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## RUTHERFORD EMC'S 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

### OFFICIAL NOTICE:

Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation  
2025 Annual Member Meeting  
Saturday, October 25, 2025

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Member Meeting of Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation will be held at East Rutherford High School, 331 East High Rd., Bostic, NC 28018.

Registration and entertainment begin at 9:30 am.  
Business meeting begins at 11:00 am.

The following matters will be considered:

- The reports of officers and directors;
- The results of the 2025 Director Election, conducted by mail-in ballot, for three directors in the cooperative's districts;
- All other business which may come before the meeting.

The election of directors is for a term of three years.

*Robby R. Eurey*

Robby R. Eurey, Secretary  
Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation

**INSIDE:** Director Election Ballot | Additional Information Regarding Director Election & In-Person Annual Meeting

## YOUR REGISTRATION CARD

Tear off this entire registration card and bring it with you to the Annual Meeting on **Saturday, October 25, 2025, at East Rutherford High School** (GPS Address: 331 East High Rd., Bostic, NC 28018)

Registration and Entertainment  
from 9:30-11 am



**J. Dean Carpenter**  
*Board President*

# *A Message* FROM OUR **LEADERSHIP** **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY 2024**



**Jeffrey C. Brittain**  
*General Manager*

The past year demonstrated the strength of the cooperative model that Rutherford EMC (REMC) has followed for the past 88 years as a not-for-profit electric service provider. We remain dedicated to providing safe, reliable electricity: no matter what the conditions are, while remaining focused on our members' best interests. Despite the devastation of Hurricane Helene last September, REMC employees rose to the challenge and restored power quickly and safely. Even against those seemingly insurmountable odds, the Co-op remains strong and is focused on providing a brighter future for our members.

Hurricane Helene can only be described as the most devastating storm to sweep through Western North Carolina in recent history. Her flood waters and 100-mile-per-hour winds tore apart buildings, homes, and roadways in a matter of hours. In the aftermath, we found that every member in REMC's Rutherford-Polk and Burke-McDowell districts were out of power, as well as 30,000 members in our Lincoln-Gaston district. In total, 68,500 REMC members lost power due to this storm.

In the 16 days following, REMC's dedicated staff worked in the office and out in the field to restore power. Of the 7,700 miles of power lines on REMC's system, 6,800 miles were impacted. With assistance from line crews from across North Carolina and the Eastern United States, our electric system was rebuilt in record time. Despite the devastation and extended outages caused by Helene, Rutherford EMC still achieved a 98.95% reliability rating for 2024.

In a true testament to its resilience, our community has made great progress in rebuilding what was lost while continuing to grow at an impressive rate. Lincoln County is once again one of North Carolina's 10 fastest-growing counties.

This incredible growth rate is at the forefront of the minds of REMC management and the Board of Directors. REMC is focusing on infrastructure modernization and will continue to strengthen and improve our electric grid to meet the continued demand on our system. We have allocated significant resources to upgrade our infrastructure including substations, transformers, and distribution lines. These investments aim to reduce the frequency and duration of outages caused by aging equipment and severe weather. In addition to modernizing the existing grid, we completed construction on the Denver and South Denver transmission lines, a breaker station, and a substation near Denver, NC, to accommodate the area's growth.

*J. Dean Carpenter, Board President*

Nearly 7,900 utility poles were inspected as part of REMC's continued maintenance plan; of those, only 350 poles needed to be replaced. This maintenance plan allows REMC to preemptively repair or replace poles that may be more susceptible to damage during heavy storms. Tree crews continued to maintain our rights-of-ways in the areas around our equipment, trimming trees and shrubbery that could potentially grow into the lines disrupting service, and making power restoration more difficult.

Rutherford EMC strives to provide our members with safe, reliable, and affordable electricity so that when you flip the switch the lights come on. A huge improvement has been the implementation of a new state-of-the-art metering system. This new system will aid in identifying potential issues before they escalate into power outages. When outages do occur, advanced monitoring technology will communicate with our outage system directly, which in turn will create faster response and restoration times.

The recent transition towards cleaner energy generation, as part of the North Carolina Energy Solutions Act, has made reliability more important than ever. The retirement of existing generation plants before new resources are implemented that can adequately meet the demand for electricity places greater stress on the electric grid. All of North Carolina's electric cooperatives, including Rutherford EMC, are working with members to integrate new technologies such as residential solar, energy storage, and electric vehicle chargers to manage energy use and alleviate some of the stress on the system.

