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Touchstone Energy brand marks milestone

Touchstone Energy Cooperative started 2010 by marking a major milestone in the brand's 12-year history: surpassing 700 member co-ops. Membership activity spiked in November and December of 2009, with more than a dozen co-op boards voting to become Touchstone Energy co-ops.

Choptank Electric has been a Touchstone Energy Co-op for 11 years.

"I attribute our membership growth to two major factors," said Jim Bausell, chief operating officer of Touchstone Energy Cooperatives. "First, the brand has continually expanded the number and depth of programs it offers to co-ops over the past 10 years. The brand evolves to meet the changing needs of co-ops and their members, while maintaining a firm commitment to our four core values: integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to community."

"Second, during tough economic times, all of us are looking for good value. The brand is the most cost-effective way for co-ops to connect with their members, period. Right now, that means reaching out to them on pocketbook issues. Touchstone Energy co-ops have access to a number of resources to help them do that."

One of the brand's latest ventures, the Together We Save campaign, epitomizes the pocketbook connection. The campaign encourages co-op members to make small changes in behavior that add up to big savings on their

electric bills. Print, TV, radio and online advertising direct members to www.TogetherWeSave.com, where they learn how much they can save by taking simple steps in their home or business.

"Reaching the 700 member mark is really a testament to the strength of the programs we offer to co-ops, and what those programs offer to members at the end of the line," said Mike Sims, president of the Touchstone Energy Board of Directors. Co-ops "have been very successful in delivering value to members and helping them save money" by using brand resources, he said.

Saving money indeed. The Co-op Connections Card program, which Mr. Sims points to as a prime example of a program that attracts co-ops to the brand, has helped co-op members nationwide rack up \$15 million in savings on prescriptions with the card's pharmacy discount. Since October 2008, when Choptank Electric's Connections Card program got underway, over 8,000 prescriptions have been filled and our members have saved over \$160,000.00!

A list of local and national businesses participating in the Connections Card program that give discounts and other offers to cardholders is printed on page 3 of this Live Wire.

For information on the Connections Card, go to www.choptankelectric.coop and click on the picture of the card on the home page.

Co-op CEO elected as national board president

Fred Hubbard, president and CEO of Choptank Electric, was elected president of the Board of Directors of the National Cooperative Services Corporation (NCSC) following its 29th annual meeting in February in Atlanta GA.

NCSC is a privately funded, member-owned cooperative that began operation in 1981. NCSC provides electric cooperatives with specialized financing services that supplement the financial services of the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation. Together, the two organizations provide an extensive array of financial products and services



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that offer value to their members.

Mr. Hubbard will serve as NCSC president for 2010-2011. He has been an NCSC director since 2002 and his current term ends in 2011.

The Choptank CEO also serves on the boards of Old Dominion Electric Cooperative, the Virginia,

Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives, and United Utility Supply. He also serves on the boards of the Maryland Chamber of Commerce and PNC Bank.

Landscaping a boon to lowering energy bills

Are you looking for cost-effective yet eye-pleasing ways to lower your energy bills? Planting trees, shrubs, vines, grasses and hedges could be the answer. In fact, landscaping may be your best long-term investment for reducing heating and cooling costs, while also bringing other improvements to your community.

A well-designed landscape will: Cut your summer and winter energy costs; protect your home from winter wind and summer sun; reduce consumption of water, pesticides, and fuel for landscaping and lawn maintenance; help control noise and air pollution.

Carefully positioned trees can save up to 25% of a household's energy consumption for heating and cooling.

Computer models devised by the U.S. Department of Energy predict the proper placement of only three trees will save an average household between \$100 and \$250 in energy costs annually.

On average, a well-designed landscape provides enough energy savings to return your initial investment in less than 8 years.

An 8-foot deciduous tree, for example, costs about as much as an awning for one large window and can ultimately save your household hundreds of dollars in reduced cooling costs, yet still admit some winter sunshine to reduce heating and lighting costs.

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GO PAPERLESS! You can opt out of being mailed a bill when you make an online payment at www.choptankelectric.coop & click "Online Bill Payment." The present enrollment level in this "green" billing effort will save Choptank almost \$16,000 a year!

