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Those We  
Serve"

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# Watts Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative Working



The monthly newsletter of Randolph Electric Membership Corp.

## District Nominating Committees Appointed

Pursuant to Section 3.03. of the Bylaws of the Cooperative, the Nominating Committees for Districts 2, 4, 7 from which Directors will be elected at the Annual Meeting, have been appointed. The members that have been appointed to serve on those respective Nominating Committees are as follows:

**DISTRICT 2**  
 Sherrill Ambrose  
 Foy Gann  
 Susan Hicks  
 James C. Loflin, Jr.  
 Benny Needham  
 Mark Hayes (Alternate)

**DISTRICT 4**  
 Tom Ayers  
 Allen F Holt  
 Emma Jean Jones  
 Tommy Johnson  
 Odell Kivett  
 Wayne D. Thomas  
 (Alternate)

**DISTRICT 7**  
 Ledford Brady  
 Shirley Mashburn  
 Bernard Purvis  
 Russell Seawell  
 Tommy Upchurch  
 Earlie Brady (Alternate)

The District 2,4,7 Nominating Committees will meet on Thursday, May 9, 2002, to nominate a candidate that will run for the Board of Directors from those districts. All three District Nominating Committee meetings will be held at the office of Randolph EMC located in Asheboro, North Carolina.

The Credentials and Election Committee pursuant to Section 2.08. of the Bylaws of the Cooperative, will also meet on Thursday, May 9, 2002, at the office of Randolph EMC in Asheboro, North Carolina. It is the duty of the Credentials and Election Committee to establish and approve the manner of conducting member registration and voting, to pass upon all questions that may arise with respect to the registration of members, count all ballots cast in any election, rule on the validity of any ballots cast, and to rule upon any other questions, protests or objections affecting the results of the election. Members of the Credentials and Election Committee are as follows:

**ELECTION AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Bobby Ray Atkins	Harold Cagle
Robert L. Callicutt	Callie Cassady
Clifford Elliott	Gary Moon
Johnny Owen	C. Lowell Russell
William Lee Stafford, Jr.	Ross Stephens
Max Suggs	Baxter Surratt
Randy Williams	

**Mark your calendars for the 2002 annual meeting!**  
Friday, June 21 | Southwestern Randolph Middle School



# SWAP SHOP

The Swap Shop is a free public service to the members of Randolph EMC. All items for sale must be priced. Please include a membership number as shown on your power bill. Send item descriptions to Carla Bostick, c/o SWAP SHOP, P.O. Box 40, Asheboro, NC 27204. Questions? Contact Carla at 336-625-5177.

Due to publication time restraints, many items have been sold before members receive the issue. Also, REMC reserves the right to edit or carry ads over to the following month if limited by available space. We apologize if this causes any inconvenience to our members.

## FOR SALE

**1990 GMC Suburban 1500 SLE-5.7L**

automatic, dual air, power doors/windows/mirrors, aluminum wheels, center & rear bench seat, engine & transmission has 66,000 miles, new muffler & pipes, new tires, total miles 266,000. Price is \$5000 firm. Call 742-5457.

**10 acres and a 1989 Oakwood mobile home**

2BR, 2BA in GC, partly furnished in Pisgah, \$45000. Call 336-676-5204.

**1995 Titan single wide w/ shingle roof**

14X80, 3BR, 2 full BA (1 has garden tub), central heat/air, appliances (refrigerator, stove, dishwasher & almost new water heater price reduced for quick sale. Call 336-672-2496 after 6 p.m. or anytime on weekend.

**Ford Model 130 3-bottom plow \$750**

Lely 500 lbs. fertilizer & lime spreader w/3-point hitch \$550

**Massey Ferguson 2-16 inch trip bottom plow 3 point hitch \$350.**

Call 336-241-2405.

**Chicken house equipment for 2 300-ft. houses**

Choretime auger feeders, Wade Ken hen nest, Val drinkers, (2) 12ton bins, (2) Choretime wepl bins, (2) rooster feed bins, 300 (14ft) slats, rooster feeders & drinkers complete, GC \$40,000. Contact Wiley Pugh 919-742-5513 anytime.

