



# The Electrifier

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MARSHALL, NC

## Severe Weather

Severe weather can happen anytime, in any part of the country. Severe weather can include hazardous conditions produced by thunderstorms, including damaging winds, tornadoes, large hail, flooding and flash flooding, and winter storms associated with freezing rain, sleet, snow and strong winds.

Thunderstorms may occur singly, in clusters or in lines. Warm, humid conditions are highly favorable for thunderstorm development. All thunderstorms are dangerous. Every thunderstorm produces lightning. Other associated dangers of thunderstorms include tornadoes, strong winds, hail and flash flooding.



To prepare for a thunderstorm, you should do the following:

- Build an emergency kit and make a family communications plan.
- Remove dead or rotting trees and branches that could fall ...
- Postpone outdoor activities.
- Get inside a home, building, or hard top automobile. Although you may be injured if lightning strikes your car, you are much safer inside a vehicle than outside.

If thunderstorm and lightning are occurring in your area, you should:

- Use your battery-operated NOAA Weather Radio for updates from local officials.
- Avoid contact with electrical equipment or cords. Unplug appliances and other electrical items...Power surges from lightning can cause serious damage.
  - Stay away from windows and doors, and stay off porches.
  - Avoid natural lightning rods such as a tall, isolated tree in an open area.
  - Take shelter in a sturdy building. Avoid isolated sheds or other small structures in open areas.

(see more tips at FEMA's [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov))

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French Broad Electric Membership Corporation  
Marshall, NC

## Manager's Report

### Wholesale Power Contract Produces Savings



Jeff Loven

French Broad EMC had been a wholesale customer of Progress Energy since the 1940's and Duke Energy assumed this contract with its purchase of Progress Energy in 2013. The old contract was a capacity and energy contract, by which we were simply billed each month based on our peak demand and the energy we used. This was a standard contract but was punitive to French Broad EMC and its members in really cold winter months and even some months in the summer.

In 2016 French Broad EMC's Board of Directors took on the challenge of re-negotiating our wholesale power contact with Duke Energy. There were several items to discuss including how to manage new legislation requirements regarding coal ash, capacity rates, fuel costs, and our load impact as it pertained to Duke's load curve. After two years of analyzing countless offers and counteroffers, a contract emerged that your Board of Directors signed. That contract was designed to minimize the impact of collecting coal ash costs, lower the overall capacity costs, and most importantly, to recognize the uniqueness of French Broad EMC's load as compared to other large utilities on the Duke Energy Carolina's system.

In 2018, FBEMC began a new 20-year contract with Duke Energy. This contract with Duke is an all-requirements contract, which simply means they will provide all the energy and capacity our customers require throughout the term of the contract. Duke Energy is obligated to provide enough generation and transmission resources to meet our energy needs, regardless of growth. In addition, FBEMC capacity costs are now calculated differently.

Duke Energy's electric system in the Carolinas is a summer peaking system due to all the cooling load in the central and eastern portions of the region. Here in Western North Carolina, we are a winter peaking system due to the large heating load we have in the winter months. This load diversity plays a key role in how we now compute our capacity costs. During this contract, our summer peaks are now used to compute capacity costs, which is much lower than if we were using a monthly peak.

Now, 18 months later, this contract has shown to produce even greater savings to our members than originally estimated. In fact, FBEMC received a rebate of almost \$1.5 million for the remainder of 2019 and a

similar amount for 2020. The Board of Directors has instructed management to give this money back to our members immediately. You will notice on your August bill a purchase power and fuel adjustment (PPAF) credit of two cents per kilowatt. You will see similar credits on the remainder of your bills for the rest of 2019. This is one of the primary benefits of being a member of French Broad Electric Cooperative. You, as a member, receive the benefits, not stockholders. Despite the many challenges FBEMC faces, such as high right-of-way maintenance costs, low customer density, and lower sales to residential customers, our rates are among the lowest in the state.

Under this new long-term agreement, French Broad EMC members should enjoy affordable energy rates throughout the entire term and have long term security that all their energy needs will be met. Your Board of Directors worked long and hard to make sure our members were receiving the best deal possible and initial results show it was successful. There will certainly be times when natural gas costs increase and we will once again feel those impacts, but for the next few months, let's enjoy the savings provided by our new contract and your Board of Directors.