Weathering the “Perfect Storm” in electric utility industry



By Robert P. Behlke
Vice President, Consumer Affairs

Our nation’s electric utility industry is heading into a “perfect storm.” While the amount of electricity we use everyday steadily increases, the capacity to generate and transmit that power is running short. In the past fossil fuel-fired power plants were the go-to option to meet growing new demand with proven technology, but looming federal regulations on carbon dioxide emissions is changing that. The cost of complying with new regulations could make electricity less affordable for everyone—a concern Choptank Electric is fighting to voice.

In December, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), a part of the executive branch, declared that six key greenhouse gases from auto emissions, including carbon dioxide, are “endangering public health and welfare” of current and future generations. Motor vehicle emissions of four of those greenhouse gases, including carbon dioxide, were also said to contribute to dangerous air pollution.

Congress is mulling over its own set of

carbon dioxide regulations, and we must continue to ask that any resulting legislation be fair, affordable, and technologically achievable. If passed, Congressional legislation should also preempt use of any other existing laws, fixing a regulatory disaster that would only add to costs for consumers with a mess of overlapping regulatory red tape.

Whatever the political outcome, the honest truth is the change won’t come overnight. Fossil fuels currently account for more than 70 percent of all electricity generated in the United States. New technology will be key to both keeping these traditional options up-to-date and refining new ways to affordably keep the lights on. Cleaner use of fossil fuels, an increased use of renewable energy, and a big commitment to energy efficiency will all be necessary.

Electric co-ops have a long history of providing safe, reliable, and affordable electricity to their members, and no “perfect storm” is going to keep us from continuing to do our job. Co-op research projects are already underway to expand the current limits of renewable energy, make coal- and natural gas-fired power plants cleaner and more efficient,

and possibly even capture carbon dioxide from plant emissions before they go up a smokestack and store them deep underground to keep them out of the atmosphere.

The Arlington, Va.-based Cooperative Research Network, of which our co-op is a member, was recently awarded a \$33.9 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy, which will support a wide-ranging “smart grid” research project. The effort brings together 27 electric co-ops in 10 states, which will match the grant money awarded to create a pool of nearly \$68 million for ground-breaking technology development. Unfortunately Choptank was not selected to participate in this. With a smarter electric grid, we’ll be able to deliver electricity to our consumers more efficiently—cutting the amount of emissions we’ll need to generate as a result.

Co-ops have stepped up to challenges in the past, and I have no doubt our response to this challenge will be any different in the end. But we need your help in relaying to Congress just how important it is to keep climate change legislation fair, affordable, and technologically achievable. Join the Our Energy, Our Future® grassroots awareness campaign at www.ourenergy.coop.

Trees help with heating and cooling costs

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Summer

You may have noticed the coolness of parks and wooded areas compared to the temperature of nearby city streets. Shading and evapotranspiration (the process by which a plant actively moves and releases water vapor) from trees can reduce surrounding air temperatures as much as 9 degrees F.

Because cool air settles near the ground, air temperatures directly under trees can be as much as 25 degrees F cooler than air temperatures above nearby blacktop. Studies by the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory found summer daytime air temperatures to be 3 degrees F to 6 degrees F cooler in tree- shaded neighborhoods than in treeless areas.

A well-planned landscape can reduce an unshaded home's sum-

mer air-conditioning costs by 15% to 50%. One Pennsylvania study reported air-conditioning savings of as much as 75% for small mobile homes.

Winter

You may be familiar with wind chill. If the outside temperature is 10 degrees F and the wind speed is 20 miles per hour, the wind chill is -24 degrees F. Trees, fences, or geographical features can be used as windbreaks to shield your house from the wind.

A study in South Dakota found that windbreaks to the north, west, and east of houses cut fuel consumption by an average of 40%. Houses with windbreaks placed only on the windward side averaged 25% less fuel consumption than similar but unprotected homes. If you live in a windy climate, your well-planned landscape can reduce your winter heating bills by approximately one-third. *Source: National Renewable Energy Laboratory*

WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Climate Change Legislation Should Be:

Fair. Affordable.
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Your name: *Please print!* _____ Your signature: _____

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Home phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Anybody home?