**Wielder weight lifting set 280lbs of weight \$100.**

**Log cabin GC, rock chimney & fire place \$600**  
w/debris removed. Call 622-2968.

**2.5-ton gas pack**  
w/central cooling, \$1000 negotiable. Call 910-464-5380.

**Single grave plot RMP**  
Cemetery list price is \$1620 will sell for \$800 OBO. Call 336-672-0093.

**Solid oak church furniture**  
used in good condition, pulpit, communion table, 2 chairs, 2 flower stands, (22) 12-foot pews, \$9999. Call 910-948-2016.

**Mastercraft Rough Terrain forklift by Ford**

21ft mast, sideshift, diesel, good tires, good condition, new starter, new battery, block heater, \$7200. Call 336-629-0346.

**350-case crawler tractor \$12000.**

**1970 Ford Bronco (runs).**  
Call 336-857-2131.

**Rear bumper w/all brackets & right front fender**

for 1992 Ford Ranger \$25 each. Call 336-381-3175.

**Bamboo chair GC**  
multi-colored cushion \$50.

**New green velvet rocking chair \$65.**

**Lounge chair (navy blue), GC \$45.**

Call anytime, leave message at 336-381-9590.

**1972 Volkswagen (yellow) \$375.** Call 241-2497.

**1989 Starlite pop-up camper**  
in good condition, \$1500. Call 336-879-4044.

**Hay 16 rolls 4X5 \$20 each**  
53 rolls, 5X6, 20 each. Call 910-464-6220.

**Sunquest Pro24**  
by Wolfe System tanning bed only had 1 owner \$1200. Call 336-381-3484.

**2000 Ford FL50 pickup**  
ext. cab, 4 door, V-8, PW, PDL, PS, automatic trans., burgundy/grey, bed mat., serviced every 3,500

miles, 5-year warranty, \$20,000, excellent condition.

**1998 Yamaha Big Bear 4-Wheeler**  
rack on back and front GC \$3200. Call 910-295 5648 (daytime) or 910-295-5367 (nights).

**Deeded time-share (week 22) in Myrtle Beach.**

**Antique maple (blond) solid wood bedroom suit**  
bought new in 1948 only one owner. Call 625-6317 after 12 p.m.

**Piano w/bench just tuned**  
GC, \$250. Call 626-7639.

**50 acres big barn**  
great location near Erect & Seagrove \$160,000.

**20 acres & timber**  
over 75 years old (hardwood mostly) county water near Pilot School in Thomasville, \$150,000.

**New Holland hay rake #56**  
\$1400. Call 336-629-3240 after 4 p.m.

**Homemade 2-wheel trailer**  
on 11X22 tires, six hole wheels, 9X6 metal bed w/ dump hoist (but no PTO) \$300.

**Homemade farm wagon**  
(was used as hay wagon), steel truck frame 16 ft. long, old style Ford 16-inch wheels, \$150. Call 336-857-2583.

**Troy Bilt Tomahawk chipper/shredder 8HP**  
Briggs Stratton engine, like new (used only a few hours), \$1000. Call 919-742-3965.

**2 plots in Randolph Memorial Park, wheelchair, old time hay rake and piano.**  
Call 873-7759.

**1997 Ford Escort 4-door**  
silver grey, GC \$3,900. Call 919-663-3783.

**1979 14X70 Oakwood single-wide mobile home**  
3BR, 2 full baths, GC \$3000. Call 879-2071 (no renters, has to be moved).

**4-in-1 Bobcat bucket**  
heavy duty, like new, \$2400. Call 336-581-3133 after 7.

**1995 Honda Accord GC**  
\$6500. Call 910-428-9116.

**1977 K-Craft Bassboat**  
TriHull w/trailer, 100HP Johnson trolling motor \$1700. Call 336-581-3133.

**Acrosonic Baldwin piano**  
extra clean, \$1000. Call 910-464-3271.

**1995 Redman mobile home**  
3BR, 2BA, 14X70 w/shed \$16,500 financing avail. Call 672-7014.

**Rent to buy or sell 3BR brick home**  
on Sunset Ave., one & half bath, heat & air, hardwood floors, washer & dryer selling price \$71900, rent \$500 per/month with 5% interest. Call 336-629-3712.

