for the young and the young-at-heart.

Don't miss out on the fun, the food, the entertainment, the prizes and giveaways, along with the chance to learn about your electric cooperative October 5 at Meigs County Middle School in Decatur. Directions are included in this issue of *Powerlines*.

'See you there.



Rody Blevins  
President/CEO  
Volunteer Energy Cooperative





## Your Change Changes Things

The VECustomers Share program funded \$28,000 in community service grants in July. Since the inception of the program in October 2001, over \$6.7 million in grants has been awarded. The deadline for grant applications is the last working day of each month. For additional information, contact the office of Marketing and Economic Development, at 423-334-7051. Applications are also available online, at [www.vec.org](http://www.vec.org).



VECustomers Shares Board Member Gary Gilmore presented a grant check to Jim Reed, the president of Rhea Alliance.

## Organizations receiving grants in July

Hull-York Chapter #5 D.A.V.	\$2,500	Meigs County Retired Teachers	\$600
Creative Compassion Inc.	\$2,000	American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 257	\$600
Manna House Ministries	\$1,500	8th Grade College Readiness/Access	\$550
Cumberland County High School		Friends of the Art Circle Library	
Lady Jets Softball Boosters	\$1,350	Teen Summer Reading Program	\$500
Tennessee Hemophilia & Bleeding Disorders Foundation	\$1,000	4-H Outdoor Adventure Club (O.A.C.)	\$500
York Institute Golf Program	\$1,000	Midway High School Baseball Boosters	\$500
American Cancer Society - McMinn County	\$1,000	Midway Youth Cheerleading Organization	\$500
Girls on the Run of Southeast Tennessee	\$1,000	Midway Quarterback Club	\$500
Midway High School Cross Country Team	\$1,000	Stone Memorial High School Football Team	\$500
Monterey High School Cheerleaders	\$1,000	Spring City Chamber of Commerce	\$500
Monterey High School Golf Boosters	\$1,000	STARTS (Support The ARTS)	\$500
Ocoee Theatre Guild	\$1,000	Meigs Middle Football Cheer Booster Club	\$450
My Brothers Keeper of Southeast TN Inc.	\$850	American Cancer Society - Meigs County	\$400
Maple Grove Community Seniors	\$800	Mended Hearts, Chapter 127	\$250
American Cancer Society - Polk County	\$750	National Center for Youth Issues	\$250
Chattanooga Scottish Rite	\$750	American Cancer Society - Rhea County	\$250
Spring City Lions Club	\$750	Monterey Food Bank	\$250
Rhea County Health Council - Give a Kid a Chance	\$750	Spring City Youth Athletic Association	\$250
		Crossville Public Housing Resident Association	\$150

## “The Mayberry Deputy” Building a Bridge to a Simpler Time

If you think Volunteer Energy Cooperative’s Annual Meeting is not going to be a lot of fun this year, we’re going to take that idea and nip it ... nip it in the bud.

This year’s event, slated for Saturday, October 5 at Meigs County Middle School in Decatur, promises to bring laughs, nostalgia, and good family fun. David L. Browning, an accomplished actor, director, host, and speaker will be portraying “The Mayberry Deputy.”

“We live in a world where people are searching for their own Mayberry,” Browning says. “I value this character for what it gives to people ... a laugh, a lift and memories.”

Browning has portrayed Sheriff Andy Griffith’s right-hand man at Mayberry Reunion Shows with original cast members of the “Andy Griffith Show,” including Grand Ole Opry appearances. He routinely opened for Don Knotts who played the original “Barney Fife” on “The Andy Griffith Show” and George Lindsey who played “Goober” on the show. He also provided entertainment at our annual meeting in 2014.

“The Mayberry Deputy, David Browning, is a bridge between ‘The Andy Griffith Show’ and today,” says Don Knotts.

Browning has been featured in about 5,000 performances and has appeared with Faith Hill, the Charlie Daniels Band, Aaron Tippin, Neil McCoy and the Marshall Tucker Band. He was also featured in a music video by Confederate Railroad and has also appeared in numerous radio, print and television advertising campaigns.



## Volunteer Energy Cooperative Annual Meeting Schedule of Events

All Times EASTERN

**8:00 - 9:30 am**

Registration, Pancake and Continental Breakfasts, Displays, Morning Entertainment

**8:00 - 9:00 am** – Flu Shots

**9:45 am** – Door Prizes

**10:00 am** – Membership Meeting

**10:45 am** – Main Entertainment - The Mayberry Deputy

**11:30 am** – Door Prizes

## Monthly Co-op Progress Report - May 2019

<b>88</b> Power Poles Replaced	<b>135.14</b> Miles ROW Trimmed	<b>9,263</b> Pole Line Miles	<b>119,159</b> AMI Meters Read	<b>14,177</b> Contact Center Calls	<b>46,086</b> Automated Calls Rec.
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## A Letter to Our Members

Dear Cooperative Member:

The 84th Annual Meeting of the members of Volunteer Energy Cooperative will be held at Meigs County Middle School. The business meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Eastern Time, on Saturday, October 5, 2019.

The following action is to be taken: To consider reports of officers and to transact all business which may come before a regular Annual Meeting.

**Sammy Norton**, Secretary-Treasurer

## VEC Annual Meeting is Easy to Find

GPS Address: Meigs Middle School, 564 N. Main Street, Decatur, TN 37322

Meigs County Middle School is centrally located in the Volunteer Energy Cooperative service region in Decatur, Tennessee. Once you get to Highway 58 in Decatur turn east on Z Street (across from Piggly Wiggly), left on Main Street, and right into the Meigs Middle School parking lot. Or you can just follow the signs – there will be plenty of signs pointing you in the right direction once you arrive in the Decatur area.

To Decatur from:

**Kingston:** Follow Highway 58 heading south into Decatur. Turn left on Z Street, left on Main Street, and right into Meigs Middle School.

**Crossville:** Take Highway 127 South out of Crossville. Follow Highway 27/68 over Watts Bar Dam. Make a right turn onto Highway 58, go nine miles, turn left on Z Street, left on Main Street, and right into Meigs Middle School.

**Cleveland:** Take Highway 60 to the intersection with Highway 58. Turn right onto Highway 58 and follow to Decatur. Turn right on Z Street, left on Main Street, and right into Meigs Middle School.

**Athens:** Take Highway 30 to Decatur. At the intersection with Highway 58, turn right. Turn right on Z Street, left on Main Street, and right into Meigs Middle School.

## Tennessee Valley Authority

Residential & Outdoor Lighting

**Fuel Cost Adjustment**

Effective **August 1, 2019**

**1.813¢**

For the most current FCA information, visit [www.vec.org](http://www.vec.org)

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## UPDATE YOUR PHONE NUMBER TODAY

When you update your phone number(s) you will become eligible for a prize drawing.

You can update your information by calling your service center, using SmarHub, or by logging into your account at [vec.org](http://vec.org). You can also use the form on the back of your bill.