Is the name, address and phone number printed on your electric bill correct? If there are any changes, please fill out the form on the back of your payment stub and send it to the co-op with your payment. It is very important that this information is correct, especially in regard to our outage reporting system.

PLEASE NOTE: We notify members about planned outages via phone messages. We cannot tell you about a planned outage without your correct phone number. Please make sure we have the phone number for the location of your service. If you have disconnected your land line to use only a cell phone, we will need the new cell number.

Co-op Connections Card Program Participating Businesses

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Watt's the Answer?

Win \$10 credit on your electric bill by entering our monthly trivia contest.

Watt's the Answer for April: Why did Pres. Ronald Reagan start eating jelly beans?

Send name, account and phone to: Watt's the Answer, Choptank Electric, P.O. Box 430, Denton MD 21629 or annew@choptankelectric.coop. Answers must be received by May 5. The winner will be announced in June. The February winner is Georgia Wilson, Earleville, who knew US Sen. Jim Bunning of Kentucky is the only member of Congress in the Baseball Hall of Fame. He pitched 17 seasons in the majors.

PHARMACY DISCOUNT FEATURE OF THE CO-OP CONNECTIONS® PROGRAM:

- Since October 2008, over 8,000 prescriptions have been filled and members have saved over \$160,000.00!
- Simple to use; no forms just present your card at the pharmacy; 10% to 60% savings on most prescription medications;
- Over 60,000 national and regional pharmacy chains participate, as well as independent, local pharmacies;
- Use at retail locations or mail order refills available;
- Look up drug prices by location at www.rxpricequotes.com or use the toll free number printed on your Co-op Connections card.

DANCE: Pine Steppers, Wed., 7 p.m., Ocean Pines Comm. Ctr. 410-208-6331/6777; Pepper Steppers, 2nd Sat., 8 p.m., 1st UM Church hall, Chestertown, 410-810-0926/778-4578; Dorchester Swingers, Maple Elem., Cambridge, 8-10, 1st Fri. 410-822-7535; Line, Fri., LOE, 107 Alexander Ave., Salisbury, beginners 6 p.m., 410-749-1981

BINGO: Willards VFC, Thurs., 7 p.m., Lions Bldg., 410-835-8678; Pittsville VFC, Fri., 7 p.m. 410-835-2323; Fedsg. VFW, Thurs., 7:20 p.m. 410-754-5020; Hurlock Legion, Fri., 7:30 p.m., 410-943-8205; Denton Legion, Tues., 6 p.m., 410-479-2708; Redmen, Fruitland, Mon., 6:30 p.m. 410-742-6859; Willards Lions, Tues., 7 p.m. 410-835-2328; Denton VFC, Fri., 7:30 p.m.; Holy Saviour Ch., 17th St./Ocean Hwy., Ocean City, Fri., 7-10. 410-524-7004; Ocean City Elks 2645, Wed., 5:30, 410-250-2645

MUSIC: Peninsulaires, Tues. 7:30 p.m., Salisbury Univ., Fulton Hall #130, 410-251-0780; Ocean Bay Sweet Adelines, Mon., 7 p.m., Temple Beth Israel, 410-749-1194; Delmarva Sweet Adelines, Mon., 7 p.m., Ocean Pines Comm. Ctr. 410-641-6876; QA Barbershop, Wed., 6:30 p.m., Ches. Coll., Wye Mills. 410-827-7993; Bay Country Chorus, Mon., 7 p.m., Miller Hall, behind Trinity Cathedral, Easton. 410-770-8262; Worcester Chorale, Wed., 7 p.m., Comm. Church, Rt. 589, Ocean Pines. 410-208-1999; E. Shore Bluegrass Assn., show/jam, 2nd Sun., 1 p.m., Marydel Fire Co. 302-674-3149 or 492-1048