**2 Purple Martin houses**  
brand new, never used, received as wedding gifts, one is wood and the other white metal, both high quality and large size (18"X18") \$35 each. Call 336-622-5520.

**Gooseneck trailer flatbed**  
8ft. wide by 19 ft. long loading ramps, brakes on both axes 12,000 #GVW \$1800. Call 919-837-5247.

**1986 Dodge Caravan,**  
rebuilt engine, power everything, new A/C, brakes, exhaust, and joints, \$1800.

**1987 White choo choo custom El Camino**  
like new, 75,000 miles, asking \$11,000. Call 672-1125.

**1994 Fleetwood single-wide EC, 3BR, 2BA, glamour bath w/ separate shower in master bath, brick fireplace, dishwasher, stove, refrigerator, nicely landscaped 10X12 wired storage building, 10X16 deck in Franklinville Village MHP, \$15500.** Call 336-683-0789.

## FOR RENT

**2BR, 2BA mobile home.**  
Call 464-3459.

**Mobile home space for rent \$125.** Mobile home for rent \$325. Call 464-3459.

## WANTED

**John Deere or Great Plains sod drill**  
10ft., in good condition & reasonable price.



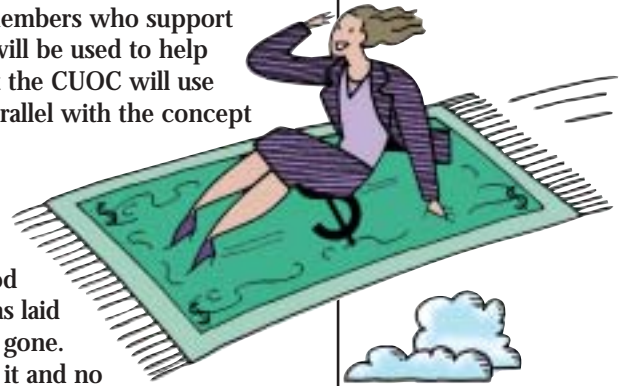
# People Helping People

Dear People Helping People,

Thank you "People Helping People" (PHP) and the Randolph Electric members who support PHP. Your contribution to the Christians United Outreach Center (CUOC) will be used to help the needy in our community. Thank you also for the vote of confidence that the CUOC will use the money wisely. The CUOC mission to help the needy certainly works parallel with the concept of People Helping People.

Here are a couple of ways the center was able to use your donation to make a difference in the lives of our neighbors:

- A **young married couple** having financial problems was recently helped through a tough spot. Both had worked at their jobs for a good while and things were going pretty good when suddenly the man was laid off and had no income. It didn't take long until all their savings were gone. Then, the heat pump in their home broke. They had no money to fix it and no other source of heat. The lady called the local United Way office to ask where she could get help. Thanks to the People Helping People gift, the CUOC was able to get the heater fixed.
- Early one morning a **single mom** was on her way to work, just entering the bypass, when the car in front of her stopped. She was looking back to check for traffic in the merge lane when guess what? She crashed into the car stopped on the entrance ramp, damaging her car so badly it could not be driven. With no transportation, it got tough to get to the two jobs she has to work just to make ends meet. The CUOC, with the gift from People Helping People, was able to buy some of the parts needed to get the car back on the road. She still has a bent hood and fender, but that's OK, she can get to work!



Thanks again for the confidence in the Christians United Outreach Center.

Respectfully,

Jerry S. Hill  
Executive Director  
Christians United Outreach Center

"People Helping People" is a program that aids people in need. Over 200 members have already volunteered to allow Randolph EMC to round up their monthly electric bills to the next highest dollar. The monies generated from this will be given to REMC families and individuals that are in need of assistance. You can fill out the attached coupon and mail it or bring it into the office with your next payment.

