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Good morning. I would like to welcome you to the 80th annual meeting of Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation, your electric cooperative. I would also like to thank all the employees working today for your time and effort; I appreciate you working to ensure our membership meeting today is a success.

Before we get started, I would like to mention that we currently have a group of 12 linemen headed to Dunn, North Carolina, to assist South River Electric Membership Corporation with storm restoration after damage left by Hurricane Florence. Please keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers as they continue the co-op spirit of cooperation by helping those in need.

We have met several goals over the past year, and I would like to share a few of those with you now.

Automated Metering Infrastructure — This summer, we completed an upgrade to our automated metering infrastructure by replacing approximately 98,000 meters. This upgrade to our electric system will help improve outage restoration and aid in rate and cost-of-service studies and overall efficiency of our co-op.

Broadband — CEMC is currently exploring options for providing internet and related services to our

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Annual financial statement

_Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation maintains healthy financial condition_

The following information was distributed to those who attended the annual meeting of Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation Sept. 15 in Portland. It is published here for the benefit of those members who were not in attendance.

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**Net Income** $13.9

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1 CEMC is a 501(c)(12), nonprofit organization. Net income received is thereby reinvested in the electric system to improve and maintain reliability.

2 Other:

2a Other Assets — Other assets primarily consist of amounts due us, cash on hand, inventory and prepayments.

2b Other Liabilities — Other liabilities primarily consist of our amounts due others, member deposits and postretirement benefits.
Incumbent directors re-elected to CEMC board

Three seats on Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation’s board of directors were filled by incumbents during the cooperative’s annual meeting Sept. 15 at Portland High School.

The directors were elected by members who voted at the annual meeting or during early voting, which took place Sept. 14 at CEMC’s seven district business offices.

Stephen E. Douglass of Dover was elected unopposed for a fourth term as director for South Stewart County. Tommy G. Whittaker of Portland, who also ran unopposed, will serve a fifth term representing North Sumner County. Michael A. Mason of Springfield defeated challenger Rodney Swearingen of Cross Plains for the North Robertson County seat. Mason will serve an eighth term on CEMC’s board.

Douglass

Whittaker

Mason

CEMC to close for employee training

All offices of Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation will be closed on Monday, Nov. 12, to allow CEMC employees to participate in required wellness training.

In the event of a power outage, crews will be available to respond to calls to our emergency telephone number: 1-800-987-2362.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause our members. We will reopen on Tuesday, Nov. 13, at 7:30 a.m.

Daylight Saving Time ends Nov. 4

Don’t forget to fall back on Nov. 4! Remember to set your clocks back by one hour. This is also a great time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.
Congratulations to all of this year’s winners at Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation’s annual meeting! In addition to the major door prize winners shown on these pages, 12 members were awarded bill credits valued between $50 and $250. The bill credit winners are:

**$250 winners** — Stanley Crutcher, Springfield, and Stanley Christy, Pleasant View.

**$100 winners** — Louise Tilley, Adams; Joe Pinson, Cottontown; Russell Carr, Cross Plains; JW Birdwell, Cottontown; and Sarah Neblett, Clarksville.

Bill credits of $100 were also awarded to these members who participated in early voting Sept. 14 at CEMC district offices: William Tomlin, Ashland City; Charles Knox, Clarksville; Joseph Griffy, Dover; Richard Bunch, Gallatin; Christopher Jernigan, Portland; Greg Stroud, Springfield; and Tammy Shaff, White House.

$50 winners — Donald Hodges, Portland; Gerry Hester, Springfield; John Garrett, Springfield; Robert Keen, Portland; and Marvis Ellis, Ashland City.

Dan Dyer of Gallatin was the grand prize winner. He was awarded a $1,000 Lowe’s gift card.

Jack Forman of Hendersonville claimed the Gatlinburg Retreat Package.

Winner of the Home Entertainment Package was Allen Binkley of Clarksville.
The Pick Tennessee Package was awarded to Betty Thompson of Greenbrier.

The Smart Home Package went to Jennifer Brown of Springfield.

Mrs. David Davis of Greenbrier took home the Yard Maintenance Package.

Winners of $500 college scholarships, in no particular order, are Myra Evans, Ashland City; Patricia Phillips, Clarksville; Mrs. Edward Tidwell, Springfield; Murriel Walker, Chapmansboro; Mrs. Rudolph Fisher, Hendersonville; and Mrs. Anthony Rye of Clarksville.

Youth Corner prize winners — Bicycles: Johnny Jones IV, Mason Mullinax, Avery West and Jordan White. Gift cards: Matthew Brown, $50 Old Navy and $50 Amazon; Michael Whitson, $100 American Eagle; and Synd-Rene Bainer, $100 American Eagle. “Ferdinand” movie: Jaylan Blick.
General manager addresses membership

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membership. We have hired consultants to complete feasibility studies for deploying fiber to our members’ homes, and the results of those studies have been submitted to our audit firm for evaluation. We will discuss options with our attorneys and continue to explore options concerning financing and grants available for this type of service. We will also research the best ways to gauge member interest in this service.

