

Florence Energy News

GREEN POWER SWITCH GENERATION PARTNERS



The Florence Electricity Department and TVA offer consumers a great new opportunity to support the growth of green power in the Tennessee Valley. It is called Green Power Switch (GPS) Generation Partners. This program provides support and incentives for the installation of solar and wind generating facilities. This makes more green power available for GPS subscribers. And it creates a market for small-scale green power generation by homeowners and small businesses.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

- A solar or wind generation source is installed by a residential or small commercial power customer served by the Florence Electricity Department.
- TVA will purchase 100 percent of the green power output at a rate of 15 cents per kilowatt-hour. Residential users may also qualify for an additional \$500 incentive to help offset start-up costs.
- Payment is made in the form of a credit issued by Florence Utilities on the monthly power bill for the home or business where the generation system is located. Payments are guaranteed for 10 years from the date of the contract. Energy consumed at the home or business, whether it is generated at the site or delivered over the local power distribution system, is billed at the standard rate.

- All equipment must be in compliance with national standards and all applicable codes and be certified by a licensed electrician.

GPS Generation Partners support the environment by using renewable energy sources, and they also help themselves by defraying investment costs and lowering their monthly energy bills through the revenue they receive from the sale of the green power.



You do not have to subscribe to the Green Power Switch program to participate in GPS Generation Partners.

PROVISIONS AND SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Generation sources must fulfill the following requirements to qualify:

- They must be photovoltaic or wind turbine systems with outputs of 0.5 to 50 kW AC.
- They must be used primarily to provide all or part of the energy needs at the site.
- They must not have previously generated power into the grid.
- They must meet accreditation requirements set by the Center for Resource Solutions for Green Power Switch.

Following are the installation requirements:

- The interconnection and safety equipment must be listed by UL or ETL for grid-connected terrestrial power systems.
- The system must include a lockable disconnect device accessible by distributor personnel.
- It must include a generation meter base for each type of qualifying system that is located so as to provide easy access to the billing meter.
- The system must be manufactured and installed in compliance with the National Electric Code.
- It must be permitted and certified by a licensed electrician and pass applicable code inspections.

Note: System owners must check with the Florence Electricity Department for program details and specific requirements for participation.

OTHER PROVISIONS

- TVA retains sole rights to any renewable energy credits.
- The purchase, installation, operation, maintenance, repair, or replacement of the system as well as interconnection and safety equipment are the responsibility of the participant.

GENERATION PURCHASE

- TVA will purchase the total output of the qualifying generation system.
- The purchase price is 15 cents per kilowatt-hour.

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Note: This is a demo rate only. The rate may change later based on factors such as changes in standard rates or GPS acquisition costs.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a GPS Generation Partner, please contact the Florence Electricity Department at (256) 740-6089.

FLORENCE UTILITIES: TIME-SAVING BILL PAYMENT METHODS



A variety of payment methods are offered by Florence Utilities. To help customers save time when paying their utility bills and to avoid waiting in teller lines, we are encouraging customers to pay by mail, online at www.florenceutilities.com, by enrolling in our bank draft program, or use our after-hours depository which is available at the side entrance to the Municipal Building on Short Court Street.

Note: When using the after-hours depository, do not pay with cash. You may pay by check or money order and include your utility bill stub. Any payments received before 8:00 am will be treated as paid the previous day.

For more information about Florence Utilities payment methods, you may contact our Customer Service Department at (256) 760-6512 or go online to www.florenceutilities.com.

Winter Energy Saving Tips

1. Use ceiling fans in the winter to distribute heat around a room.
2. Close off unused rooms to conserve heat within your house.
3. Keep vents and chimneys clean and in good working order.
4. Insulate your water heater.
5. Prevent heat loss with storm windows and doors.
6. Clean or replace furnace filters regularly and have the entire system checked annually by a professional.
7. On sunny days, open draperies and blinds to let the sun's warmth into your home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The amount of the convenience fee charged for utility bill paying with a credit or debit card has changed. The new amount is \$4.95 per payment.

There has been a change to the Electric Fuel Cost Adjustment line item on your utility bill. It will now appear as the TVA Fuel Cost Adjustment.

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NEWS YOU CAN USE FROM FLORENCE UTILITIES

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A variety of utility bill payment methods are offered by Florence Utilities. To help customers save time when paying their utility bills and to avoid waiting in teller lines, we are encouraging customers to utilize our time-saving payment methods which are listed in this issue for your review.

Also, winter energy-saving tips are included on the back to help you save money on your utility bill during the winter months. Please look over the tips listed inside and start conserving energy today.

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