

Wake ElectriConnection

For members of Wake Electric Membership Corporation



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Energy Usage Data Available Through Wake Electric's Monitor & Manage Program

*Would you like to know how much electricity you are using daily? What about hourly?
If you are interested in monitoring your energy usage, we have some good news!*

Wake Electric is proud to unveil its new Monitor & Manage program, an online energy monitoring system that utilizes our "smart grid" communications network to collect monthly, daily and hourly energy data reports from each home. This information will be available to all members free of charge so you can make informed decisions about energy usage.

The Monitor & Manage Program is made possible through the meter exchange Wake Electric is currently undergoing. We are in the process of upgrading our existing electric meters to new, electronic meters that use advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) technology. These new meters store electric use, outage and voltage information, as well as communicate it back to the co-op office through

Viewing your data

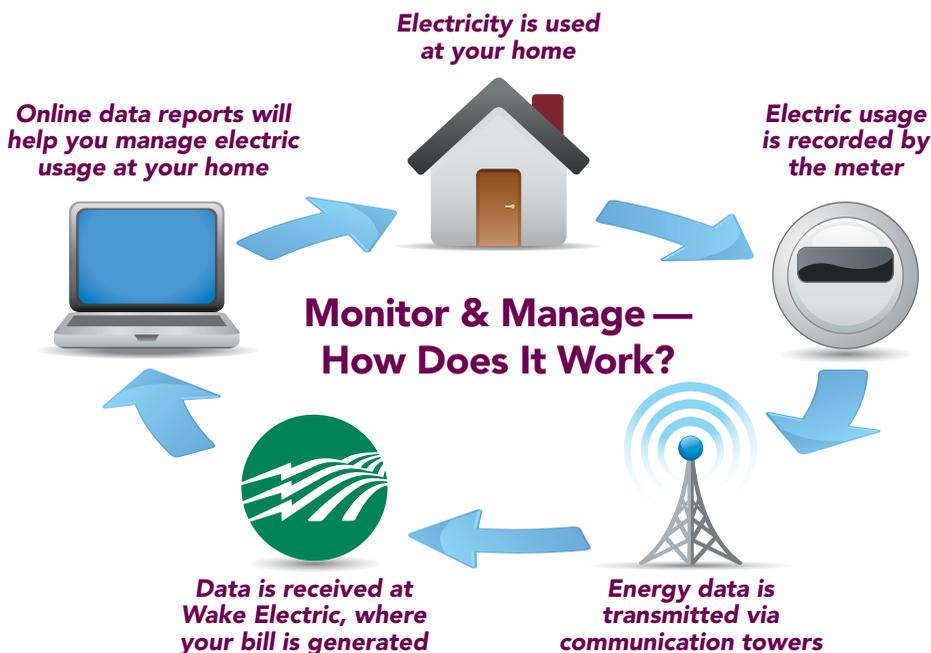
Interval data reports are available through eBill accounts. If you haven't created an online eBill account, you must do so to view your usage reports. You may create one at <https://ebill.wemc.com/css/>

a secure, wireless communication network comprised of towers, antennas, and other equipment. But most importantly, the new AMI meters are what give members access to daily energy usage reports online, allowing them to better evaluate and manage their energy consumption.

Wake Electric has currently upgraded 14,000 meters, which represents about 40 percent of our total membership. It is our goal to have all of the residential meters exchanged system-wide by the end of 2012.

Monitor & Manage is free to the membership, but you must have an eBill account to participate. If you do not have an eBill account, please visit <https://ebill.wemc.com/css/> and follow the prompts to create an eBill account.

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When you are ready to view your energy usage, simply sign into your eBill account and click on the Monitor & Manage icon located on the main menu page. This will take you to the page where you can begin reviewing your energy usage data.



The Monitor & Manage icon

If your meter has not yet been replaced, a Monitor & Manage icon will not appear on your eBill main menu, and therefore, you will be unable to review interval usage data until it is done. Once your meter is replaced, simply give us a couple of days to update your account for viewing. Please call us at (919) 863-6300 or 1-800-474-6300 to find out more about the meter replacement process.

Providing you with energy usage information will no doubt help you make better, more informed decisions about your electric usage. But the benefits of the new meters don't stop there. These upgraded meters will also help the co-op locate and restore outages more quickly, and enhance power quality and reliability through better voltage and system load monitoring.

