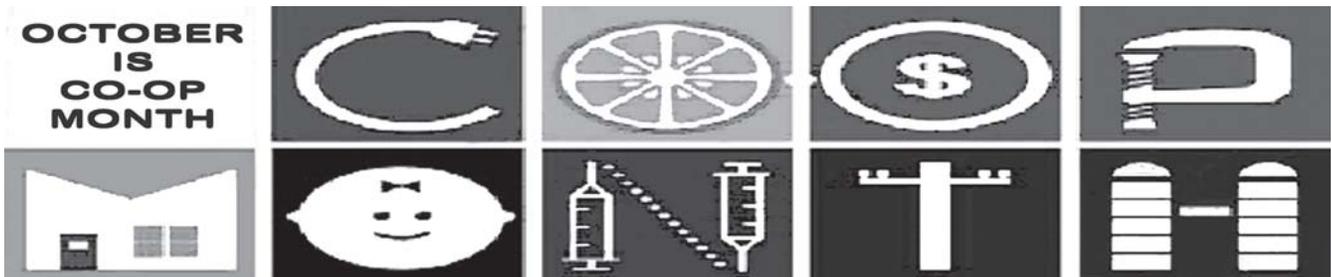


# The Electrifier

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"Owned by those we serve"

MARSHALL, NC



## 7 principles that set cooperatives apart

Cooperatives are a culture, not just a business. A set of seven shared principles grounds cooperatives – from food co-ops to retailers and electric cooperatives – in a culture of service. In recognition of National Cooperative Month, we're sharing the seven principles that guide us, and you might be surprised to learn how they set us apart.

1. **Membership.....**You are a member of French Broad EMC, along with all who receive electricity from us.
2. **Democratic member control.....**Our members, who purchase a cooperative's goods or services (in our case, electricity), control the cooperative's business. As members of French Broad EMC, you elect our board of directors, giving your vote and voice to the group of people responsible for setting our co-op's policies and strategic direction.
3. **Members' economic participation.....**Your monthly bill payments contribute to the financial capital of the cooperative. They allow us to do all the things we need to provide the service of electricity to you. This includes purchasing wholesale power, equipment and materials, as well as building and maintaining the infrastructure necessary to deliver electricity to your home. If we collect more than what's needed to cover expenses, we return it to you in the form of member dividends, or capital credits.
4. **Autonomy and independence.....**French Broad EMC is proud to be a part of a network of 26 electric cooperatives in North Carolina and more nationally, but each one of these is independent.
5. **Education, training and information.....**We provide members with information like what you see right here in the PowerLine newsletter, so you have the knowledge you need to make informed energy decisions. We also provide ongoing training to our employees so they can best serve you.
6. **Cooperation among cooperatives.....**Have you ever seen a truck with another co-op's logo roll through after a big storm? That's because we all work together under the belief that we serve our members most effectively through shared efforts. This may be most obvious in an outage situation when peer cooperative crews help, but it happens daily in the form of sharing resources, ideas and best practices with our counterparts in North Carolina and across the nation.
7. **Concern for community.....**Our kids go to school together. We see you in church and at the grocery store. We're neighbors, and we are all part of this shared community. We want to see this community thrive, and because of that, we're committed to dedicating resources to its development. This spans from securing loans and grants that bring new businesses to the area to providing teachers with a source of funding for innovative classroom projects that enrich the lives of our children.

As a not-for-profit business, our heart is always in service to you, never in making a profit; these seven cooperative principles guide us in that service every day.

# Manager's Report

## Coal Ash Regulations And You



Jeff Loven

A big part of managing our electric cooperative, from both my perspective and that of our Board of Directors, is keeping costs as low as possible. As a not-for-profit business, we operate within tight margins based on precise projections. But once in a while, there are occasions when outside factors impact our cost of doing business in unexpected ways. Rises in electricity costs due to new regulations for coal ash management are one such factor affecting us now.

You may recall that in February 2014, coal ash from a Duke Energy power plant spilled into Rockingham County's Dan River. Following that unfortunate incident, North Carolina enacted the nation's first state law to regulate disposal of the substance. Coal ash, a by-product of the process used to generate electricity at coal-fired power plants, has historically been disposed of in lined basins, but North Carolina's Coal Ash Management Act of 2014 introduced more stringent disposal and storage requirements. These requirements apply to Duke Energy, which has 33 coal ash basins in the state.

Complying with those requirements is a cost Duke Energy will pass on to all individuals and wholesale customers who buy power from

the utility. Additionally, ratepayers across the nation will soon feel an impact as this incident, as well as a 2008 spill in Tennessee, has prompted federal regulations.

