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Mission Statement

Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation is committed to providing dependable, affordable electric service through the expertise and dedication of competent leadership and a well-trained and responsive workforce.

AS I SEE IT

Manager's Viewpoint

We need an all-of-the-above energy strategy

Electric cooperatives are disappointed — but not surprised — that in September the Obama administration of-
ficially abandoned an all-of-the-above energy strategy for a new, all-but-one approach that effectively removes coal from the nation's fuel mix in the future.

The policy, proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), sets stringent limits on carbon dioxide emissions from future coal or natural gas plants. Trouble is, the new standards are impossible to meet with existing technology.

For several years, cooperatives have tested carbon capture and storage as a way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Unfortunately, the technology doesn't make financial sense. It has never been used at a commercial scale at a power plant over a prolonged period to demonstrate its viability or cost. In a 2012 Congressional Budget Office report, engineers estimated it would increase the cost of producing electricity from coal-based plants by 75 percent.

The administration's switch to an all-but-one energy approach would limit Americans' access to a plentiful and affordable resource. I don't think we should gamble with the economic well-being of future generations and our nation's economy.

Already worried about making ends meet, many Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation member-owners

cannot afford the significant increases in electric bills that this policy would trigger.

Historically, the price of coal remains affordable and relatively stable. The U.S. Energy Information Agency reports that the United States has 236 years remaining of recoverable coal reserves. Coal generates 37 percent of the nation's electricity—our biggest energy source by far.



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Seems the administration lets history repeat itself. We saw this all-but-one game in 1978 when Congress passed the ill-conceived Power Plant and Industrial Fuel Use Act. Never heard of it? Few have, but for several years the government banned natural gas for power generation. Yes, natural gas—the fuel source being sold to the nation today as a cleaner fuel option. With gas off the table, electric co-ops were forced to choose between building coal or nuclear plants.

Back then, co-ops were in the midst of a major power plant building cycle. With few options, they invested heavily in coal-based generating plants in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Thankfully, Congress repealed its mistake, but not for nine years.

Let's not repeat past mistakes. Stand with us as we fight to keep electric bills affordable. Raise your voice through the Cooperative Action Network at www.action.coop. Tell the EPA we need an all-of-the-above energy strategy.

CEMC board chooses officers for 2014

The board of directors of Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation elected four officers for one-year terms during its regular monthly meeting on Sept. 27.

Tommy G. Whittaker of Sumner County was elected president, replacing Joe H. Whitaker, also of Sumner

County, who stepped down after serving 13 years in that capacity. Re-elected to remain in office for 2014 were Wesley H. Aymett of Cheatham County, vice president; Shela K. Williams of Stewart County, secretary-treasurer; and K. Jean Beauchamp of Robertson County, assistant secretary-treasurer.



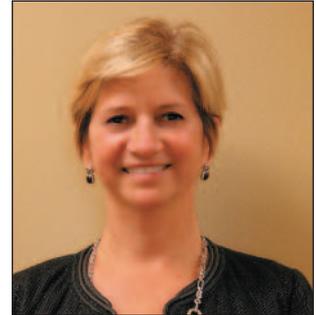
Whittaker



Aymett



Williams



Beauchamp

Trees of giving provide warmth this holiday season

Each year during the holiday season, the lobbies of Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation are festively decorated with trees bearing coats, hats, gloves and other winter clothing items rather than the typical ribbons, bows and garland you would expect to see. These trees, known as Trees of Giving, will benefit families in need who live in our communities this winter.

“In the spirit of giving this holiday season, we are asking everyone, employees and members alike, to consider making a donation of any cold-weather clothing that will help provide a little warmth to someone in need,” says Barbara Harper, CEMC member services manager.

Several school clubs join in the effort each year to help make this community project a success.

In addition to warm clothing, any nonperishable food item is welcome and appreciated. All items collected from each of CEMC’s seven business offices will be donated to

various charitable organizations and will be distributed before Christmas. Participating agencies are The Bethesda Center in Ashland City, Urban Ministries in Clarksville, Good Samaritans in Dover, Gallatin Cares, Portland Cares, COPE in Springfield and White House Hope Center.

Donations will be accepted from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday from now until Wednesday, Dec. 18.

“Thank you in advance to everyone who helps make this

community effort a success,” says Harper. “We know the need is great. Let’s do all we can to help our neighbors in need.”



Students from the Montgomery Central High School National Honor Society help decorate the Tree of Giving in CEMC’s headquarters office last year.

