



Central Electric
Membership Corporation

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Providing a Brighter Future



From the desk of
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In this month's edition of Carolina Country and "News Central," we have a variety of information included for you. First and foremost, you will notice information for our upcoming Annual Meeting of the Members on Oct. 6. You can register your participation in the meeting by submitting either an online or mail-in voting ballot. Information on details of the meeting, as well as the ballot to use for registration, are both attached to this month's magazine. Also included is our 2022 Annual Report. This provides information on the co-op's operations, finances and the many ways that we are working to provide exceptional service for our members. We hope that you will take some time to review all of the information and then join us at 10 a.m. on Oct. 6 for the livestream of the Annual Meeting.

Our theme for this year's Annual Meeting and our 2022 Annual Report is "Powering Solutions for a Brighter Future." For us at the co-op, a "brighter future" is finding ways to continue providing the best service to our members. That includes delivering reliable, affordable, sustainable electricity to our members now, and well into the future. It also means being an advocate for our communities through a strong commitment to education, economic development and other programs that give back to our community and members of our cooperative.

So how do we achieve a "brighter future" and what does that look like?

First, we have been partnering with other electric cooperatives across the state to work toward net-zero carbon emissions. We get there through a smart, well-planned transition. This not only includes renewable energy, such as solar and wind, that you often hear

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about in relation to carbon free. It also includes nuclear, natural gas and new technologies, such as utility-scale batteries. All contribute to the around-the-clock reliability of our grid and to powering your home 24/7/365.

A "brighter future" also means looking out for you, being a good steward for our members and our community. We serve our community by not only being an essential service provider to you, our members, but also being a resource and advocate for bettering and enriching the lives of individuals throughout our small, but quickly growing, pocket of North Carolina. Throughout the year, we engage with our community through many different co-op specific programs and events. While our core job is keeping the lights on, our passion also lies in serving our members, as well as the communities we live, work and play in. This service focus is at the heart of who we are.

Each of you are also an important part of our co-op, as well as our community. We hope that you will read through the materials and learn more about how the co-op is helping improve this great place that we call home — through all of the ways we are working to provide reliable electricity for many years to come, but also through the programs aimed at providing opportunities for individuals in our community. Thank you for your participation in this year's Annual Meeting and for being a part of this great co-op!

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