Although French Broad EMC does not own any coal-fired power plants, we have been engaged in the coal ash management discussion from the start because we have a long term all-requirements wholesale power contract with Duke Energy. Costs incurred by Duke Energy to comply with these new regulations will be integrated into the wholesale rates we pay for power. As an at-cost provider of electricity, that means they will ultimately make up a part of the costs you, our members, pay for electricity.

Our focus and success in these discussions has been to balance environmental goals while minimizing impacts on rates. We have been working very hard to minimize the impact of these costs to you, both in conversations with legislators and executives at Duke Energy. As a result, state lawmakers amended coal ash legislation in 2016 to adopt a science-based approach that preserves environmental goals while cutting millions of dollars from initial projections of consumer costs.

French Broad EMC members will begin to notice minimal increases to their bills in January 2018, lasting through 2023. Coal ash management costs will extend through 2032, although after the first six years, our projections indicate a very slim impact.

So, what do these costs cover? Expenses related to bringing existing coal ash basins into compliance with new standards by either capping in place or excavating the basins. In both scenarios, water will be removed from the basins in a way that protects water quality of nearby lakes or rivers, and closure plans are customized for each basin to ensure effectiveness. The costs stemming from cleaning up the Dan River spill, however, have not and will not be passed on. Duke Energy shareholders are responsible for cleanup fees, and our responsibilities are only linked to complying with new regulations.

We will continue to do whatever we can to mitigate any cost increases, because we know any increase can have an impact on your family budget. Should industry factors affect rates, we will let you know well ahead of time, and we will continue to pursue new ways to fulfill our mission of providing you with safe, reliable, environmentally responsible and affordable electricity.



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This is a **FREE** service to members for advertising non-commercial items. **Ads are limited to two items per member per month and will appear only one time unless resubmitted.** Ads are limited to two lines per ad. We reserve the right to edit, condense, or refuse ads due to content, unreasonable length, or available space.

French Broad EMC does not endorse services advertised and is not responsible for reliability of services listed.

When submitting ads for The Outlet, please be sure to include your name, address, phone number and account number. Ads without this reference information are subject to not being published.

Ads may be submitted online, by phone, or mailed to French Broad EMC, Attn: Paula Seay, PO Box 9, Marshall, NC 28753.

### FOR SALE

TV stand, black, \$50. 778-9885.

Table w/ 4 chairs, glass-top, \$150. 778-9885.

1990 Mercury Grand Marquis, 4dr 5.0L V8, auto, tan, 35k mi, \$5,000. 247-1767.

1995 Chevy S10 ext cab, 4WD, white, 4.3L V6, auto, 200k mi, \$5,000. 247-1767.

2003 White Grand Prix GT, 151k mi. 284-0179.

2007 Blue Ultra Classic H-D, chrome, garage kept, 44k mi. 284-0179.

King wood stove w/ glass front, 28"x19"x28", \$400. 682-4941.

Pork, Berkshire & American Guinea hog. 284-1636.

Papa bear stove w/ SS water jacket, home built, \$200. 766-0652.

Climbing deer stand, \$99. 864/978-1757.

Hunting gear: coats, shirts, pants, boots & more. 689-3734.

Dishes, Martha Stewart white acorn 8-place, make offer. 683-9169.

John Deere D-140 riding mower, \$1,375. 622-7225.

Propane grill w/2 burners, \$100. 622-7225.

Shelves, wood/metal, 8'x7', \$100. 689-3116.

Hilary canvas tent, 8'x8', \$50. 689-3116.

Gas tank, 16gal, for car/truck. 688-3693.

7 Acres w/ house site & level driveway, Mars Hill. 843/470-0420.

5-acre lots, Mars Hill. 843/470-0420.

2-car garage w/ workshop, must be moved, make offer. 336/830-1748.

Furniture, clothing, kitchenware & more. 206-0266.

1940's Ford tractor, red belly, \$2,500. 778-1378.

1995 Mirage 8A46-350P, 1,500 hrs, \$500,000. 850/803-2153.

1991 Camaro RS, auto, V6, \$1,500. 208-3235.

2006 Honda Goldwing trike, loaded, \$22,000 OBO. 284-0087.

2005 Harley trike CVO Screaming Eagle, \$22,000 OBO. 284-0087.

3BR/1½BA brick house, full basement. 675-4981 or 284-1872.

Hay, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> cutting, \$4.50/bale. 682-7268 or 284-7313.

Queen memory foam mattress, \$400. 778-2876.

