



# PUBLIC NOTICE

## To: Members of Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation

Date of Notice: May 1, 2023

This is to notify the members of Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation (REMC) that the Board of Directors (BOD) of REMC will receive written comments and written testimony regarding consideration of a “Demand Response Practices Standards” pursuant to 16 U.S.C. Section 2621(d)(20) and an “Electric Vehicle Charging Programs Standards” pursuant to 16 U.S.C. Section 2621(d)(21) in accordance with the requirements of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (the Act).

The Act establishes two new PURPA Section 111(d) standards, by requiring the consideration of two new federal standards, regarding Demand-Response Practices and Electric Vehicle Charging Programs. On September 26, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., the BOD of REMC will conduct a proceeding based upon written submissions offered by REMC Members, Third Parties (TP), and retained experts, with said proceeding to be held at the REMC headquarters located at 186 Hudlow Road, Forest City, N.C. 28043, for the purpose of considering the written submissions regarding the two standards established by the

Act. The BOD of REMC will make determinations concerning whether or not it is appropriate to implement each standard. The two standards under consideration are listed below;

### Text of Standards Under Consideration

#### I. Demand-Response Practices 16 U.S.C. § 2621(d)(20)

- (A) **In general.**  
Each electric utility shall promote the use of demand-response and demand flexibility practices by commercial, residential, and industrial consumers to reduce electricity consumption during periods of unusually high demand.

(B) **Rate Recovery.**

- (i) **In general**  
Each state regulatory authority shall consider establishing rate mechanisms allowing an electric utility with respect to which the state regulatory authority has rate-making authority to timely recover the costs of promoting demand response and demand flexibility practices in accordance with subparagraph (A).

- (ii) **Nonregulated electric utilities**  
A nonregulated electric utility may establish rate mechanisms for the timely recovery of the costs of promoting demand-response and demand flexibility practices in

accordance with subparagraph (A).

#### II. Electric Vehicle Charging Programs 16 U.S.C. § 2621(d)(21)

Each State shall consider measures to promote greater electrification of the transportation sector, including the establishment of rates that:

- (A) promote affordable and equitable electric vehicle charging options for residential, commercial, and public electric vehicle charging infrastructure;
- (B) improve the customer experience associated with electric vehicle charging, including by reducing charging times for light, medium, and heavy-duty vehicles;
- (C) accelerate third-party investment in electric vehicle charging for light, medium, and heavy-duty vehicles; and
- (D) appropriately recover costs of delivering electricity to electric vehicles and electric vehicles charging infrastructure.

Under the Act, the BOD of REMC will determine whether it is appropriate to implement each standard to carry out the purposes for which PURPA was enacted. Those purposes are to

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encourage (1) the conservation of energy supplied by electric utilities; (2) the optimization of the efficiency of use of facilities and resources by electric utilities; and (3) equitable rates to electric customers (16 U.S.C. § 2611).

Members of REMC and Interested third parties (TP) wishing to submit written comments, written testimony, affidavits, and supporting written documents in reference to either or both of the above proposed standards, may do so by complying with the following procedures, prior to the last submission date.

### **III. REMC Members and Third Parties (TP):**

(A) An REMC Member may submit the Member's written documents electronically on a PDF fillable format form by uploading and/or transferring the PDF fillable format form in compliance with the terms of this notice to [PURPAproceeding@REMC.com](mailto:PURPAproceeding@REMC.com), or an REMC Member may submit the written documents on a PDF fillable format form to REMC's Custodian & Curator (hereinafter referred to as "C&C") to the following address: P.O. Box 1569 Forest City, N.C. 28043, or by delivering the same in person to the attention of the "C&C" at the REMC headquarters located at 186 Hudlow Road Forest City, N.C. 28043. Upon receipt of the written submission and subject to the authentication process as contained within the adopted rules, the "C&C" shall upload the written submission in PDF format into the REMC data room and retain a copy of the written submission in a separate file.

(B) A Third Party (TP) submission shall be submitted on a fillable PDF format form or on the TP's letterhead in PDF format by delivering the same electronically to: [PURPAproceeding@REMC.com](mailto:PURPAproceeding@REMC.com), or by delivering the

same to: the "C&C" at the REMC headquarters located at 186 Hudlow Road Forest City, N.C. Upon receipt of the written submission and subject to the authentication in accordance with the adopted rules, the "C&C" shall upload the written submission in PDF format into the REMC data room and retain a copy of the written submission in a separate file.

