



# Community Electric Cooperative News

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## CEC Announces Rate Change Structure

Community Electric Cooperative (CEC) announces a new rate structure affecting member accounts in April 2020. Safety, reliability and affordability remain the main focus of our board and staff at CEC. We are a member-owned cooperative and strive every day to provide the reliable, quality service you have come to know and expect. Any decision to implement a new rate structure is not made lightly, and we have done everything possible to minimize the impact on our members.

“We remain vigilant in our service to our members and to our responsibility as a power distribution cooperative to maintain an extremely stable rate structure,” says Steve Harmon, president and CEO. “The new rate structure comes as the result of an independent, experienced, cost-of-service study.”

Members will see the greatest difference in the new rate structures in the base-charge component. The residential consumption rate will not change. By structuring the new rates around the base charge, we are ensuring that expectations for continuous power and outstanding member services are met. It gives

each member an equitable share of the cooperative’s operations. It also provides funds that must be invested to maintain the safety, reliability, and affordability of the cooperative that you can continue

to count on for years to come. Please see the breakdown below of the rate changes and visit our website, [comelec.coop/rates](http://comelec.coop/rates), for frequently asked questions.

SCHEDULE	PRESENT RATE	APRIL 2020 RATE
<b>SCHEDULE A – Residential Service</b>		
Distribution/Base Charge	26.15	28.70
<b>SCHEDULE B – General Service</b>		
Base Charge		
Single Phase	26.15	27.89
Three Phase	29.55	31.52

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Committed to safety.  
Committed to you,  
our members.**

**Lineworker Appreciation Day**  
April 13, 2020



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# Beloved Employee Retires After 36 Years

by Laura Emery, Field Editor

A 36-year career that began Oct. 17, 1983, ended Oct. 31, 2019, when Michael Glascock retired as Community Electric Cooperative's (CEC) storekeeper and work order clerk.

Glascock's job involved work order accounting and managing the cooperative's warehouse. In other words, he was the man keeping materials flowing to the employees working in the field, as well as keeping track of materials and supplies coming into the cooperative's warehouse. This means Glascock was an



From left, Steve Harmon, Michael Glascock

essential part of the team, as the cooperative's linemen can't go out in the field and do their jobs without the proper materials.

"Michael was also the guy behind the scenes on so many things. He was the handyman for everything that was needed around the office — from the roof to the floor. He was even 'Santa' on the roof when we had leaks, and

he was the man with the ruler to hang pictures and the man with the muscles to move anything and everything — he was in the unfortunate position of being the only man around the office most days," says Annette Dickey, administrative assistant. He was the guy you could count on to do what needed to be done without ever asking him.

"Michael excelled in performing his duties. I could count on him to get his work done in a timely fashion every month. That was important to me, the CEO and the board of directors because I could not complete the monthly financial statements until Michael completed his part. Every year when the physical inventory count was completed it was amazing how close the actual count was to his inventory records. His successor will have large shoes to fill!" says one of Glascock's former supervisors, Michael Beale.

But more than just an exemplary employee with a long tenure, Glascock was a friend to many at the cooperative. "Not only was Michael a great coworker, he is also my friend. We frequently discussed Virginia Tech and Old Dominion sports. We were both treasurers of our churches at the same time, so we often compared notes, which made both of us better," Beale explains.

Says Dickey, "Michael was an all-around good guy and everyone here at the cooperative really misses him."

## 5 STEPS FOR SAFE DIGGING

Working on an outdoor project? Careless digging poses a threat to people, pipelines and underground facilities. Always call 8-1-1 first. Here are five easy steps for safe digging:

- **1. NOTIFY**  
Call 8-1-1 or make a request online two to three days before your work begins. The operator will notify the utilities affected by your project.
- 2. WAIT**  
Wait two to three days for affected utilities to respond to your request. They will send a locator to mark any underground utility lines. 
- 3. CONFIRM**  
Confirm that all affected utilities have responded to your request by comparing the marks to the list of utilities the 8-1-1 call center notified. 
- 4. RESPECT**  
Respect the markers provided by the affected utilities. The markers are your guide for the duration of your project. 
- 5. DIG CAREFULLY**  
If you can't avoid digging near the markers (within 18-24 inches on all sides, depending on state laws), consider moving your project location. 

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