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Mission Statement

The focus of Marlboro Electric Cooperative, Inc. is to make electric energy available to its members at the lowest cost consistent with sound economic principle and management.



Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

MEC celebrates 75 years of service with 75 Acts of Kindness

IN 2015, Marlboro Electric Cooperative is celebrating its 75th anniversary.

The co-op was officially formed in 1940 by a group of citizens concerned that rural families did not receive electricity because existing power companies would not operate in sparsely populated areas.



Working tirelessly, the newly formed co-op borrowed money from the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) for

the construction and operation of the electric distribution lines, and wired homes to the Co-op’s 389 members.

On Jan. 6, 1940, a meeting of the members was held in the office of W.D. Wood and called to order by H.K. Covington, Jr. After a general discussion, bylaws submitted by Attorney J.K. Owens were adopted and a copy forwarded to the REA in Washington, D.C.

On Sept. 3, 1940, the newly constructed lines were energized and Mrs. W.F. Rogers flipped the switch which brought electricity to rural Marlboro County and Marlboro Electric Cooperative.

There have been a lot of changes in 75 years since the creation of Marlboro Electric Cooperative, but

one thing that has not changed is our commitment to the communities we serve.

Each year the cooperative helps hundreds of people in need by supporting charitable organizations and volunteering in our communities.

Commitment to community is a core value at Marlboro Electric as well as part of our purpose and mission as a cooperative.

And so we decided that the best way to celebrate our 75-year history is to give back to the communities we serve by performing 75 Acts of Kindness with a value up to \$500 per act.

Recipients DO NOT have to be members of the co-op to apply, but must be from Marlboro or Dillon County.

MEC’s 75 Acts of Kindness are not intended for general charity, school or church funds.

Applications are available at MEC’s office or online at MarlboroElectric.coop. Recipients will be selected by a committee of co-op employees and will be notified by mail or phone.

Throughout 2015, you will be able to read more about our 75 Acts of Kindness.

Eddie Gordon

Trustee



Over \$1 million in taxes paid by Marlboro Electric Cooperative

TAX PAYMENTS ARE one of the many ways that Marlboro Electric fulfills its commitment to the community to promote positive growth, development and future progress in Marlboro and Dillon counties.

As a member-owned cooperative who serves more than 6,500 customers, Marlboro Electric Cooperative paid over \$1 million in property and vehicle taxes for 2014 to Marlboro and Dillon counties.

“Many people do not realize that Marlboro Electric pays a significant amount of taxes each year, and we are no different than individuals and businesses,” noted Annie Crowley,

MEC’s Chief Financial Officer/ Vice-President of Administration. “Cooperatives have the same rights and responsibilities as other American businesses, including the obligation to pay taxes.”

Property taxes for 2014 were paid to Marlboro County in the amount of \$766,587 and to Dillon County in the amount of \$248,856. In addition, Marlboro Electric paid \$16,200 in vehicle taxes to Marlboro County and approximately \$54,000 in SC Excise (Power) tax in 2014.

In the last five years, Marlboro Electric has paid \$3.5 million in property taxes to Marlboro County

and more than \$1.1 million in property taxes to Dillon County. School systems, law enforcement, road construction and maintenance, and many other local services benefit from the tax dollars paid by the cooperative.

Electric co-ops in South Carolina pay millions of dollars in taxes each year to federal, state, county and municipal governments. In addition to the taxes paid by Marlboro Electric, the wholesale power aggregator for the state’s co-ops, Central Electric Power Cooperative, paid more than \$141,600 to Marlboro County and over \$65,850 to Dillon County in property taxes in 2014.

Your Annual Meeting date is Saturday, April 18, at the Marlboro County High School

Time schedule

ITEM	BYLAW PROVISION	ACTION
Nomination Committee Appointed	Not less than sixty (60) days nor more than ninety (90) days before any meeting of members, consisting of three (3) members	Appointed at Jan. 28, 2015, meeting
Notice of Meeting of Nominating Committee	RUS requirement (No Bylaw Provision)	Posted at Co-op
Posting of Report of Nominating Committee	Co-op Procedure	Report posted at Co-op
Credentials and Election Committee Appointed	At least sixty (60) days but no more than ninety (90) days before any meeting of the members, appoint at least five (5) members	To be appointed by Feb. 17, 2015
Notice of Meeting	Not less than ten (10) days nor more than twenty-five (25) days before the date of the meeting	To be mailed before April 8, 2015