



Tri-County EMC

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A member owned cooperative since 1939

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Dear Tri-County EMC Member:

In October, Tri-County EMC will begin collecting franchise taxes for the cooperative's electric customers located within the city limits of Eatonton, Georgia. Under Georgia law, O.C.G.A. 48-5-420, municipalities may elect to tax revenue on the distribution and sale of utility products such as electricity. Under rights granted by this code, the city of Eatonton will levy a 4% tax on revenue from kWh sales to Tri-County members within the city of Eatonton. Tri-County EMC will pass this charge along to each electric consumer affected by the new tax. The tax will appear as a line item on your Tri-County EMC statement labeled, "City of Eatonton Franchise Tax." Under Georgia law, sales tax will also be applied to this charge.

We feel it is important that you understand the reason this tax has been charged to you before seeing it on your October bill. Should you have any questions about the Eatonton franchise tax or about any other billing matter, please feel free to contact a Tri-County EMC representative at 706.485.5221 or 1.866.254.8100.

Sincerely,

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