VETS: Vietnam Vets., 1st Thurs., 7 p.m., Easton VFW, 410-943-1374, 3rd Thurs., VFW 194, Salisbur. 410-651-0904; Dis. Amer. Vets #34, 4th Thurs., 1 p.m., VFW 194, Salisbury. 410-749-4518

Chesapeake Christian Riders CMA 453, 1st Thurs, Bob Evans Restaurant, Easton, 6 p.m. 410-943-8325

Mid-Shore A.B.A.T.E., 2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m., Easton VFW. www.mid-shoreabate.com

CANCER SUPPORT: Women Supporting Women, 3rd Wed., 7 p.m., 213 Atlantic Bus. Ctr., Berlin, 410-641-2849, 1st Thur., 7-8:30 p.m., 106 W. Circle Ave., #101, Salisbury, 410-548-7880; Shore Reg. Cancer Ctr., Easton, pre-register, 1-888-806-0756, patients & survivors, Thurs., 5 p.m., Daytimers, 1st/3rd Wed., 10:30 p.m., family and caregivers, 1st/3rd Wed., 5:30-7;

Brain Tumor Awareness, 3rd Tues, Comm. Found. Eastern Shore, Salisbury, 6:30. 410-443-1342; Lymphedema group, 2nd Tues., 11-noon, Avery Hall Ed. Ctr., PRMC. 410-548-7880

SELF-HELP: Denton AA, 105 Gay St., Thurs., 8 p.m.; Co-Dependents, Sun., 6:30 p.m., Christ UMC, Salisbury, 410-376-0164; Dual Recovery, Wor. Lib., Pocomoke, Mon., 7 p.m.; Overeaters, Sat., 10 a.m., Christ UMC, Salisbury, 410-376-0164, Thur., 5 p.m., Buckingham Presb., 20 S. Main, Berlin. 410-629-0679, Mon. 5:15 p.m., Health Ed., Mem. Hosp., Easton, Fri. noon, St. Mark's UMC, Easton. 410-820-0006; TOPS, Tues., 6 p.m., Wor. Health Dept.; Thurs., 7 p.m., Christ UMC, Salisbury, 410-546-4197/543-9039; Church of God, Easton, 6 p.m. 410-822-2630/673-2248

SINGLES CLUBS: Widows & Widowers, 3rd Tues., 2:15 p.m., The Woodlands at Ocean Pines, lunch 1 p.m., 410-208-0430; Beach Singles 45+, last Tues, 6 p.m. 410-208-3974; Delmarva Singles 50+, 1st Wed., 6 p.m. 410-742-8310; Activity Singles Klub, Easton, 2nd Wed., 410-822-7468

Nat'l Assn. Active/Retired Fed. Empl. 1261, Salisbury area, 3rd Thurs., 410-896-2671; Wor. Co. 2274, 4th Thurs., Jordan's Rooftop, OC, 11:30 a.m., 410-641-5570

BRIDGE: Riverside Homes, Salisbury, Mon., 7 p.m., 410-835-8343; Tred Avon, Wed., 11:30 a.m., Talbot Co. Sr. Ctr., Easton, 410-226-5126; Ocean Pines, Wed., OPCC, 9:45 a.m. 410-641-7667

O. Pines Camera Club, 2nd Mon., 7 p.m., library. 410-208-2555

U. of Md. Cooperative Extension Service Master Gardeners Plant Clinic, Ocean Pines Library, Tues., 1-4. 410-641-5570

Friends of Ocean Pines Library, 2nd Mon., 10 a.m., 410-208-2760

SEND EVENTS: Shore Good to Know, Choptank Electric, P.O. Box 430, Denton, MD 21629; or annew@choptankelectric.coop two months prior to event if possible. Please include phone number.

Writers Bloc, 3rd Sat., Rm. 3, Wic. Co. Library, Salisbury, 1 p.m.

Sons of Confederate Vets Maj. Gen. Arnold Elzey Camp 1940, friends, 1st Wed., 7 p.m., Wic. Library, Salisbury. 410-641-9305

Preston Vol. Fire Co., AUCE breakfast, 1st Sun., 7-10, \$6.

