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HOW DO WE RATE?

INDUSTRY EXPERT SAYS GEORGIA HAS ‘EM ALL BEAT’

For its reliable, affordable electricity to power homes, Georgia is the envy of the nation, says David Gattie, an energy policy expert with the University of Georgia’s Center for International Trade and Security.

“People in the power sector admire Georgia,” he added. “We’re what everybody else wants to be.”

Georgia electric power suppliers consistently have the lowest retail residential rates among the eight states with the highest gross domestic product (GDP) — a measure of economic activity. The GDPs of these states constitute 50% of total U.S. GDP.

“We got ‘em all beat on rates,” Gattie said.

But rates alone aren’t the only impressive measure, he emphasizes. Georgia is the only state in the country that is keeping residential electric rates below the national average while simultaneously:

- prioritizing and maintaining grid reliability. “In Georgia, energy reliability and grid security is a team sport — it’s prioritized by everyone in the state’s energy sector.”
- reducing carbon emissions by offsetting a reduction in coal with natural gas, nuclear and renewables to generate electricity. “The foresight to invest in and build the new Vogtle nuclear reactors has given us a strategic asset that will provide for future generations. Every other state is saying they wished they had these new reactors right now.”

This trifecta of energy sector traits adds up to a better quality of life for residents and provides a core competitive advantage for Georgia’s future economic growth, Gattie summarized.

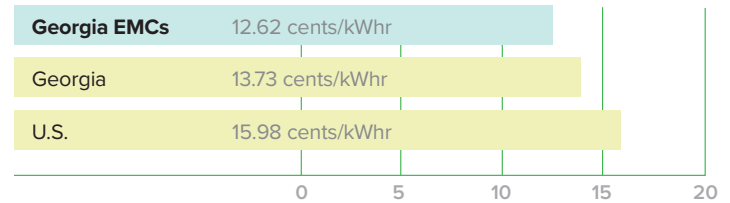


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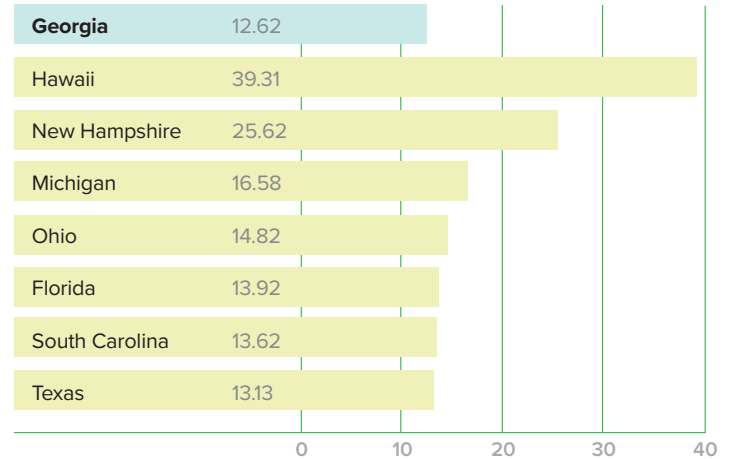
RETAIL RESIDENTIAL RATES

(average 2023)



GEORGIA VS. THE REST

A sampling of U.S. electric co-op residential rates



1

Georgia’s rank in lowest residential rates among 8 states that produce 50% of nation’s gross domestic product

11

PERCENT of all U.S. residential electric co-op consumers live in Georgia

65.5

PERCENT U.S. electric co-op members who pay higher retail residential rates than Georgians

18

Georgia’s national rank in residential electricity consumption

6

Georgia’s rank among the 8 U.S. states that generate 75% of the nation’s solar power

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Between the Lines

by **Greg Proctor**
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Right of Way Update

Vegetation is by far the greatest enemy of reliable power. Hurricane Helene was a vivid reminder of how vegetation can affect an electrical distribution system. Keeping trees and limbs out of power lines prevents outages. Excelsior EMC manages the growth of vegetation near power lines in two ways. Side-trimming crews use mechanical trimmers and bucket trucks to remove trees and limbs from the areas near power lines. Spray crews manage the vegetation underneath power lines by selectively spraying woody trees and shrubs that could grow into the power lines or hinder the work of crews as they perform routine maintenance and restore power during outages.