(C) The written submission(s) must be transmitted to [PURPAproceeding@REMC.com](mailto:PURPAproceeding@REMC.com) or delivered to the "C&C" on or before July 15, 2023. All submissions are available for retained expert(s) and Member's inspection and may be disclosed to TP upon request. All submissions shall be on a fillable PDF format form and/or on the TP's letterhead and shall conspicuously identify on the written documents the name, physical and email addresses, telephone number(s), and title of the person(s) submitting on behalf of an entity. No links shall be acceptable. Affidavits are encouraged along with the biographical information and CVs of any person or entity. REMC reserves the right to retain an independent Third-Party Consultant with the authority to edit and remove from the REMC data room any nefarious, salacious, libelous, and or irrelevant information.

(D) REMC Members may access the documents and uploaded submissions by specific written request for copies of all written submissions that shall be directed to: [PURPAproceeding@REMC.com](mailto:PURPAproceeding@REMC.com).

(E) Member(s) and TP(s) may rebut the written submissions until July 15, 2023.

(F) REMC reserves the right to retain and engage qualified consultants and experts to review all written submissions and to upload the expert's written submission to

the REMC data room no later than thirty (30) days prior to the REMC BOD's consideration of all written submissions.

(G) The BOD of REMC will consider all written submissions in accordance with the requirements of PURPA. The relevance and weight to be given to all written submissions to the extent possible shall follow the Robert's Rules of Procedure (12th Edition) and the North Carolina Rules of Evidence and Rules of Civil Procedure. REMC's general counsel will address, resolve, and recommend to the BOD of REMC the resolution of procedural or evidentiary issues relevant to the hearing.

(H) The BOD of REMC, convening as a regulatory body, after reviewing and considering all written submissions in accordance with the requirements of PURPA, will render a determination on or before the 14th day of November, 2023, as to whether it is appropriate to implement and/or decline to implement each standard, and, if appropriate, the manner in which each standard will be implemented. The proposed effective date of the new standards, if adopted, will be addressed in the findings and order. The findings and order adopted by the BOD will be posted at [REMC.com/PURPA](https://REMC.com/PURPA). REMC reserves the right to revise the standard(s) at any time without notice or public comment.

(I) The PDF fillable format form may be obtained from REMC by one of the following: (1) calling the "C&C" at (800) 521-0920 and requesting a copy; (2) picking up the same from the "C&C" at 186 Hudlow Road Forest City, N.C. 28043; or (3) downloading at [REMC.com/PURPA](https://REMC.com/PURPA).



## SWAP SHOP

Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation provides Swap Shop ads as a free service to its members. Guidelines are as follows: Ads are published first-come, first-served. When the space allotted for ads each month is full, remaining ads will be held over for the next issue. Ads will not be run more than once unless re-submitted. Commercial ads will not be accepted. We reserve the right to edit, condense or deny publication of any advertisement. Rutherford Electric Membership Corp. assumes no responsibility for the content of any advertisement and does not endorse or warrant any of the goods so advertised. Please include your account number with your ad.

### Mail your ads to:

Newsletter Editor, Rutherford EMC, PO Box 1569,  
Forest City, NC, 28043-1569 or e-mail at [cbailey@remc.com](mailto:cbailey@remc.com).  
No phone calls, please.

## FOR SALE

**Grandad's** local honey - \$16 per quart Mason, some comb slices available. Lincolnton, NC. 704-748-3258.

**474** New Holland Haybine - for parts only, wobble shaft is broken, but lots of good parts, \$600. 704-435-3548 before 9 p.m.

**Cannon** cameras (digital & film) - 6 lenses, 17 filters & accessories, too much to list as I have thousands invested, call and I will email you a detailed inventory. 828-391-1176.

**1999** Honda Rebel 250cc motorcycle, red in color, only 14,000 miles, \$1,600. 704-301-7944.

**2004** Harley Davidson Sportster 883 w/1200 kit, black in color, approximately 23,800 miles, \$3,500; downed trees, you cut & haul. 828-287-3944.

