



## Marlboro Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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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

## What is a load forecast?

WHEN WE HEAR the word “forecast,” we typically think of the weather. Electric cooperatives are tasked with managing a different type of forecast—a load forecast.



A load forecast is an estimate or prediction of how much electricity will be needed in the future. We all depend on power to meet our daily needs, but the amount we use varies from season to season, day to day and hour to hour. This is why Central Electric Power Cooperative, Marlboro Electric Cooperative’s power supply aggregator, plans far in advance to make sure there is enough power available to meet electricity demands.

Load management helps ensure your co-op has enough power for peaks in summer and winter to help hold down the cost of power for all members.

As demand fluctuates, Marlboro Electric prepares to maintain electrical loads and to keep the system running efficiently with advanced and extensive planning for the future. Marlboro Electric works with Central, evaluating areas of growth and predicting demand patterns of our local community.

For example, if a new subdivision or residential area is constructed in our service territory, it is our responsibility to ensure that adequate power supply is provided to the members of that community. This growth may mean running new poles and electrical lines to the site or even building a new substation.

Whatever the need—Marlboro Electric is prepared and will continue to provide members with safe, reliable electric service. As technology changes and improves, we are becoming more efficient with automated meter reading (AMR) and our ability to forecast future electrical loads.

In addition, we collect data to project future demand. Planning ahead improves reliability, and projecting the amount of electricity that will be purchased ensures the best economic price for power.

At Marlboro Electric, we cannot predict the future, but we can prepare for what it holds. So leave the load forecasting to us, and we will continue to provide safe, reliable electricity to power your life.

**Melvin Carabo**  
*Trustee*

### Help manage our load

Marlboro Electric members can reduce their co-op demand cost with a water heater load management switch and get paid to do it.

1. If you purchase a new 40+ gallon water heater or your current one is less than 5 years old, you can receive a \$200 credit on your electric bill over the next 12 months (\$16.67 credit each month for one year).
2. If your water heater is older than five years, you can receive a one-time \$50 credit by installing a new load management switch.  
Switch the load by calling (843) 479-3855.

### Labor Day closing

Marlboro Electric Cooperative will be closed to observe Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 7. Emergency crews will be on standby.

## Three students represent Marlboro Electric in Washington, D.C.



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**CHANDLER MCINTYRE, Luke Powers and Elizabeth Hyatt** were among 65 South Carolina rising high school seniors on Youth Tour 2015, a six-day trip to Washington, D.C., sponsored by Marlboro Electric Cooperative. They joined more than 1,700 students from across the nation in Washington, D.C.

“It was an incredible opportunity, and it was truly an amazing, once-in-a-lifetime experience,” said Elizabeth Hyatt, daughter of Christy Overstreet and Michael Hyatt. “I made lifelong friends on this trip, as well as wonderful memories.”

The students visited landmarks, toured historic sites and museums, visited the Capitol, enjoyed a boat ride on the Potomac River, and much more. They also learned about government and electric cooperatives, and met with their state’s congressional delegation. Each year in June, the action-filled week provides high school students opportunities to learn about politics, community service and the energy industry.

“On the tour, the South Carolina Youth Tour students attended a class, where we learned key elements of which a cooperative is built on, such as the seven cooperative principles and the values of a cooperative,” said Luke Powers, son of John and Brenda Powers. “Meeting Senators Lindsey

**Chandler McIntyre, Luke Powers and Elizabeth Hyatt** were among 1,700 high school students from across the country to attend this year’s Washington Youth Tour.

Graham and Tim Scott along with Congressman Tom Rice was also a wonderful experience.”

Chandler McIntyre, daughter of George and Wendy McIntyre, agreed, “Having a photo taken with Senator Lindsay Graham, who is running for president, was also cool because not many people can say they have a picture or met with someone who could potentially be our next president.”

Marlboro Electric will offer an all-expense-paid educational experience to Washington, D.C., again to three area high school juniors in Marlboro or Dillon County. Students selected will receive an all-expense-paid educational experience to Washington, D.C. In addition, one lucky student on the tour will have the opportunity to win a college scholarship on a statewide cooperative level.

Applications will be available to apply Dec. 1, 2015–Jan. 31, 2016, at [marlboroelectric.coop](http://marlboroelectric.coop) or call (843) 479-3855. A panel of judges will select Marlboro Electric representatives for the June 2016 Youth Tour trip.

### Energy Resource Conservation (ERC) Loan

Marlboro Electric Cooperative is now offering low-interest fixed-rate loans through the Energy Resource Conservation (ERC) Loan Program to member-owners for improving their homes’ energy efficiency.

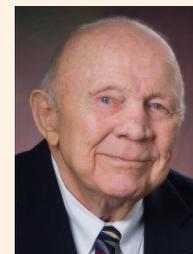
Types of eligible projects include, but are not limited to:

- ▶ Electric heat pumps
- ▶ Dual-fuel heat pumps
- ▶ Ground-source heat pumps
- ▶ Programmable thermostats
- ▶ Insulation for the attic, ducts, floors, walls, water heater and water piping
- ▶ Storm windows and doors
- ▶ Thermal windows and insulated doors
- ▶ Attic ventilation systems
- ▶ Caulking and weather stripping

Contact Marlboro Electric Cooperative at (843) 479-3855 to find out if you qualify.



### In memory of Raymond Woodle



Raymond Woodle

**October 9, 1926–July 26, 2015**

He was a Board Member for 42 years and Chairman for 18 years of Marlboro Electric Cooperative.

He will be deeply missed.