



## Cooperative Update

from

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## Lineworkers are ready when it matters most

As CEO of Fairfield Electric Cooperative, I have the unique privilege of seeing first-hand what it truly takes to keep the lights on for our members. It's something I think about often, especially when severe weather tests our system.

When you see forecasts of storms across our part of South Carolina, our lineworkers see a call to action. They are always ready to respond when outages occur. They are ready to leave family dinners and miss Little League games so they can work through the night in challenging conditions to restore your power as safely and quickly as possible.

That readiness is not accidental. It comes from rigorous training, deep experience and a shared commitment to serving others.

What makes lineworkers especially remarkable is that they are restoring power to their own communities. They raise their families here. Their kids go to our schools. They shop at our grocery stores. They understand that the service they provide is essential to our daily lives—to our local businesses, farms, and our neighbors, who depend on power for medical equipment or to simply keep food from spoiling.

Powering the place they call home is deeply personal to them.

Electric cooperatives like Fairfield were built on the principle of neighbors helping neighbors, and our lineworkers embody that spirit every day. They are the first to respond and the last to leave, often working long hours to get the job done.

At times, serving our neighbors means going beyond our own service territory through a process known as mutual aid. During major outage events across South Carolina and beyond, Fairfield Electric crews are ready to assist neighboring co-ops.

This month, as we celebrate the remarkable men and women who ensure reliable power, let's recognize their unwavering dedication to the local communities they serve.

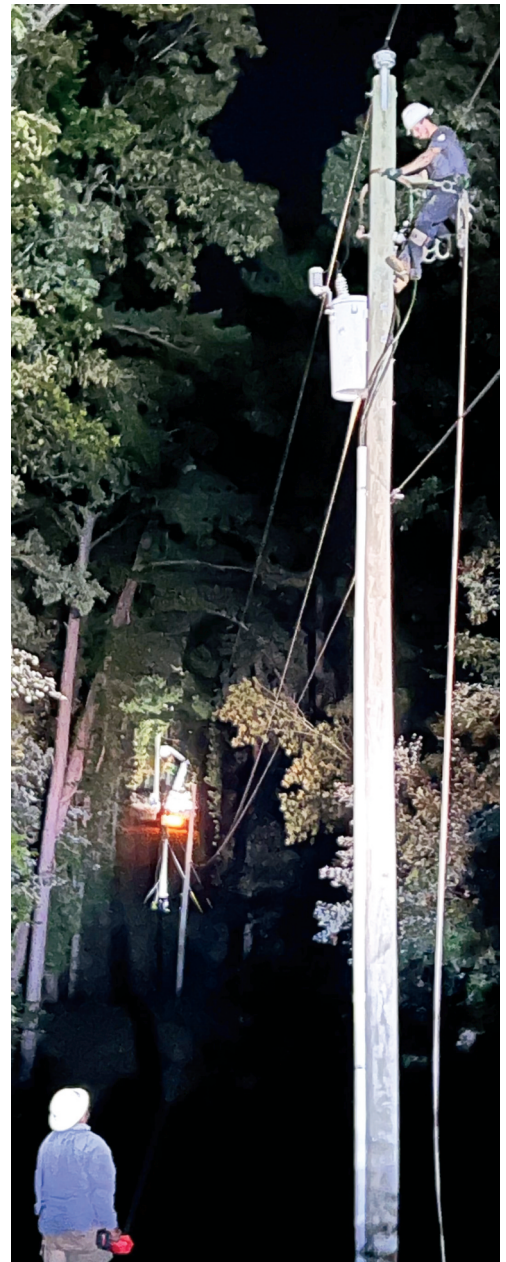
At the very least, losing your power can be frustrating; at worst, it can be life-threatening. We are grateful for your patience and encouragement during these times. Linework is demanding, physical and dangerous. Our crews approach each job with a focus on safety and teamwork. They take pride in their craft and in the trust you've placed in them. A wave of thanks or even a kind word on social media means more to our crews than you might realize.



**LINEMEN CARE ABOUT THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE.**

**#ThankALineman**

On **April 13, 2026**, we will celebrate **Lineworker Appreciation Day**, but we are thankful every day for their service and dedication. Their hard work, readiness and unwavering commitment to the communities they serve are the backbone of our cooperative.



When an extreme weather event happens here, crews from across our state and nation come to our aid, as they did after Hurricane Helene. Mutual aid strengthens all cooperatives and ultimately benefits the members we serve.



# Capital Credit Refunds are Coming Soon

The board of trustees recently authorized the distribution of capital credits totaling \$2,280,677. Your cooperative will retire the remainder of capital credits for 2010, 35% of 2015, and 25% of 2024.

**The capital credit refunds will be issued as a check or a credit on your electric bill. If your assigned capital credits total is less than \$75, you will receive your refund as a credit on your bill during late April (for billing cycles 3 and 4) or early May (for billing cycles 1 and 2). For those refunds over \$75, a check will be mailed in early May.**

Capital credits are a benefit of membership in a member-owned utility. Each year, we use the revenues that exceed costs as equity.

These funds and borrowed capital enable your cooperative to serve a growing number of members while implementing the latest technology to deliver the best possible service.

The cooperative later returns this revenue to the members who originally paid them in their electric bills.

We are very proud to be able to return capital credits. It reflects the financial strength and stability of your cooperative, and that's something in which we can all take pride.



Capital Credits



## Be A Part of the Cooperative Spirit

### at Fairfield Electric's Annual Meeting of Members Set for May 11-15, 2026

The 2026 Annual Meeting of Members of Fairfield Electric Cooperative, Inc. will be held as it was last year with several days of early drive-thru registration and voting at these sites prior to our business meeting:

#### SAVE THE DATES

**Chester County—Mon., May 11, 2026 (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.)**  
Faith & Love Christian Center 540 Great Falls Hwy., Chester, SC 29706

**Kershaw County—Tues., May 12, 2026 (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.)**  
LifeSpring Church 1062 Ridgeway Rd., Lugoff, SC 29078

**Richland County—Wed., May 13, 2026 (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.)**  
FEC's Blythewood Office 701 Blythewood Rd., Blythewood, SC 29016

**Fairfield County—Thurs., May 14, 2026 (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.)**  
FEC's Winnsboro Office 3129 Hwy. 321 North, Winnsboro, SC 29180

**Fairfield County—Fri., May 15, 2026 (7 a.m. to 12 noon)**  
FEC's Winnsboro Office 3129 Hwy. 321 North, Winnsboro, SC 29180

The business meeting will be livestreamed ONLY to the cooperative's website, [Fairfield.coop](http://Fairfield.coop), on Friday, May 15 at 6 p.m. A recording of the meeting will also be posted to the website for those unable to view it live.



Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.



Spring is a great time for home and yard projects.

However, if any of your plans include a shovel—like planting trees and shrubs or installing fences and mailboxes—you might want to make sure you won't run into any underground lines.

Call 811 or go to [sc811.com](http://sc811.com) a few business days before digging to request that the approximate location of buried utilities be marked so that you don't unintentionally dig into an underground utility line.

For more information, visit [fairfield.coop](http://fairfield.coop)