

Meet Your Cooperative Directors

We are excited to begin a series that invites you to learn more about each of the nine members who serve on the Woodruff Electric Cooperative Board of Directors. We will feature a Board member each month in order by the District they represent.

Woodruff Electric Directors are required to participate in the NRECA Director Education Program while serving on the Board of Directors. This program allows directors to achieve up to three levels of certification. These different levels of certification are designed to help directors understand their roles and responsibilities, stay up to date on key topics and utility industry trends and prepare to meet the current and future challenges that the cooperative may encounter. The Director Certificate Program consists of the Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate, Board Leadership Certificate and Director Gold Credential. The Director Gold Credential status can only be maintained by completing required courses every two years.

MEET YOUR DIRECTOR

Representing District 1, J. A. Wampler of Fair Oaks has served on the Woodruff Electric Board of Directors since 1972. In 1975, he began serving on the Board of Directors for Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation (AECC), the generation and transmission cooperative serving Arkansas's 17 electric cooperatives. During his tenure, J.A. has served as President on both AECC and WECC Boards and Secretary-Treasurer on the WECC Board.

J.A. is a lifelong resident of Woodruff County and graduated from McCrory High School. He began farming in 1954, raising soybeans and rice near Fair Oaks and continues to do so today. Also, he founded Fair Oaks Manufacturing in 1978 and still manages the business. He is a member of the Woodruff County Farm Bureau and is active in numerous other agricultural and community improvement organizations. He is a member of Morton Baptist Church and is a 32nd degree Mason and a Shriner.

J.A. has numerous family members that work in the family business of farming and with the manufacturing facility. He is an avid outdoorsman with a passion for duck

and deer hunting. J.A. speaks very highly of his experience with the cooperative. He states, "I am proud to be a part of the Board of Directors and serve the members of the Cooperative. It is an amazing opportunity to be a part of the ever-evolving electric industry that began for Woodruff Electric in 1937." J.A. has completed all levels of the NRECA director education program including the Credentialed Cooperative Director Certificate, Board Leadership Certificate and Director Gold Credential.



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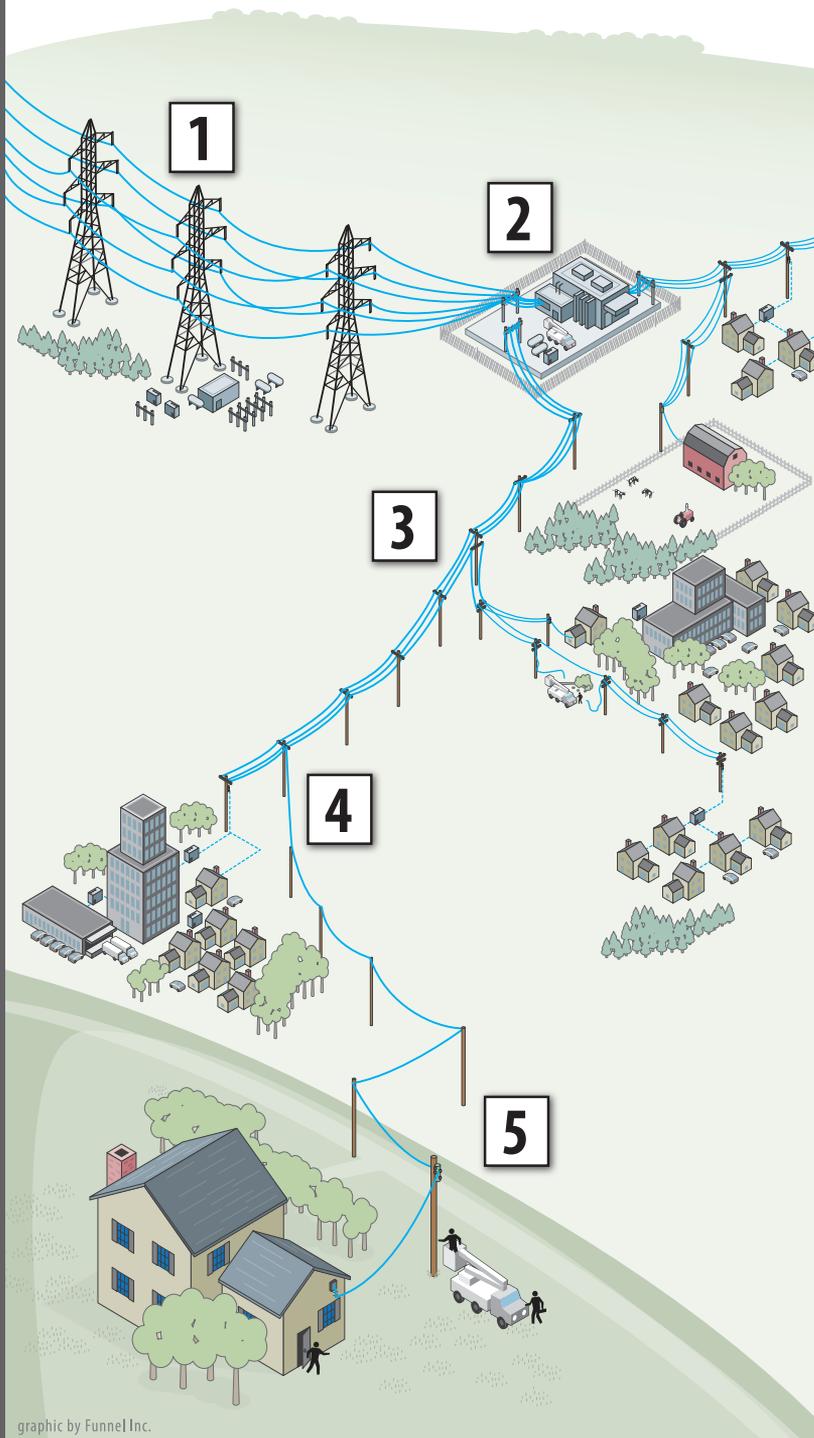


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Powering UP

When electricity goes out, most of us expect power will be restored within a few hours. But when a major storm causes widespread damage, longer outages may result. Co-op line crews work long, hard hours to restore service safely to the greatest number of consumers in the shortest time possible.

Here's what's going on if you find yourself in the dark.



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1 High-Voltage Transmission Lines

Transmission towers and cables that supply power to transmission substations (and thousands of members) rarely fail. But when damaged, these facilities must be repaired before other parts of the system can operate.

2 Distribution Substation

Each substation serves hundreds or thousands of consumers. When a major outage occurs, line crews inspect substations to determine if problems stem from transmission lines feeding into the substation, the substation itself, or if problems exist down the line.

3 Main Distribution Lines

If the problem cannot be isolated at a distribution substation, distribution lines are checked. These lines carry power to large groups of consumers in communities or housing developments.

4 Tap Lines

If local outages persist, supply lines, called tap lines, are inspected. These lines deliver power to transformers, either mounted on poles or placed on pads for underground service, outside businesses, schools, and homes.

5 Individual Homes

If your home remains without power, the service line between a transformer and your residence may need to be repaired. Always call to report an outage to help line crews isolate local issues.

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