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**U.S. Marine Veteran and Wife Gifted Home Energy Efficiency Makeover**  
*\$20K Home Improvements Revealed at May 18 Ribbon Cutting*

(Atlanta – May 20, 2016) – Cobb EMC in partnership with Gas South and the Cobb Heating and Air Association gifted one deserving Cobb EMC member a [Home Energy Efficiency Makeover](#) at a ribbon cutting event held Wednesday, May 18, 2016.

The makeover winners, [Wes and Shannon Pilgrim](#), of Marietta, Georgia, were nominated by their neighbors Bill and Tracey Phillips and ultimately selected from more than 40 nominations. The Phillips attended the ribbon cutting for the Pilgrims along with Cobb EMC President and CEO Chip Nelson, Gas South Senior Brand Manager Kim Callaway and Cobb Heating and Air Association members Barry Abernathy, Richard Eppers, Dennis McKeon Sr. and Michael Cumbie.

“Wes is the type of guy who would cut everyone’s grass in the neighborhood – he’d do anything to help,” said Bill Phillips. “His character is phenomenal, and he truly deserves this. We jumped at the opportunity to nominate our neighbors and are so excited they were selected.”

The Pilgrims received new energy-efficient appliances, a bill credit from Cobb EMC, two years of free natural gas service from Gas South, and a new HVAC unit, water heater, insulation and duct work from Cobb Heating and Air Association members. The total financial worth of the makeover is valued at approximately \$20K.

“We’re blessed to have wonderful neighbors like Bill and Tracey. The generosity that they have shown us is unbelievable,” Wes Pilgrim said. “I’m at a loss for words. We appreciate everything everyone has done, and I can’t imagine a better day.”

The Home Energy Efficiency Makeover serves to increase awareness on how energy efficiency can lower energy consumption – ultimately leading to cost savings for members of the community.

“In our first year, we received dozens of applications and visited the finalist homes. We wish we could have helped all of them. We selected the Pilgrims based on their home improvement needs, their personal story, Mr. Pilgrim’s service to our country and the positive impact we believed the makeover would have on their life,” said Kevan Espy, vice president of marketing and communications at Cobb EMC.

### **About Gas South**

Gas South is a leading provider of natural gas, serving approximately 300,000 residential, business and governmental customers throughout Georgia and Florida. Based in Atlanta, the company distinguishes itself by offering great everyday low rates, outstanding local customer service, and a dedication to give back to the communities it serves. Gas South is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cobb EMC, one of the country’s largest electric cooperatives. For more information, visit [www.gas-south.com](http://www.gas-south.com).

### **About Cobb EMC**

Cobb Electric Membership Corporation (Cobb EMC), a not-for-profit electric cooperative, safely delivers reliable electricity to more than 180,000 residential and commercial members in Cobb, Bartow, Cherokee, Fulton, and Paulding counties. Cobb EMC’s distribution system consists of 9,006 miles of line over 432 square miles. With more than 197,900 meters served, Cobb EMC is one of the largest of Georgia’s 41 EMCs and among the largest of the nation’s 900 EMCs. For more information, visit [www.cobbemc.com](http://www.cobbemc.com).

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