CEMC named Portland Business of the Year

The Portland District of Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation was recently named 2013 Business of the Year by the Portland Chamber of Commerce. Chamber Vice President Drew Jennings and Executive Director Sherri Ferguson presented the award to CEMC during its annual chamber banquet held Saturday, Sept. 28, praising the co-op's commitment to keep customers comfortable regardless of the temperature outside.

"So often an electric utility is only publicized during power outages and often not in a positive light," says CEMC General Manager Jim Coode. "The award bestowed upon the CEMC Portland office reflects what all CEMC employees endeavor to achieve, and that is the utmost in customer service around the clock for our membership. We are grateful to the chamber and the membership for recognizing what our Portland employees have accomplished."



Portland District Operations Supervisor Travis Akins, center, holds CEMC's 2013 Business of the Year Award. Joining him are CEMC Board President Tommy G. Whitaker, left, and General Manager Jim Coode.



Volunteer fire departments benefit from community dollars donation

Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation and the Tennessee Valley Authority recently made a combined donation of community dollars benefiting two local volunteer fire departments. TVA Customer Service Manager Lynn Dabney and CEMC board members presented checks in the amount of \$1,875 to the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Service and the Stewart County Volunteer Fire Service.



Back row, from left, are volunteers Scott Velazquez, Ed Baggett, Rodney Grimsley, Josh Baggett (CEMC engineering technician), and Jamie Sensing. Front row: Hope Callo, volunteer; Kenny Davis, CEMC Clarksville District operations supervisor; Lynn Dabney; Jerry Buchanan, fire chief; Carolyn Bowers, Montgomery County mayor; David Morgan, CEMC board member; and Randy Holt, CEMC operations manager.



From left are Vennie Jones, CEMC Dover district engineer; Amy Lamping, state fire marshal's office; Randy Holt; Lynn Dabney; Rick Sheets, district fire chief; Rick Joiner, deputy chief and Stewart County mayor; Steve Douglass, CEMC board member; Charlie Hancock, CEMC board member; Clint Mathis, training chief and EMS director; and Denise Miller, treasurer.

Employees honored for longevity

In October, Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation celebrated the commitment and dedication of employees who have reached milestones in their careers. Service awards are given each quarter to recognize longtime employees for their service to local communities and the cooperative. Here are those celebrating anniversaries, along with their years of service:



Those receiving service awards for the third quarter of 2013 are, from left, Terry Odom, Dover District operations supervisor, 50 years; Rodney Stansberry, Ashland City District working foreman, 10 years; Travis Akins, Portland District operations supervisor, 15 years; Terry Fitzhugh, Dover District serviceman, 35 years; Lynne Wilson, administrative division manager, 30 years; Steve Hanley, Portland District working foreman, 20 years; Scott Brown, Portland District serviceman, 15 years; and Jonathan Fielder, system design engineer, five years. Not pictured: Bishop Futrell, maintenance janitor, 10 years; Myles Nelson, Ashland City District working foreman, 15 years; and Stacie Williams, Clarksville District customer account representative, five years.

Holiday closings

CEMC offices will be closed for the Christmas
and New Year's holidays
on Dec. 24, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

If you should need emergency electrical
service on these dates, please call

1-800-987-2362.

Happy Holidays from CEMC!



Education matters



During Portland West Middle School's Career Day, Portland District lineman Darrell Bell gives a student an up-close view of safety equipment used by CEMC linemen daily. Bell and fellow Portland District lineman Tim Thurman spoke to students about their work as linemen and stressed the importance of always using protective gear such as hardhats, gloves and sleeves while working with electricity.



Stephanie Lobdell, CEMC public relations coordinator, also visited students at Portland West Middle School recently during its after-school enrichment program. Lobdell discussed energy efficiency and used an activity known as "Renew-A-Bean," in which beans are used to represent renewable and nonrenewable resources in a simulation where students learn how, over several years, nonrenewable resources will be depleted.



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Electric bills rise in the winter for lots of reasons: holiday parties, house guests and shorter days and longer nights. To help control costs, take little measures like turning down the thermostat, washing clothes in cold water, swapping out lightbulbs for high-efficiency versions and using microwaves or toaster ovens to cook. Find more ways to save at TogetherWeSave.com.

Source: TogetherWeSave.com

Phone scam

Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation has been made aware that there is a phone scam in our service area whereby a request is made for immediate payment by credit card in order to avoid being disconnected.

CEMC does not call members demanding payment over the phone. Members who have doubts about the legitimacy of a call should contact CEMC directly at 1-800-987-2362, even if the number displayed on their phone is CEMC's phone number.