As we move towards cleaner, renewable energy REMC will advocate for your best interests to elected officials with a goal of ensuring that reliability and affordability are protected. Despite the rise in inflation over the last few years, REMC has successfully maintained affordable and competitive rates. We stay committed to providing reliable electricity at the lowest possible cost while advancing the pursuit of responsible sustainability goals.

Our commitment to system reliability, sustainability, and affordability drives everything we do. By continuously investing in modernization and proactive maintenance, integrating renewable resources, and effectively managing costs, we aim to provide dependable, affordable service our community can rely on, today and into the future.

The Board of Directors and employees of REMC are dedicated to supporting a brighter future full of growth and prosperity in all the communities we serve, and we appreciate your unwavering support as we continue this journey together.

*Jeffrey C. Brittain, General Manager*

## **2025 ANNUAL MEETING TICKET BRING THIS ENTIRE TICKET**

**TO THE  
ANNUAL MEETING  
FOR**

### **REGISTRATION AND PRIZE DRAWING**

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Cooperative, each member has one vote, regardless of the number of services in the member's name. If you should receive more than one registration ticket, only one can be presented to register for the prize drawing. Only the member named on the reverse side of this card, or the member's spouse, is eligible to present this card for registration and prize drawing. A proxy given by member or member's spouse is revoked by the presence at the meeting of the member or member's spouse. Member or member's spouse must be present to register for drawing and to claim any prize won.



Polk County Line will provide the entertainment at this year's Annual Meeting. They are a dynamic bluegrass band, performing traditional and gospel bluegrass music.

# BALANCE SHEET

## ...As of December 31, 2024

### ASSETS (What We Own)

|                                                     |           |                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Cash .....                                          | \$        | 3,857,667          |
| Reserve Funds, Investments and Other Property ..... | \$        | 11,903,772         |
| Accounts Receivable .....                           | \$        | 17,836,559         |
| Materials .....                                     | \$        | 3,008,422          |
| Prepaid Expenses, Deferred Charges and              |           |                    |
| Other Assets .....                                  | \$        | 16,356,774         |
| Net Value of Utility Plant .....                    | \$        | 336,390,521        |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS .....</b>                           | <b>\$</b> | <b>389,353,715</b> |

### LIABILITIES (Our Obligations)

|                                              |           |                    |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Notes Payable .....                          | \$        | 193,516,820        |
| Accounts Payable .....                       | \$        | 11,422,623         |
| Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits ..... | \$        | 28,882,288         |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES .....</b>               | <b>\$</b> | <b>233,821,731</b> |

### EQUITIES (Member Ownership)

|                                             |           |                    |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Membership Fees .....                       | \$        | 671,530            |
| Patronage Capital and Other Equities .....  | \$        | 154,860,454        |
| <b>TOTAL EQUITIES .....</b>                 | <b>\$</b> | <b>155,531,984</b> |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES and EQUITIES .....</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>389,353,715</b> |

# STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

## ...Year Ending December 31, 2024

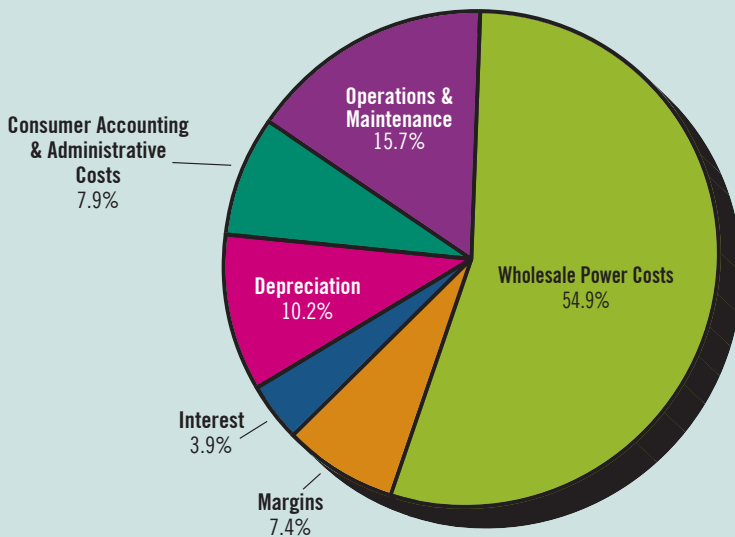
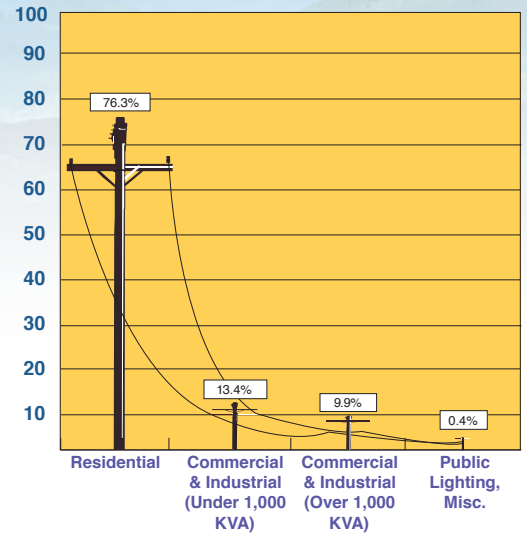
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|----------------------------------------------------------------|----|-------------|
| Income                                                         |    |             |
| Electric Revenues .....                                        | \$ | 166,873,697 |
| Expenses                                                       |    |             |
| Purchased Power .....                                          | \$ | 92,200,619  |
| Operating Expenses                                             |    |             |
| (Includes billing, electric system operations                  |    |             |
| and maintenance, member information,                           |    |             |
| salaries, payroll taxes, supplies, transportation, etc.) ..... | \$ | 39,678,348  |
| Depreciation of Plant .....                                    | \$ | 17,104,723  |
| Interest on Borrowed Money .....                               | \$ | 6,632,568   |
| Total Expenses .....                                           | \$ | 155,616,258 |
| Net Operating Margins .....                                    | \$ | 11,257,439  |
| Interest Income and Non-operating Margins .....                | \$ | 618,852     |
| Capital Credits Assigned by                                    |    |             |
| Associated Organizations .....                                 | \$ | 547,467     |
| Total Margins Assigned .....                                   | \$ | 12,423,758  |
| Patronage Capital Returned                                     |    |             |
| to Members During Year .....                                   | \$ | 6,858,631   |

## Capital Credits

Annual revenue which exceeds operating expenses is recorded on Rutherford EMC's books as capital furnished by members and is commonly known as "capital credits" or "margins." Capital credits are accrued to members' accounts and refunded at the discretion of the board of directors as the financial condition of the cooperative allows. In November 2024, Rutherford EMC returned over \$5.9 million to members.

Refunds of capital credits are made to estates of deceased members and paid at present value on a continuing basis. The proper representative of the estate may apply for the refund at any Rutherford EMC office. Supporting documents, including death certificate or letter of administration, will be required. During 2024, the cooperative returned over \$956,900 to the estates of deceased members.

## Sources of 2024 Revenue



## How Your Revenue Dollar Was Used in 2024

|                                            |                      |               |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Wholesale Power Costs                      | \$92,200,619         | 54.9%         |
| Operations and Maintenance                 | 26,317,229           | 15.7%         |
| Consumer Accounting & Administrative Costs | 13,361,119           | 7.9%          |
| Depreciation                               | 17,104,723           | 10.2%         |
| Interest                                   | 6,632,568            | 3.9%          |
| Margins                                    | 12,423,758           | 7.4%          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                               | <b>\$168,040,016</b> | <b>100.0%</b> |

## 2024 Statistical Summary

|                                           |               |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Miles Line Energized</b>               |               |
| Overhead Distribution                     | 4,668         |
| Underground Distribution                  | 2,948         |
| Transmission                              | 198           |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <b>7,814</b>  |
| <b>Number Connected Member-Consumers</b>  |               |
|                                           | 76,514        |
| <b>Average Monthly Kilowatt-hour</b>      |               |
| Consumption (Residential)                 | 1,134         |
| <b>Average Monthly Bill (Residential)</b> |               |
|                                           | \$148         |
| Kilowatt-hours Purchased                  | 1,409,732,051 |
| Kilowatt-hours Sold                       | 1,325,326,590 |
| Income Per Mile of Line                   | \$21,357      |
| Expense Per Mile of Line                  | \$19,916      |
| <b>Transportation</b>                     |               |
| Miles Driven                              | 2,155,350     |
| Total Transportation Expense              | 4,545,373     |
| Cost Per Mile Driven                      | \$2.11        |

## Total Assets