**Men's** dark blue work pants, size 36x32 (3 pair), 36x33 (2 pair), 36x34 (6 pair), 38x34 (1 pair), \$5 ea.; men's blue work shirts size XXL w/short sleeves & XXL w/long sleeves, have 11 ea. of them, \$3 ea.; men's jeans size 36 (3), 38 (1), \$7 ea., all in good shape. 828-287-3944, please leave message.

**Twin** size day bed w/large pillows, bed spread & mattress, if needed, \$100 obo. 828-442-0904.

**2000** Mercedes ML-320, only 118,000 miles, V6 engine that will go 300,000+ miles, new battery, tires are 80%, never wrecked, oil changed on schedule, transmission serviced, cold A/C, security system, 2

key fobs, PW, heated power leather seats, luggage rack, running boards, brush guard, navigation w/o disk, AM/FM 6 disk changer, sunroof, a rare find, \$5,695. 828-584-1157 & leave msg. or text 828-606-9828 and I will return the call.

**Riding** mowers: Cub Cadet, John Deere & Toro, ranging in price from \$400 - \$800; burning barrels, \$15 ea.; water totes, \$75 ea.; plastic solid top barrels, \$10 ea., Hickory, NC. 828-327-4782.

**Devon** Bull - registered, 4 years old. Iron Station, NC. 704-906-7090.

**Rough** cut poplar slabs, assorted lengths & widths, \$10 ea.; Fisch square hole drill, \$300; hand screw claps in sizes 6", 12", 18" & 24", have 4 of each, \$250 for all; 12" radial arm saw w/cabinet, \$200; 10" table saw/cabinet, \$200; assortment of bar clamps, \$20 ea.; picture frame clamps (8), \$10 ea. Marion, NC. 828-756-7067.

**Large** assortment of approximately 175 old records - 45's, 33's & some 78's, all kinds of music ranging from country, gospel, blue grass, rock, Christmas, etc. In good condition & all in original jackets, \$150 obo. Dallas, NC. 704-263-1027.

**Black** compact single door refrigerator, 2.5 cubic feet, dorm size, used but clean, \$75. Call or text 704-458-6254.

**1998** Suburban 1500, 4x4, body is great, needs motor, \$1,000. 828-334-6827.

Ranch style house with 4BR/2BA, 2343 sq. ft., w/ basement, 2 car garage, fireplace, 2 decks, newer metal roof, newer HVAC unit, tankless water heater, and 4 bay shop building. Located in Rutherford County, NC on 2.39 acres. 828-817-3227.

**(4)** cattle gates - sizes 18 1/2', 13 1/2', 8 1/2', 4'; split rail fence; 30 x 50 barn; portable sawmill. Call for prices. 828-584-6589.

**Fender** vintage amplifier; vintage Martin guitar; Allis Chalmers Model B tractor. 843-670-9727.

**Bible** books & commentaries - (17) used volumes of Expositions of Holy Scriptures by Alexander MacLellan, DD, \$75; Ryrie Study Bible-NASV, \$25; Davis Dictionary of the Bible, \$15; Noah Webster 1828 American Dictionary of the English Language, \$20; The

Temple, It's Ministry and Service by Albert Edersheim, DD, PhD, \$5; Eerdman's Handbook to the Bible, \$10. 704-297-8114.

**Husqvarna** 145 BT backpack blower w/Kawasaki engine, \$100. 704-735-6219 & leave msg.

**AKC** registered Golden Retriever puppies - all vet care, born 12/14/22, \$1,000 if breeding, discount for pet price, \$800. Kings Mtn., NC. 704-923-5834 for pictures and more information.

**Kent** 26" dual drivetrain 21 speed tandem adult cruiser style bicycle in very nice cond., has cloud 9 wide seats w/springs, balloon tires, Revo twist shifters, Shimano derailleur, water bottle holder & owner's manual, \$350; pair of vintage 1978 Sansui SP-X8000 stereo 4 way 6 speaker system, 17 1/2" wide x 26 1/2" tall, 160 watts, nice cond., \$300; metal Lance Crackers 2 shelf table top rack, has small metal Lance logo on front, very good condition, \$75. Pictures available on all items. 828-448-0338.

**Yorkie** & Yorkiepoo puppies - Yorkie is a White Parti AKC registered w/all vet care, \$1,200 for female, \$1,000 for male; tiny toy Yorkipoo, \$1,000 for female & \$800 for males, tails, dewclaws, shots and worming. 704-923-5834.