Clip and Send this form in

## People Helping People

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
*As it appears on your bill*

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form in to: Randolph EMC, P. O. Box 40, Asheboro, NC 27204-0040



# Bylaws

## Relevant to the Qualifications to the Board of Directors

### SECTION 2.04. QUORUM

Attendance in person of one hundred (100) members, or at least one per centum (1%) of the total members of the Cooperative, which ever is smaller, shall be required for the transaction of business at any meeting of the members, provided, however, where statute requires a specific quorum for transacting business on a specific matter, said statute will take precedence over the provisions of this section. If less than a quorum is present at any meeting, a majority of those present in person may adjourn the meeting to another time and date at least twenty (20) days later and to any place within one of the counties names in Section 2.01; PROVIDED, that the Secretary shall notify any absent members of the new time, date and place of such adjourned meeting by delivering notice thereof as provided in Section 2.03. At all meetings of the members, whether a quorum be present or not, the Secretary shall annex to the minutes a list of those who were present in person.

### SECTION 3.02. QUALIFICATIONS

The persons named as directors in the Articles of Incorporation of the Cooperative shall compose the Board of Directors until the first Annual Meeting or until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of, or to hold any position of trust, in the Cooperative, who (a) does not have the legal capacity to enter into a binding contract under the laws of the State of North Carolina; or (b) has not been a member of the Cooperative in the Directorate District for which he seeks election and has received electric service there as his primary residential abode in his own name for at least one hundred eighty (180) consecutive days next preceding the date of the election; or (c) has, during the ten (10) years preceding the date of his nomination, been a regular employee of the Cooperative or of a competing enterprise; or (d) is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise; or (e) is engaged in the business of selling electric energy.

A director or his company may be allowed to sell materials, supplies, equipment or vehicles to the Cooperative only if at least three bids are submitted to

the Cooperative for any such sale, and only if the director or his business has submitted the lowest bid. Upon establishment of the fact that a nominee for director lacks the eligibility under this Section or as may be provided elsewhere in these By Laws, it shall be the duty of the chairman presiding at the meeting at which such nominee would otherwise be voted upon to disqualify such nominee. Upon the establishment of the fact that any person being considered for, or already holding a directorship or other position of trust in the Cooperative, lacks eligibility under this Section, it shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to withhold such position from such person, or to cause him to be removed therefrom, as the case may be. Nothing contained in this Section shall, or shall be construed to affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors, unless such action is taken with respect to a matter which is affected by the provisions of this Section and in which one or more of the directors have an interest adverse to that of the Cooperative.

When a membership is held jointly by a husband and wife, either one, but not both may be elected a director; provided however, that neither one shall be eligible to become or remain a director or to hold a position of trust in the Cooperative unless both shall meet the qualifications hereinabove set forth.

### SECTION 3.03. NOMINATIONS

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than sixty (60) days nor more than ninety (90) days before the date of the meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected a district nominating committee for each directorate district in which directors are to be elected. Such district nominating committees shall consist of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) members who shall be selected from the directorate district from which a director is to be nominated. No officer or member of the Board of Directors or close relative thereof shall be appointed a member of such Committee/Committees.

The Committee/Committees shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least



# ons, Nominations and Elections of Members

twenty (20) days before the meeting a list of nominations for directors, but any fifteen (15) or more members may make other nominations in writing over their signatures not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting and the Secretary shall post the same at the same place where the list of nominations made by the Committee/Committees is posted. The Secretary shall mail with the Notice of the Meeting a statement of the number of directors to be elected and showing separately the nominations made by the district nominating committees and the nominations made by petition if any. ~~Nothing contained herein shall, however, prevent additional nominations, except that the newly elected director must be from the same directorate district to be made from the floor at the meeting of the members.~~ The members may at any meeting at which a director of directors shall be removed, as hereinbefore provided, elect a successor or successors thereto without compliance with the foregoing provisions with respect to nominations. Notwithstanding anything in this section contained, failure to comply with any of the provisions of this section shall not affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any election of directors.

