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## Community Leaders Council Members Join Blue Ridge Electric in Washington for Lobbying Efforts



*Pictured: Warren Taylor, CLC Member (4th person standing from the left) and John Cooper, CLC Member (1st person standing from the right).*

As chairs of the Watauga and Alleghany Community Leaders Council, John Cooper and Warren Taylor recently joined Blue Ridge Electric and other North Carolina electric cooperatives in Washington DC to meet with elected officials about energy legislation. The message continues to be a commitment to ensuring affordable electricity for families and business.

According to John Cooper, the experience was enlightening, “There is so much legislation relating to energy and the environment right now, our elected officials really need to hear from us about what it can all mean to us. Blue Ridge and North Carolina have a specific and strong message for Washington and I was proud to be part of the team to deliver it.” Cooper concluded.

Warren Taylor was impressed with the attention they and the energy message received in Washington. “It really does make a difference talking to those who are making the decisions. They want to hear our opinions and they are listening. I was impressed with the knowledge of Blue Ridge and the electric cooperatives nationwide have on energy related legislation and how they are looking out for the average member like me.”

Blue Ridge Electric is actively involved in communicating to Washington and Raleigh about a variety of energy issues. The North Carolina General Assembly has ended the 2010 session with a number of important bills still awaiting action by the House and Senate although action is mostly quiet on the electric cooperatives’ issues.