2005 Tahoe w/ 3<sup>rd</sup> row seat, white, 86,362mi, \$15,000. 675-5613.

Mountain home, Glen Ayer. 688-3622.

Fuel tank w/ stand, 250gal. 682-9879.

2 lots, Pisgah View Memorial Park, \$1,600. 689-2219.

Harvard air hockey table, \$350. 682-7417.

Hunting blind: wood platform, steel frame, camo cover, \$65. 649-3276.

Doghouse hunting blind, 5'x5', Realtree camo, \$60. 649-3276.

Janome Serger 11000 professional w/ manual, tools, \$600. 688-2070.

Kennebec potatoes. 656-2281.

Tools, air tank & more. 305/988-9188.

4-wheel padded furniture/piano dollies(2), \$5ea. 536-2016.

1998 Buick LeSabre, 4dr, auto, V6, \$1,350. 305/988-9188.

2008 Can-Am Maverick Max, \$15,900. 423/483-0065.

Disc brake caliper wind back tool set, \$20. 536-2016.

5 Acres unrestricted mountain property, views, Barnardsville, \$60,000. 775-9380.

2006 Frontier Nismo, black, 4WD, 53k mi, \$14,100. 689-2079.

4BR/3BA home, 1850 sq ft, garage, Mars Hill, \$237,808. 206-5374.

Takamine GS3305 acoustic guitar, hard case, \$250. 678-9580.

230V stick welder, \$80. 678-9580.

1995 Chevrolet Corsica, 4cyl, \$900. 622-9391.

Green beans & potatoes. 656-2737.

Barn lumber & chestnut. 208-0295.

1-acre lot w/ water, sewer, electric, \$16,500. 682-7429.

Interior Masonite doors. 208-3321.

2003 ZR2 S-10 Chevy truck, \$8,000. 423/330-4166.

Barbie & porcelain dolls, beanie babies. 675-4271.

Tea pot collection. 675-4271.

Laura Ashley writing desk. 675-4003.

Pull behind finish mower, 44" cut, \$500. 320-9165.

### WANTED

Junk Cars. 689-5125.

Cheap goats or free horses. 645-7544.

Young, Australian Blue Heeler dog, prefer dock tail. 766-0652.

Furnace for a 1972 mobile home. 689-4202.

5-8 Acres fairly flat land, Burnsville/ Bakersville. 585/489-8161.

Old barn, house, bldg to tear down for lumber. 380-1232.

Old doors, locust poles/logs. 380-1232.

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November issue	Oct 10th
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Medical supplies, catheter tubing, etc. 689-9617.

Old buildings to tear down, will clean up. 208-0295.

Someone to do carpentry work. 675-4704.

MISCELLANEOUS

Will Do: handyman services, junk removal & tree trimming. 284-2137.

Will Do: cabinet services. 675-8001.

Will Do: clean houses. 688-3693.

Will Do: clean houses. 208-4531.

For Rent: creekside cabin, fire pit, pvt, \$75/night. 656-2281.

Will Do: building repairs, free est, \$20/hr. 284-8530.

Will Do: healing touch therapy. 649-9676.

Will Do: respite care, house & petsitting. 649-9676.

Farmers Market, MHU campus, Sat 9am-1pm. 689-3606.

Tree of Life Ceremony, Oct 19<sup>th</sup>, ABTech Madison campus. 649-2705.

FOMCA, low cost spay/neuter for pets. 649-9798.

Will Do: structure removals. 208-4599.

Will Do: elderly care. 208-4008.

Will Do: sit with elderly 2 days/wk, Flag Pond. 423/743-7278.

Will Do: cut trees & brush. 675-4003.



### Mini-Split Heat Pump Program

Winter is just around the corner and your home's #1 source of energy use is related to heating and cooling.

French Broad EMC continues to offer mini-split heat pumps at an affordable rate, which can be financed on your electric bill upon credit approval.

Visit our website for more information:  
[www.frenchbroademc.com](http://www.frenchbroademc.com)

## Right-of-Way Schedule October/November

Marshall Cutting

- \* Lower end of Big Laurel
- \* Spill Corn
- \* Shelton Laurel
- \* Little Laurel

Burnsville Cutting

- \* Bee Log
- \* Little Creek
- \* Blue Rock
- \* Wolf Pen Branch
- \* Phipps Creek
- \* Bald Mountain
- \* Rice Road
- \* Halls Chapel
- \* Banks Creek

Burnsville Spraying

- \* Hwy 261 toward Bakersville
- \* McKinney Cove
- \* White Oak
- \* Bear Creek sections