Our contractors are currently side-trimming on the Ivanhoe substation that supplies power to the Ivanhoe, Steel Bridge, Mud Road, and Eldora areas. They should complete their work on this substation in late March and then begin work on the Southeast Bulloch Substation. This substation serves Burkhalter Road, Rushing Road, Old Indian Trail, Leefield, Lanes Church, Stilson, Akins Store, Tupelo Landing, Denmark, and Emit. We estimate that they will complete this substation in late November and then begin work on the I-16/301 Substation area.

Our contract spraying crews will begin their work in late summer and should finish before the first frost. They will be treating 946 miles of right of way on the Northeast Emanuel, Stillmore, Register, Southeast Bulloch, and Metter Primary substations. Areas to be treated include those mentioned above as well as the areas of Midville, south of Twin City, Cypress Lake, Westside, Akins Store, Sheppard Lumber, Rushing Road, Willow Lakes, Lillian Street, Lake Church, and Union Communities.

Our goal is simple: Keep the trees trimmed back 15 feet from each side of a single-phase power line and 20 feet from each side of a three-phase power line and keep the areas under power lines free from vegetation that interferes with crews as they maintain or restore power. While the goal is simple, achieving the goal requires hard work. We need your cooperation. Right-of-way work is often in places that are difficult to reach. It is also physically demanding. You can help us keep your power on by cooperating with our contractors when they are trimming or spraying in your area.

We have over 2,800 miles of primary power lines throughout our eight-county service area. It takes four years to complete a side-trimming cycle and three years to complete a spraying cycle. Your cooperation is essential and greatly appreciated as we strive to keep the lights on.



Every Member Counts



SPRING EFFICIENCY WORD SEARCH

Did you know there are several ways to save energy during spring months?

Read the energy-saving tips below to learn more, then find the bolded words in the puzzle below.

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G Z I K D I M P E R E X W A S
Q L X L F Y L P I A Z Q C E D
F V Z N X S F D G H U Z E G X
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B H V J E O F E I L T I C Q S
K P T Q J J C D L E H G C V I
Q Z N N C S V Q D D W P N E M
T P T T V L I A U P W X P I F
L D R O J A H H I Q B F F U F
C T G B G S P P T G I W K M Y
S W O D N I W R S K M W Y U K

- Use **LED lights** around your home. LEDs use 75% less energy than traditional incandescent light bulbs.
- Plant **shade trees** around your home to block unwanted heat from the sun.
- Unplug devices and electronics that consume energy when they're not in use, like phone **chargers**.
- Seal air leaks around exterior doors and **windows** to save energy and keep your home comfortable.
- Ceiling fans cool people, not rooms. To save **energy**, turn them off when you leave the room.

Notice of Capital Credit Assignments for the Year 2024

Because of the cooperative structure of Excelsior EMC and the bylaws under which it operates, assignment of capital supplied by each member each year must be made and recorded on the Cooperative's books.

This assignment is made by applying the percentage of the Cooperative's margins (revenues in excess of expenses) to the member's total billing for the year. In addition to this, margins are assigned to Excelsior EMC by other organizations with which it is associated such as Oglethorpe Power Corporation (our wholesale power supplier). The percentage assigned from these associated organizations is assigned to each member each year in the same manner as explained above.

General retirement of capital credits has previously been made for the years 1938 through 1950. Currently, capital credits are used by your Cooperative for the expansion of general plant and facilities. It is in effect, invested in poles, wire,

transformers, substations and other property owned by the Cooperative. This use of capital credits helps lower the Cooperative's needs for borrowed funds and reduces overall indebtedness.

The assignment factor resulting from Excelsior EMC's margins for the year 2024 for all rates is 0.00675104. The assignment factor resulting from associated organizations for the year 2024 for all rates is 0.02981858.

Shown in the table below are examples of the manner in which your capital credit assignment has been determined. To compute your individual assignment, you need only to apply the assignment factor to the total of your power bill (before taxes) for the appropriate year. If you have any questions about your capital credit assignments, or if you would like our team to compute your assignments, please call Excelsior EMC's office in Metter.

YOUR CAPITAL CREDITS MAY NOT BE CREDITED AGAINST YOUR BILLING FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE CAPITAL CREDIT ILLUSTRATION TABLE

YEAR	ASSIGNMENT FACTOR	IF YOUR TOTAL BILLS WERE:	\$300.00	\$600.00	\$1,000.00
2024	0.00675104	Patronage Capital Assigned From Excelsior EMC	\$ 2.03	\$ 4.05	\$ 6.75
2024	0.02981858	Patronage Capital Assigned From Associated Organizations	\$ 8.95	\$17.89	\$29.82

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