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Help us Thank a Lineman

EACH APRIL, we take the time to thank the group of dedicated men who build and maintain the distribution system that keeps the electricity flowing to your homes and businesses. Here at Tri-County Electric Cooperative, we have over 80 linemen who work day in and day out to serve you, our members.

They work through the snow, ice, rain, wind, extreme heat and everything in between. They work high on the pole, and down in the mud. They put their lives on the line all for one reason: to provide power to the members. 800857350

Often the work they do goes unnoticed and is caught in the hustle and bustle. I know I am proud to say I work with this selfless group of men who not only love their job, but work endlessly for this co-op. Additionally, I am thankful for the families behind them. When the phone rings, more often than not, that lineman is leaving precious time with his family to help the co-op and its members.

Lineman Appreciation Day is Monday, April 11. Please join me in thanking a lineman not only on April 11, but every day. Without these brave men, Tri-County Electric Co-op would not be the electric utility it is today.



Brazos Bankruptcy Update

Over the past year, I have provided you with periodic updates surrounding our wholesale power supplier, Brazos Electric Power Cooperative (Brazos), and its decision to file for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy protection. We have communicated that the bankruptcy has been a long, costly, and difficult process for all involved. Even today, the situation remains very fluid, far from over, and the ultimate impact to Tri-County Electric Co-op and you, our member-owners, remains unclear.

The highly anticipated trial to decide the size and priority of the ERCOT claim in the adversary proceeding Brazos vs Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) began on February 22, 2022, in the US Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District. After seven days of testimony, the parties agreed to suspend the trial and engage in mediation. Tri-County Electric Co-op is considered an interested party and will have a seat at the table during mediation. The scope of the mediation will not be limited to the ERCOT claim and will relate to the entire bankruptcy case in an attempt to reach a global resolution of all disputes.

Through all of this, my commitment to you remains the same. We are in this together.

Members Come First

Tri-County Electric Co-op's vision statement is to take care of our member-owners. That's you! We strive to take care of you in everything we do. It has been a tough few years, but please rest assured we have your best interest in mind. 800836531

We do have some new benefits that put the value of your electric co-op in your hands. Last month, we launched the Home Audit Program and now offer home energy audits. These audits show you where you use electricity, and may be losing energy, so you can save energy and money.

Additionally, we now offer outage texting for members to quickly text their outage. Learn more about this new benefit and how to enroll on page 23.

As your President/CEO, I work for you. I will do everything I can to take care of you and keep you at the forefront of all decisions. ■