

**BLUERIDGE**

szociális vállalkozásunk energiája



Non Profit Szociális Vállalat 



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Dear New Member,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as our new member-owner.

Since our founding in the early days of rural electrification in 1936, Blue Ridge Electric's mission has been to provide affordable, reliable electric service to northwest North Carolina homes and businesses. Today, Blue Ridge Electric is one of the nation's largest electric cooperatives with accounts and convenient offices located throughout our service area. The cooperative has also expanded to include Blue Ridge Energies, our wholly owned subsidiary which offers propane and heating fuels to homes and businesses throughout and beyond the cooperative's service area.

Our purpose as a cooperatively owned utility is to provide service and highly personal customer care that exceed your expectations. We treat you as a member and an owner, not just a customer.

If you're not familiar with cooperatives, please take a moment to review some of the unique benefits we offer to see why membership matters.

**Electric cooperatives are:**

- Owned by the consumers they serve
- Established to provide at-cost electric service
- Guided by a board of directors elected from the membership. This board sets policies and procedures, which are carried out by the cooperative's professional staff.
- Guided by a set of seven principles that reflect the best interests of their consumers.

I'd like to invite you to get to know the people at your local Blue Ridge Electric office and see how we can help you get the most from your membership. Welcome to the Blue Ridge family!

Sincerely,



Doug Johnson  
Chief Executive Officer

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