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Marshall	(828) 649-2051
Toll-Free to Marshall	1-800-222-6190
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### To Report A Power Outage After Hours

#### Marshall District

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(828) 649-2051 • 1-800-222-6190

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Online Credit Card Payment  
Available 24 Hours a Day  
for VISA, MasterCard, Discover

1-844-294-5697



Deadlines for submitting ads or notices to **The Electrifier**.

October issue	Sept 15th
November issue	Oct 10th
December issue	Dec 10th



# The Outlet

All numbers are in 828 area code unless otherwise listed.

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 or mailed to French Broad EMC, Attn: Paula Seay, PO Box 9, Marshall, NC 28753.

### FOR SALE

Dozer blade+hardware, 48" for  
Craftsman mower, \$100. 688-1324.

6 acres, Weaverville. 380-1452.

1988 Dodge Ram van, low miles.  
688-3209.

Kawasaki KX-250 dirt bike. 777-5422.

ABI Gravel Rascal RG5.5, edge blade,  
contour blade, \$2,500. 319-0039.

1995 PA-46-350P, TTAE, 1630hrs, Avidyne  
IFO 540, \$415,000. 850/803-2153.

Generator, 7KW, 120/240V w/ auto  
transfer switch, \$1,300. 813/767-9876.

Stock trailer, \$200. 765-6705.

3BR/2BA house on 1 acre, \$150,000.  
208-6328.

MPI 441 monitor heater w/ tank+stand,  
\$200 OBO. 515-5178.

Keurig K50 coffee maker, \$40 OBO.  
537-5013.

Green leather power recliner,  
\$350 OBO. 537-5013.

Husqvarna riding lawn mower, \$675.  
282-8441.

Truck cap, alum 64"x63", gray, fits  
Chevy Colorado, \$100. 380-2905.

2009 Suzuki motorcycle w/ shield, bags,  
blue/white, \$3,250 OBO. 683-4656.

09 Outback 25' camper w/2 slideouts,  
\$10,500. 683-4656.

2001 Subaru Outback, AWD, 183k  
miles, \$1,900. 537-2198.

2017 Hybrid Shamrock camper, fully  
equipped, \$12,000. 385-1636.

+/- 5acres, Barnardsville, \$60,000.  
775-9380 after 6pm.

Running boards, 2dr JK Wrangler,  
\$225. 813/493-8488.

(20) white plastic inside shutters,  
6"x28", \$10/pair. 688-1144.

(2) trac-loader 4PR tires, 22x8.50, \$20.  
688-1144.

Hay, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> cutting, \$5/bale.  
682-7268 or 284-7313.

Troy-Bilt 7spd Pony riding mower,  
\$850. 203/247-3052.

Hay, \$28/4x5 roll. 231-7044 day or  
628-2493 after 7pm.

Collectible dolls. 777-8476.

1992 BMW 525i, 5spd manual, 219k  
mi, black w/ tan int, \$3,000. 689-2228.

98 Chevy 6 1/2ft bedliner w/ tailgate  
cover, \$150 OBO. 649-9570.

Strong hives of honey bees. 206-9535.

6' sliding doors w/ screen, \$60. 649-9570.

Firewood, \$125/pickup load delivered,  
\$250/trailer. 683-7916 or 778-0389.

3BR brock house on 1.47 acres,  
joining 20+ acres. 682-6885.

GE flat glass top stove, \$75. 712-7661.

Canna lilies, azaleas, dwarf burning  
bushes & more. 545-8802.

95 Pontiac Grand Prix SE, V6, FWD,  
red, \$500 OBO. 776-6984.

1-acre building lot, Wolf Laurel.  
\$4,500. 273-8250.

1990 Subaru Forester, 235k mi, \$800.  
273-8250.

2014 Newmar Canyon Star motorhome, GPS, tow bar, \$112,500. 230-3846.

Wood-burning stove w/ pipe, \$350. 682-3622.

Girls clothing, size 7-8, 768-5272 after 5pm.

Couch & love seat, wicker furniture. 768-5274.

Sharp 5,000BTU window AC, \$125. 689-4024.

B&D electric string trimmer, \$65. 689-4024.