The AMI meters also allow Wake Electric to read your meters electronically, which will eliminate the need for us to visit your property every month to read your meter. Electronic meter reads improve reading accuracy and eliminate estimated bills due to inaccessible meters or inclement weather.

Wake Electric continues to look for better ways to serve our members by leveraging technology to bring you the safe, reliable and affordable electricity you have come to know and deserve. We hope you will utilize the new interval data capability.

For more information on the Monitor and Manage Program and our AMI technology, please visit www.wemc.com/monitorandmanage.aspx. For additional questions, please contact us at (919) 863-6300 or 1-800-474-6300.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP

Don't get your electric bill caught in a spin cycle! When doing laundry, use cold water. If your dryer has a moisture meter, use it to prevent over-drying clothes—50 minutes often works best for a full load. And remember to check your lint filter each time before you run a load to help your dryer run more efficiently (and save energy). Find more ways to save at TogetherWeSave.com.

Source: Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives

Member Advisory Committee Meetings A Success



Members enjoyed fellowship with one another at the February MAC meetings.

Wake Electric hosted its Member Advisory Committee (MAC) Meetings on February 13, 15 and 16, and they were deemed a great success! More than 150 members attended and heard Don Bowman, manager of engineer-

ing, talk about grid modernization and Wake Electric's new AMI meters. Members also got to hear from Scott Poole, manager of customer service, on Wake Electric's Monitor & Manage program and how it will allow members to view household power usage data on a monthly, daily and even hourly basis through a secure web portal. Scott also spoke about Wake Electric's newest program, "PowerUp," a pay-as-you-go option that will be unveiled in the coming months and allow members to make smaller incremental payments as needed, rather than one larger payment each month.

Dinner catered by Cook Shack of Louisburg and Holden's Barbecue of Youngsville was included for all attendees and there were several drawings for \$25 credits on electric bills and a drawing each night for a water heater energy efficiency kit.



Scott Poole, manager of customer service, spoke to the members on Wake Electric's new Monitor & Manage program.

Holiday Closings

Wake Electric's offices will be closed on Friday, April 6, in honor of Good Friday. For emergencies, please contact us at (919) 863-6300 or 1-800-474-6300.

Wake Electric Kicks Off Its Bright Ideas Education Grant Program

TEACHERS CAN NOW APPLY FOR 2012-13 GRANTS

Wake Electric has earmarked \$50,000 for classroom-based projects through the Bright Ideas education grant program for the 2012-2013 school year. Teachers may begin applying on April 1 for grants of up to \$3,000. To learn more about the program and start an online application, visit www.ncbrightideas.com.

Bright Ideas, sponsored by North Carolina's electric cooperatives (which includes Wake Electric), strives to improve education in our state's classrooms by awarding grants to teachers in grades K-12 for innovative, classroom-based projects that would not otherwise be funded. The Bright Ideas grant program is the only one of its kind in our state, exclusively for North Carolina's K-12 teachers.

The deadline to submit applications for the 2012-2013 school year is September 12. Teachers who submit their application by the early-bird deadline on August 17 will be entered in a drawing to win a \$500 Visa gift card. For more information, please visit www.wemc.com/brightideas.aspx.



Wake Electric representatives recently visited Mrs. Cindy Linton's ESL (English as a Second Language) classroom at Centennial Middle School in Raleigh to see her 2011 winning Bright Ideas grant project in action. Her grant, entitled "Around the World Short Stories," allowed students to map out short stories as a class and then individually write his or her own story from start to finish. The students used their native countries as a setting in their stories. They then used software to record their own voices reading their stories aloud for practice reading in front of a group. Each student received a bound printed copy of the short stories to take home with them to add to their personal libraries.

It's Time for the Classroom Technology Awards Program

Wake Electric seeks applicants for its Classroom Technology Awards grant program. The co-op will award grants to North Carolina teachers serving both grades K-12 and area community colleges. The grants, to be used during the 2012-2013 school year, will be awarded in any discipline or subject for specific technology such as computers, digital cameras and software. The technology must benefit the students in the classroom.

Public school and community college teachers in Durham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Nash, Vance and Wake counties are eligible to apply. The final deadline to submit all grants is September 12. Teachers can apply for grants up to \$3,000. Only online applications will be accepted.

