

Power Lines

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 



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Help protect our environment; it's easy to make a difference

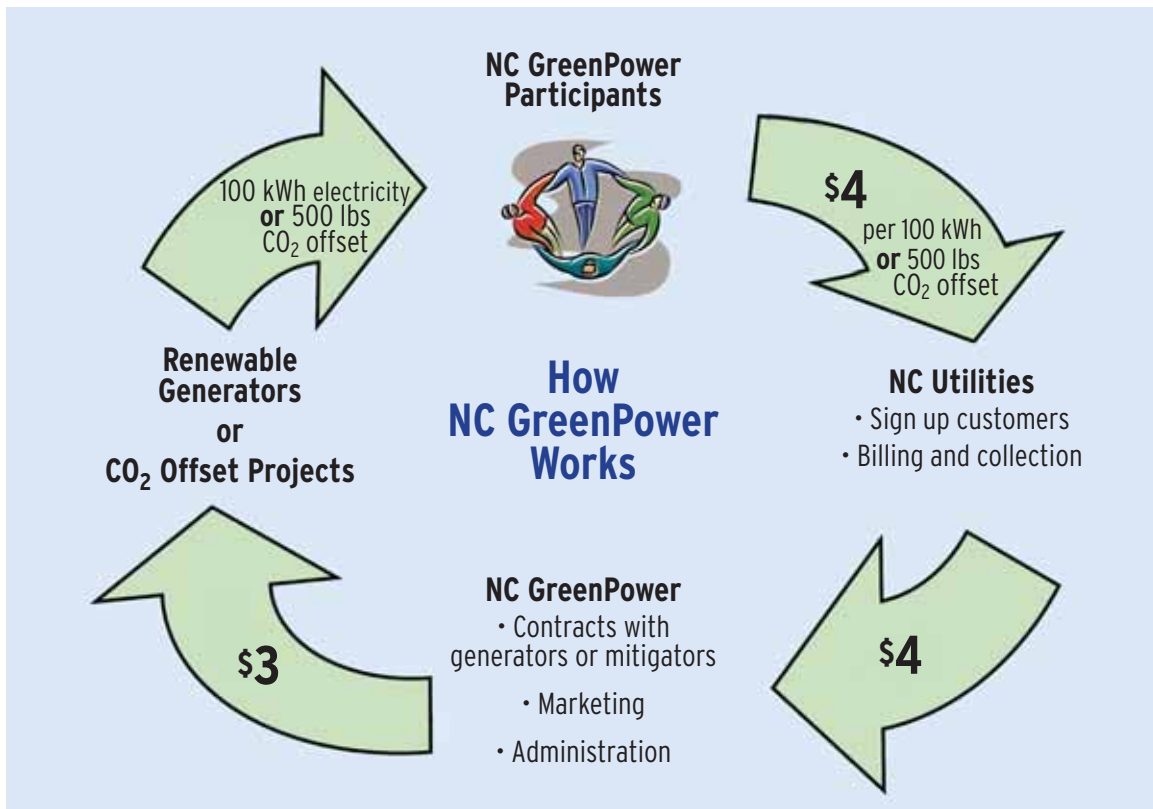
Haywood Electric Membership Cooperative members can voluntarily participate in NC GreenPower and help protect our environment. For as little as \$4 per month, a tax-deductible contribution can go directly toward the purchase of renewable energy from independent generators located in North Carolina.

- Each \$4 block of NC GreenPower subscribed monthly will add 100 kilowatt-hours of renewable energy to the electric supply and will annually offset approximately:
 - 3 pounds of nitrogen oxide (NOX)
 - 7 pounds of sulfur dioxide (SO₂)
 - 972 pounds of coal required to produce the same amount of electricity
 - 2,497 pounds of carbon dioxide (CO₂)

This same \$4 block of NC GreenPower subscribed to monthly will provide an annual reduction in CO₂ emissions equivalent to planting 192 trees or not driving 3,039 miles or 73 days.

The dollar amount of your participation is sales tax free and tax deductible. For your convenience, your contribution can be added to your monthly electric bill.

At Haywood EMC, we are working hard to conserve energy and be more efficient, and we need everyone's help to make a difference. By volunteering to do your part today, you will help us all have a healthier, greener tomorrow. To enroll call Haywood EMC at 1-800-951-6088 or (828) 452-2281 or visit NC GreenPower at www.ncgreenpower.org.



Haywood EMC offers college scholarships to high school seniors

Haywood EMC has established scholarships to assist high school seniors in Buncombe, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Madison and Transylvania counties in North Carolina; Rabun County, Ga.; and Oconee County, S.C., to attend a community college or university. A total of \$5,000 will be awarded in one-time scholarships from a minimum of \$500 to a maximum of \$2,500. As a Touchstone Energy® Cooperative, Haywood EMC is committed to the communities we serve and recognizes the financial need of students wanting to attend college.

Application Deadline is April 3, 2009.

Eligibility criteria

- ✓ Must be a graduating high school senior from an accredited private or public school
- ✓ Must be the child, grandchild, or legal step-child of an active Haywood

EMC member living in the cooperative's service territory

- ✓ Community involvement and extra-curricular activities preferred
- ✓ Minimum GPA of 3.0 required; additional academic achievement awards preferred
- ✓ Must include SAT scores—highest verbal, math and writing
- ✓ Must provide a 300 to 500 word essay on what Touchstone Energy® is and its relationship with Haywood EMC
- ✓ Must be accepted in to an accredited university and be enrolled in an Electrical Engineering or business affiliated major, such as Business Administration, Accounting, Marketing, Human Resources, Management, etc.
- ✓ Cannot be the child, grandchild, or legal step-child of an HEMC employee or board member

Process

Haywood Electric Membership Cooperative will appoint a committee to review the applications. Upon application review, the committee will choose the recipients. The committee decision will be final.



Payment of awards

Payment of scholarship awards will be made at the beginning of the school year following the confirmation of an acceptance letter from the community college or university the student will be attending.

For more information, visit www.haywoodemc.com or call (828) 452-2281 or (800) 951-6088.

Haywood EMC helps you manage energy costs

As the cost of energy goes up, more and more people are concerned about their utility bills. Consumers are looking for ways to manage their energy use and reduce costs. Haywood EMC has always placed a high priority on promoting energy efficiency to its members. That's why the co-op provides "Touchstone Energy Savers," to help you save energy and money. To learn more, go to www.haywoodemc.com and click on the "Touchstone Energy Savers" link in the center of our home page.

Here you will find useful tools, valuable tips and resources designed to create greater home comfort and promote energy savings.

Haywood EMC also has a do-it-yourself robust on-line energy audit that helps members identify the best ways to manager their home energy consumption. This audit allows members to estimate how much energy and money they can save by implementing energy efficiency improvements.

Your cooperative's "Home Energy Resource Guide" is another tool that can help make well-informed decisions that benefit your family.

Once a member identifies the best ways to make their home more energy efficient, Haywood EMC makes it easy with 100% financing for qualified applicants. Whether it's a new heat pump, more insulation or new energy efficient windows and exterior doors, with an approved credit check, members may borrow up to 100% of the cost. This loan is for a maximum of 60 months with low interest financing, currently 7.9%. The loan will be billed as a separate line item on your electric bill.

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