### SECTION 3.04. ELECTION and TENURE

At each annual meeting of the members, directors shall be elected by secret written ballot by the members and, from among those members who are natural persons; provided that, when the number of nominees does not exceed the number of directors to be elected and if there is no objection, secret written balloting may be dispensed with in respect of that particular election and voting may be conducted in any other proper manner. Directors shall, unless the members determine otherwise in advance of the initial balloting, be elected by a plurality vote of the members. Drawing by a lot shall resolve, where necessary, any tie votes.

Directors shall be so nominated and elected that, beginning with the Annual Meeting of the members of 1996, directors from directorate districts 2,4, and 7 shall be elected for three (3) year terms; at the annual meeting of the members of 1997, directors from directorate districts 5,8, and 9 shall be elected for three (3) year terms; and at the annual meeting of the

members of 1998, directors from directorate districts 1, 3, and 6 shall be elected for three (3) year terms.

Beginning with the next succeeding Annual Meeting of the members, and at each such meeting thereafter, the same number of directors that corresponds to the number whose terms are expiring shall be elected to serve a term of three (3) consecutive years; PROVIDED, that a year as used in this section shall mean the period beginning with one Annual Meeting of the members and ending at the next; and PROVIDED FURTHER, that notwithstanding the terms for which they are elected, directors shall serve until their successors shall have been elected and qualified.

### SECTION 3.05. DIRECTORATE DISTRICTS

Directors shall be so nominated and elected that the board shall be comprised of nine (9) directorate districts. A director of directorate district must be a resident of, and make his primary residential abode, on a premises served by an electrical circuit provided by the cooperative. All the cooperative's electrical circuits, as identified by circuit numbers on the cooperative's maps and records, shall be divided into nine (9) directorate districts. For the purpose of assuring equitable representation, additional circuit numbers may be added to or deleted from a directorate district. It shall be the duty of the board of directors to make such additions to and deletions from, the various directorate districts no later than April 1st of each year. Such additions and deletions, along with the existing directorate district circuit numbers, will be provided to the members. Each of the nine (9) directorate districts is:

DISTRICT NUMBER	CIRCUIT NUMBERS
1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 68
2	6, 7, 24, 25, 27, 30, 71, 73
3	9, 13, 14, 16, 67, 69, 70
4	10, 11, 15, 26, 75, 76, 77
5	17, 19, 20, 23, 60, 78
6	28, 31, 55, 72, 87, 88
7	33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 46, 47, 48, 49, 56, 80, 81, 83, 84
8	39, 40, 50, 51, 52, 53, 82, 85, 86
9	42, 43, 44, 61, 62, 63, 89, 90

Electrical circuits may be added or deleted on April 1st of each year for the purpose of assuring equitable representation.