Funding for community projects is made possible by Wake Electric member-consumers and Wake Electric employees through the Operation RoundUp Program. For more information, please visit www.wemc.com/classawards.aspx.

For more information on either grant program, please contact Darnell Alford, Business Operations Specialist, at (919) 863-6312 or (800) 474-6300 or e-mail her at Darnell.Alford@WEMC.com.

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Wake Electric's "Give Us an A" Program Rewards \$25 Visa Gift Cards to High-Achieving Local Students

Name	School County	County
Alexis Ankrum	Millbrook High School	Wake
Jai Austin	Youngsville Elementary School	Franklin
Aubrianna Bryan	Thales Academy- Wake Forest	Wake
Tiasia Covington	Vance County Early College High School	Vance
Anna Doria Evangelista	Franklin Academy	Wake
Rita Furbert	Durant Road Middle School	Wake
James Hamil	Heritage Middle School	Wake
Julia Hamil	Jones Dairy Elementary School	Wake
Devin Hoffman	Franklinton High School	Franklin
Matthew Hoffman	Cedar Creek Middle School	Franklin
Taryn Hoffman	Franklinton High School	Franklin
Shelencia Holmes	Franklinton High School	Franklin
Samantha Holtman	Franklin Academy	Wake
Louis Isabella III	Franklinton High School	Franklin
Ryan Kidd	Sanderson High School	Wake
Margaret Lassiter	Franklinton High School	Franklin
Benjamin Manfredi	Wakefield High School	Wake
Christopher Matthews	Franklin Academy	Wake
Matthew Matunis	Wakefield High School	Wake
Joseph Maurais	Trinity Academy of Raleigh	Wake
Jazlyn Montague	Cedar Creek Middle School	Franklin
Alayna Moss	G C Hawley Middle School	Granville
Vanesa Munoz Cuevas	Heritage Middle School	Wake
Andrew Norton	Leesville Road High School	Wake
Kaitlin Oakes	Cedar Creek Middle School	Franklin
Emilie Phan	Heritage Middle School	Wake
Allyson Ryan	Durant Road Middle School	Wake
Kaetlyn Ryan	Durant Road Middle School	Wake
Hannah Russell	Heritage Middle School	Wake
Ashley Sajecki	Wake Forest-Rolesville High School	Wake
Elizabeth Sample	Franklinton High School	Franklin
Stephanie Sample	Cedar Creek Middle School	Franklin
Allison Schulz	Franklin Academy	Wake
Emily Schulz	Franklin Academy	Wake
Isabella Serpe	North Forest Pines Drive Elementary School	Wake
Julianna Serpe	Heritage Middle School	Wake
Brandon Smith	Heritage Middle School	Wake
Hannah Stutts	Franklinton High School	Franklin
Claire Wilson	Cedar Creek Middle School	Franklin
Olivia Wilson	Youngsville Elementary	Franklin

Wake Electric recently awarded 40 \$25 Visa gift cards to area students who received at least one "A" (or its equivalent) on their report cards through the co-op's "Give Us an A" program.

Due to recent changes by the United States Treasury in how savings bonds are purchased, Wake Electric began giving the \$25 gift cards instead of savings bonds so students can purchase a \$50 savings bond through www.treasurydirect.gov with their gift cards. These awards are part of a drawing held three times a year.

Students in any grade in Durham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Nash, Vance and Wake counties are eligible to apply.

Funding for the "Give Us an A" program is made possible by Wake Electric members through the Operation RoundUp program. Members who sign up to participate in the Operation RoundUp program elect to have their monthly electric bill rounded up to the next whole dollar. These pennies collectively add up to major dollars for community programs.

Some recent "Give Us an A" winners:



Congratulations to four of our "Give Us an A" winners from the most recent drawing: Alayna Moss from GC Hawley Middle School; Benjamin Manfredi from Wakefield High School (top right); Andrew Norton from Leesville Road High School (bottom left); and Ryan Kidd from Sanderson High School.

The deadline for the next drawing is Monday, May 21, 2012, by 5 p.m. Because each school district may have a different time for issuing report cards, if a student's entry misses one deadline, the entry will automatically be included in the next drawing.

To learn more about Wake Electric's "Give Us an A" program, go to www.wemc.com/giveusana.aspx.