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City of LaGrange Utilities Continues to Rank Among the Lowest Cost Providers in the State, PSC Summer 2018 Survey Released

LaGrange, Ga. September 20, 2018 – The Georgia Public Service Commission released its Summer 2018 Residential Rate Survey and the City of LaGrange is ranked among the lowest cost providers in the state once again.

The City of LaGrange ranks 17th out of 94 Georgia utility providers for 1000 kilowatt number of hours of usage.



City of LaGrange Utility Workers

“Our utility rates are among the lowest in Georgia and the Southeast because we have a very efficient generation portfolio, low overhead, and no debt on our distribution system,” said City of LaGrange Utility Director Patrick Bowie.

“We have also been fortunate to have strong leadership and good decision making from our Mayor and Council through the years.”

The City of LaGrange is an enterprise city. That means the city pays for traditional government services through its utilities including water, electricity, gas, and internet. The City of LaGrange does not pay a property tax.

According to LaGrange City Manager Meg Kelsey, “Since 1998, the City of LaGrange has financed municipal operations largely through sales tax and utility revenues. This has allowed the city to operate entirely without the use of levying a city property tax. ”

Kelsey adds the study shows citizens are also afforded utility rates that are very competitive.

“We are pleased that the city electric rate is among the lowest of all providers within the State of Georgia.”

The City of LaGrange now offers deeper utility discounts to qualified elderly customers.

The Mayor and City Council voted in August to increase the utility discount available for customers 65 and older with an income level that qualifies for the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

The new monthly discount is \$11.00 for electric service and \$6.30 for natural gas. Water remains at \$1.40 and garbage at \$15.00 (96 gallon can).

For more information call the City of LaGrange Customer Service at (706) 883-2030.

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