S/Sgt. Cohee Detachment/Marine Corps League, 2nd Wed., 7, American Legion, Post 64, Salisbury. 410-341-4616

United Fitness Class, free, Mon., Wed., Fri., chair exercise, 9:30-10, Mt. Hermon UM Church. 410-548-9436

Free beginner's knitting class, 3rd Tues., 1-2, Women Supporting Women, 106 W. Circle Ave., Suite 101, Salisbury.

Heartland Quilt Guild, 1st Thurs., 7 p.m., Choptank Electric district office, Denton. 410-820-5192

Military families, Delmarva Blue Star Mothers, 2nd Sat., 2 p.m., locations TBA. 410-438-2911 or 410-376-0354

Star Charities, All Volunteers in Action, 1st Fri., 10 a.m., Ocean Pines Library. 410-641-7667

Eastern Shore Stamp Club, 1st Tues., 6:30 p.m. Wicomico Co. Public Library, main library, Salisbury. 410-208-2929

MD Children's Health, families & children, primary adult care, income-based, Kent 410-778-7039, QA 410-758-0720, Talbot 410-819-5690.

Parkinsons Support Group, 2nd Thur., 1:30 p.m., Woodlands & Catered Living, 1135 Ocean Pkwy. 410-208-9001, 641-0539.

Casino Night, benefits Women Supporting Women, April 24, 7-11, Salisbury Elks Lodge 817. Doors prizes, silent auction.

Mid-Atlantic Symphony, Community Church, Ocean Pines, April 25, 2 p.m. pre-concert talk, 3 p.m. concert, \$29.75. 888-846-8600

Queen Anne's Chorale Spring Concert, April 24, 7:30 p.m., Christ Episc. Church, Rt. 8, Kent Is.; April 25, 4 p.m., Centreville UM Church. 410-827-0825.

Spring Festival, Mt. Olive UMC, Mt. Olive Church Rd., Snow Hill, April 24, 11- 2, oyster sandwiches. 410-632-1535

Adkins Arboretum Summer Camp, June 14-18 (ages 3-5), June 21-25 (6-8), June 28-July 2 (9-12), July 5-9 (3-5). Preregister now, 410-634-2847.

Artworks Members' Show, 306 Park Row, Chestertown, opens May 7, 5-8. 410-778-6300. www.artworkschestertown.org

Paddlefest on the Choptank, May 15, 12-4, Choptank River Yacht Club, Denton, free. 410-479-4638

Relay for Life Yard Sale, May 1, 8-12, Denton Elem. School, 303 Sharp Rd. \$15 per table to sell own items. 410-924-7454 for info.

Flowering of Church & Jubilee of Restoration, Old Trinity Episc. Church, May 1-2, tours 2-4, near Cambridge. info@oldtrinity.net

Springfest, Ocean City Inlet, May 6-8, 10-10, May 9, 10-6. Over 184 vendors, headline music acts. 800-626-2326

Berlin Blues & Jazz Bash, Main St., May 8, 11-6. Vendors, food, music. 410-641-4775 or www.berlinchamber.org

Mid-Atlantic Classic Chevy Festival, Francis Scott Key Motel, Rt. 50, Ocean City, May 15, registration 1-5, May 16, 9-12. Benefits Women Supporting Women. 410-749-6476 or 749-3241

St. Dennis Church Bluegrass May 16, 1-5, Dean Sapp & The Harford Express. Pickers welcome, food for sale. 410-648-5366

Senior Celebration, May 20, 9-3, Sailwinds Park, Cambridge, entertainment, food, exhibits. Open to public. 410-228-0190

Cruisin' Ocean City, Convention Ctr. & Inlet, May 20-22, 9-5, May 23, 9-4, features 3,000 hot rods. 410-798-6304

CROP Hunger Walk, May 23, 2-4:30, OC Boardwalk, registration 1-2, St. Paul's By The Sea. 410-208-2883/208-3864

Legislative Review Dinner, May 27, 5:30-7:30. Update on business-related legislation. Caroline Co. Chamber of Commerce. Location/cost TBA. 410-479-4638