Spring Creek Substation — This newly constructed substation is located on Jim Johnson Road in northern Montgomery County. It currently supplies power to local industries, including Airgas, LG and Google. We have designed additional capacity to allow for industry growth and new growth in the industrial park.

Greenbrier substation upgrade — The Greenbrier substation was originally constructed by the Tennessee Valley Authority in the late 1960s and was eventually purchased by CEMC. It is located in the southeastern part of Robertson County and serves about 4,000 members. The substation is being upgraded to improve reliability for members in the service area. The upgrade is near completion with a projected in-service date of the end of October 2018.

Right of Way — We spend a lot of time and effort clearing and maintaining our right of way each year. The reason this is so important is because trees are the leading cause of outages throughout our system, affecting transmission and distribution lines alike. Tree-related outages account for 39 percent of CEMC’s outages. We will continue to explore options to better maintain our right of way and improve reliability.

Appreciating our linemen — CEMC has around 75 linemen and apprentices working to improve our power system every day. These linemen are well trained, and they incorporate safety in their activities. They must complete an apprenticeship program consisting of on-the-job training and coursework to receive lineman certification. This program takes about four years to complete. Our linemen continue training throughout their careers to adapt to any change in equipment or work environment.

In closing, our cooperative employees maintain approximately 8,000 miles of distribution line, 118 miles of sub-transmission line and 365 miles of fiber optic cable over a five-county service area. We are dedicated to providing safe, reliable electric service and affordable rates. This dedication has been present in my 34-year career here, and I feel certain it began over 80 years ago when this cooperative was formed. We will continue to provide the best service possible for our members. Thank you for your membership and attendance today.

CEMC’s linemen who assisted South River Electric Membership Corporation in North Carolina following Hurricane Florence are, from left, Bryan Barrow, construction crew general foreman; Anthony Copeland, Gallatin serviceman; John Vander Wielen, Portland lineman; Justin Bradley, Portland fourth-period apprentice lineman; Trey Hoover, construction crew working foreman; Gordon White, construction crew lineman; Josh Jones, construction crew lineman; Justin Frazier, construction crew lineman; Brian Shupe, Dover lineman; Brandon Hix, transmission engineer; Brad Badacour, Gallatin working foreman; and Josh Kennedy, construction crew lineman.
Make this year’s Thanksgiving your most energy-wise ever. Enlist the whole family — even those visiting just for the holiday — to come up with energy-saving ideas.

Along with your invitation to family and friends, ask everyone to bring more than a side dish. Instruct them to come prepared to share their favorite ways to save energy and reduce their monthly electric bills. After dinner, go around the table and have each person share a favorite tip.

Save your own ideas for last. Here’s a cheat sheet to help you show off:

• Turn down the thermostat. With a full house and a hot kitchen, your house will be too steamy at its usual setting.
• Don’t just stuff the turkey — stuff the oven. As long as your oven will be running all day, make the most of it by cooking several dishes at once. A variation of 25 degrees in either direction from the recommended cooking temperature will still produce the desired result.
• Replace your light bulbs with LEDs and new LED fixtures. Your guests won’t notice a difference in lighting, but you’ll see a difference in your energy bill.
• Cook at least one dish from start to finish in the microwave. Microwaves are faster than ovens and use about a third of the electricity.
• Keep cleanup easy. Load the dishwasher completely full. With a mountain of dinner plates, using the dishwasher will be more efficient than washing everything by hand.
• Don’t rush to put leftovers in the refrigerator, which will work harder to cool off hot foods. Let leftovers cool slightly on the counter.

Space heaters can work wonders on the coldest winter days to warm rooms your central heating system doesn’t keep comfortable. But while manufacturers have worked to build more safety features into alternative heating sources, users still should take precautions to ensure these cozy heaters don’t become fire hazards.

Space heaters are designed as a supplemental source of heat, not as the main source. So you shouldn’t use space heaters constantly, especially in rooms you don’t use much. Check your space heaters for UL seals, and follow these guidelines for safely using them:

• Keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from drapes and furniture that could catch fire.
• Don’t use extension cords with space heaters unless absolutely necessary.
• Inspect the heater’s cord periodically for frayed wires or damaged insulation. Don’t use a space heater with a damaged cord.
• Check for a secure plug-to-outlet fit. If the plug gets hot, the outlet may need to be replaced by a qualified electrician. This could be the sign of a home wiring issue.
• Place your heater on a flat, level surface. Don’t locate heaters on furniture because a heater may fall and break or even start a fire.
• Unless the heater is designed for use outdoors or in bathrooms, don’t use it in wet areas.

Consider going all-electric

Whether you’re choosing your energy supply for a new home or looking to consolidate the energy sources in your existing home, consider these advantages to an all-electric house:

• Electric appliances are quiet, clean and fume-free. Electric appliance manufacturers are constantly working to produce more efficient products like those with the Energy Star label, which means the government has deemed them extra-efficient.
• If your home is already wired for electricity, there’s no need to also install and connect gas and oil lines.
• Some utilities are even offering rebates to homeowners who buy new, all-electric homes or retrofit their existing homes to get rid of the need for gas.