**Trane** XR 3 ton central A/C unit, 5 year warranty on compressor; 2' x 12' 16 gauge green metal roofing tin, have 10 sheets. 828-334-0578.

## WANTED

**Ruger** 10-22. 828-584-6589.

**Collector** buying WWII military relics and old comic books. 704-616-6567.

**1959** North Brook High School yearbook. 704-276-1369.



## Do You Really Know What's Below?

Dial 811 before you dig.

Spring is the ideal time of year to dream up and achieve your landscaping masterpiece. Perhaps you have decided to plant new shrubbery or build a new deck to enjoy those perfect spring evenings outdoors. If any of your spring time projects require digging—such as planting trees or shrubs, or setting posts—remember to dial 811 first.

Underground utilities, such as buried gas, water and electric lines, can be a shovel thrust away from turning a weekend spring project into a total disaster.

Play it safe by dialing 811 to find out where utility lines run on your property. Your call will be routed to a local "one call" center. Tell the operator where you're planning to dig and what type of work you will be doing, and affected local utilities will be notified.

In a few short days, a locator will arrive to designate the approximate location of any underground lines, pipes and cables that are in the proximity of your digging area. These areas will be marked

with flags or paint so that you will know what's below. Now you are off to a good start and the digging can begin!

Although many homeowners tackling do-it-yourself digging projects are aware of "Call Before You Dig" services, the majority do not take advantage of it.

Even the simplest tasks like installing a new mailbox post can damage utility lines, which can disrupt service to an entire neighborhood, harm diggers and potentially result in hefty fines and unexpected repair costs.

Never assume the location or depth of underground utility lines. There's no need: the 811 service is absolutely free, it prevents the inconvenience of having utilities interrupted and can help you avoid serious injury. For more information about local services, visit [call811.com](http://call811.com).



**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**

## 2023 Youth Tour Winners Selected



**Zoey Dillinger**  
North Lincoln High School



**Erin Shelton**  
McDowell Early College



**Thaddeus Ruff**  
Polk County High School

Three high school juniors have been selected to be among the 40-plus young leaders to attend the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., scheduled in June of 2023. One winner was selected from each of Rutherford EMC's three operating districts.

Winners of the weeklong, expense-paid trip are Zoey Dillinger of Lincolnton, Erin Shelton of Nebo and Thaddeus Ruff of Mill Spring. Zoey, daughter of Jimmy and Melissa Dellinger, is a student at North Lincoln High School. Erin, daughter of Joel and Briana Shelton, is a student at McDowell Early College and Thaddeus Ruff, son of Amanda Ruff, attends Polk County High School.

Zoey, Erin and Thaddeus will join many other ambitious young leaders from North Carolina and more than 1,000 high school students from across the nation on the weeklong trip to Washington, D.C. For five days, the students will get to visit and explore some of the capital's most notable areas; including multiple Smithsonian Museums, The Arlington National Cemetery, The National Cathedral, and many other memorials and educational places! The students will also have an opportunity to engage with many of North Carolina's congressional leaders and learn more about how our government operates.

The three winners will have an opportunity to apply for the \$2,500 Gwyn B. Price Scholarship and the \$2,000

Katie Bunch Memorial Scholarship. In addition, they will be eligible to compete to serve on the Youth Leadership Council, an advisory committee to the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), the national association of electric cooperatives headquartered in Washington, D.C. The North Carolina Youth Leadership Council representative will receive a \$2,000 college scholarship on completion of his/her responsibilities.

Any high school junior living in a year-round home served by Rutherford EMC or whose parents/guardians own a business served by Rutherford EMC were eligible to enter the contest. Children of Rutherford EMC's directors or employees were not eligible to apply. Rutherford EMC has selected local youth to participate in the annual Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., for the last 25 years.

"This program continues to provide outstanding opportunities for our youth, and has proven to be an experience that has encouraged personal growth amongst some of the future's next generation of leaders", says Dirk Burleson, Rutherford EMC's General Manager.

The 2023 Youth Tour is being sponsored by your cooperative, along with 19 other electric cooperatives across the state, and is coordinated by the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives (NCAEC) in Raleigh, and NRECA in Washington, D.C.



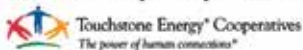
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