## *Randolph Electric Membership Corporation* **Board of Directors**



**James Andrews**  
**DISTRICT 1**



**Bobby Wright**  
**\*DISTRICT 2**



**Larry Routh**  
**DISTRICT 3**



**Jerry Bowman**  
**\*DISTRICT 4**



**Delbert Cranford**  
**DISTRICT 5**



**Charles Teague**  
**DISTRICT 6**



**Frank Kennedy**  
**\*DISTRICT 7**



**Steve Harris**  
**DISTRICT 8**

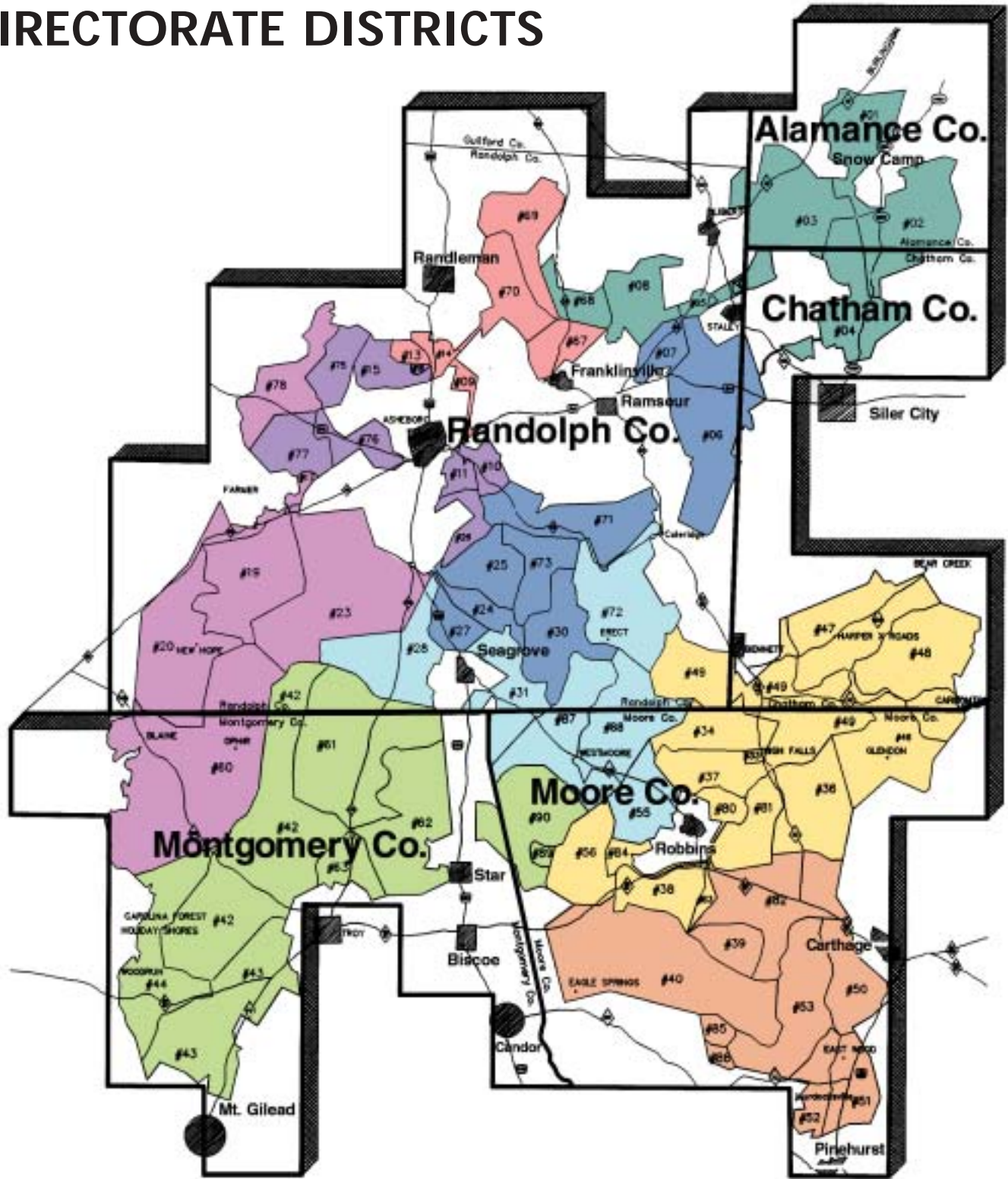


**Paul Hurley**  
**DISTRICT 9**

**\* Election for Directorate Districts 2,4, and 7 will be held at the 2002 annual meeting.**



# Randolph EMC Service Territory DIRECTORATE DISTRICTS



- DISTRICT 1
- DISTRICT 2
- DISTRICT 3
- DISTRICT 4
- DISTRICT 5
- DISTRICT 6
- DISTRICT 7
- DISTRICT 8
- DISTRICT 9



# A WORD ABOUT Randolph Electric

Dear Members,

As I have indicated in several AWARE columns over the last few months, we have been in the process of completing a cost of service study. The primary purpose of this study was to determine if the revenues we receive from the different rate schedules are reflective of the cost of providing service to the members billed under those schedules. I have also indicated the need to increase rates to recover revenues sufficient to meet the operating expenses of Randolph EMC. At the January board meeting, our rate consultant, Bellwether Management Solutions and Randolph EMC staff, gave a presentation to the board of directors on the preliminary findings of this study. The board of directors instructed us to continue working on the rate study and reduce the increase as much as possible while ensuring that Randolph EMC maintains its financial stability.