PFAFF Creative Vision sewing machine & embroidery unit. 276/690-5012.

2BR/1BA brick home w/ 3 acres, Burnsville. 778-5124.

(2) cemetery lots w/ stone, Green Hill Cemetery, \$1,750. 683-5546.

Chestnut lumber & barn wood. 688-2957.

49-acre farm, Yancey Co. 329-8971.

Victor 1660 lathe, \$4,000. 683-1735 before 8pm.

Webb Champ milling machine w/ tooling, \$4,500. 683-1735 before 8pm.

Troy Bilt tiller, 7hp, Fwd/Rev, \$600 or possible trade. 592-1341.

Aluminum cargo carrier, \$50. 777-4844.

Astroslam wood pellet stove, pad & pipe, \$1,200. 484-9527.

Maytag washer (\$40), dryer (\$40), \$80/both. 484-9527.

Craftsman 48" riding mower w/ grass catcher, \$495. 645-4727 or 678-4727.

Firewood. 284-7388.

Barbie dolls & beanie babies. 675-4271.

Vintage & collectible jewelry. 675-4271.

Beagle, blue tick, 9 mo old, \$350. 768-4727.

3 acres, Toe River, \$62,000. 208-6849.

8.02 acres, 2 home sites, water, septic, Bakersville, \$10,000 per acre. 208-6849.

English Shepherd dogs, \$100ea. 683-3126.

Old-timey log cabins. 208-0295.

2004 Camry, \$4,200. 423/612-0378.

Lazy Boy sofa w/ 2 recliners, \$750. 423/943-2632.

### WANTED

Small house/mfd home in Burnsville/ Green Mountain area. 678-3614.

1-3 acres, Burnsville/Green Mountain area. 678-3614.

Someone to do yard work, will pick up. 682-1212.

Someone to do landscaping, mowing, etc. 234-2909.

Domestic help 1-2x month, ref. 536-0264.

Free wood chips, delivered. 206-0846.

Tobacco stakes, approx.. 40. 380-2753.

Junk cars. 689-5125.

Old buildings to tear down & clean up. 208-0295.

1-5 acres land between Mars Hill & Burnsville. 689-9906.

Firewood, split. 689-9906.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Will Do: driveway sealcoating, asphalt repair, free est. 206-0033.

Will do: photography. 206-9283.

Will Do: odd jobs, ref. 423/580-3231.

FOMCA low cost spay/neuter. 649-9798.

Family Night, Sept 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm, Tipton Hill Comm Ctr.

Farmers Market, Sat, 9am-1pm, MHU, www.marshallmarket.org.

Will Do: respite care-giving, Marshall, exp, ref, \$15/hr. 649-9676.

For Rent: brick house, Yancey Co, ref, \$900/mo+dep. 778-1897.

Will Do: cabinet services. 675-8001.

Will Do: alterations. 689-3273.

Will Do: tree trimming/removal. 208-4599.

Will Do: barn/structure removals. 208-4599.

Cuba Agroecology Tour, Jan 7-16, 2020, \$2,900. 214-7833.

FREE plants, monkey grass, periwinkle, etc. you dig. 649-1045.

Will Do: in-home therapeutic massage, licensed. 423/330-7561.

Will Do: caregiving, pet/house sitting, cleaning, odd jobs. 776-0017.

For Rent: 3BR/1BA house. 423/438-4147.

Will Do: pressure washing. 675-4003.

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

Will Do: chair caning. 689-5125.

FREE hay, you mow & bale. 747-6293.

Right-of-Way (ROW)  
Clearing Schedule  
for  
September/October

### Burnsville District Clearing

- \* Bolens Creek
- \* Bowditch
- \* Hickory Springs Road
- \* Double Island Road
- \* Altapass
- \* Halltown
- \* Highway 80 S
- \* Brush Creek
- \* Biggerstaff Road

### Spraying

- \* Bandana
- \* Kona
- \* Lundy

### Marshall District Clearing

- \* Sandy Mush Creek
- \* upper end of Big Laurel
- \* Grapevine/Petersburg
- \* area north of Jupiter Road & south of 213
- \* Walnut
- \* Barnard
- \* Big Pine
- \* Town of Mars Hill