The last time Randolph EMC had an increase in the retail rate schedules was 1993. From 1996-1999, the rate schedules were reduced, overall, by 9%. We were able to do this because of reduced wholesale power costs. We were very aggressive in these rate reductions and reduced our member's rates as much as possible without holding any of these reductions back to help meet the increasing operating expenses of Randolph EMC. In the mid to late 90's, it was projected that our wholesale power cost would continue its downward trend. That did not happen. Our wholesale cost of power increased in 2000 and 2001. Since 1993, our expenses have increased substantially in some areas. Many of those costs are beyond our control. Depreciation & amortization expense has increased by 92% and interest expense has increased by over 113%. This is in direct relation to plant growth and numerous improvements to the distribution and transmission system. Our right-of-way maintenance expense has increased by over 82% from the amount paid in 1993 to the budgeted amount for 2002.

Management continued to work with our consultant and we were able to reduce the impact of the increase from the original anticipated amount. At the last board meeting, the board acted on the new rate structure, which will be effective on April 10, 2002. I want to review the single-phase, non-commercial (residential) rate structure and compare the new retail rates to past rates. The new residential rate is as follows:

	Summer June-Oct.	Winter Nov.-May
Basic Facilities Charge	\$15.25	\$15.25
0 - 1000 kWhs	9.07 cents/kWh	8.62 cents/kWh
1001 - 2000 kWhs	9.07 cents/kWh	7.96 cents/kWh
2001 - 3000 kWhs	9.07 cents/kWh	7.54 cents/kWh
All Over 3000 kWhs	7.71 cents/kWh	6.26 cents/kWh

The increase is 8.3% to overall retail rates with an average increase of 7.66% to the average single-phase, non-commercial (residential) member. The rate schedules themselves have not changed since 1999. However, we have had a wholesale power cost adjustment (WPCA) included on the bills to recover increases in our wholesale power cost. Our goal is for the WPCA to return to zero and only fluctuate slightly each month, positively or negatively, as our wholesale power cost fluctuates. We anticipate these fluctuations to be very small compared to the past year.

Security lighting for the standard, 100 watt, 9500 lumen fixture increased from \$7.18 per month to \$8.45. After April 10, 2002, if the fixture cannot be installed on an existing Randolph EMC pole, there will be an additional monthly charge of \$2.50 for the new pole.

I want to compare the new average residential rate to last year's average rate and to the average rates of past years. Since the WPCA has been a rather large positive number and we anticipate it to return to neutral because of the new retail rate structure, the overall increase over the actual amounts paid is smaller than the percentage increase of the rate schedules. Compared to the amount the average residential member paid for the year 2001, the average increase for 2002 is 2.88%. Reflecting back to previous years, the average rate projected to be paid in 2002 is still 6.12% less than the average paid in 1993, 6.27% less than the average paid in 1994, 7.17% less than the average paid in 1995 and 3.26% less than the average paid in 1996. Since the rates will be in effect only nine months in 2002, I would like to also compare the projected cost for 2003 to previous years. For 2003, the average projected amount to be paid is 4.6% less than the average paid in 1993, 4.75% less than the average paid in 1994, 5.66% less than the average paid in 1995 and 1.69% less than the average paid in 1996.

The last thing I want to do as your manager is to increase rates. That is the reason we have worked hard to trim our budget and reduce costs wherever possible without jeopardizing service. We will continue to take steps to hold down costs and operate as efficiently as possible. Being a member-owned cooperative, your employees, management and board of directors strive to be good stewards of your resources.

Cooperatively Yours,

Dale F Lambert  
Executive Vice President  
and General Manager

