



# POWERLINES

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Tri-State Electric Membership Corporation

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## Tri-State EMC 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

*September 19, 2026*

**Fannin County High School Performing Arts Center**

**360 Rebel Circle**

**Blue Ridge, GA 30513**

**Registration: 8-10 a.m.**

**Entertainment: 9 a.m.**

**Meeting: 10 a.m.**





**Stacy A. Chastain**  
*General Manager*

**Official Notice of 78th Annual  
Meeting of Tri-State Electric  
Membership Corp.  
September 19, 2026**

**Please bring this magazine for  
registration and drawing.**

### **Tri-State Electric Membership Corp. Notice**

Each year, the membership of Tri-State EMC is asked to elect board members. A committee was appointed by the Board of Directors on June 23, 2026, to carry out the election of the three directors whose terms expire September 19, 2026.

These directors will be appointed in the procedures outlined on page 18C, taken from the cooperative's Bylaws. On July 20, 2026, a list of all candidates nominated by the Nominating Committee was posted at the cooperative's office for Districts 2, 4 and 6.

*This institution is an equal opportunity  
provider and employer.*

## **Board of Directors**



**Jerry Pack, President**  
*District 4*



**Jesse Miller, Vice President**  
*District 7*



**Jim Quintrell, Secretary/Treasurer**  
*District 2*



**Daniel McNabb**  
*District 1*



**Scott Barker**  
*District 3*



**Bill Joe Postell**  
*District 5*



**Lisa Fields**  
*District 6*

# The Bylaws of Tri-State Electric Membership Corp. Provide the Guidelines:

## Article V, Section 5.03 – Election and Tenure of Office

All Directors to be elected shall be elected by secret ballot at the Annual Meeting of the Members, beginning the Year 1972, by and from the members of the Cooperative, and Directors elected at the Annual Meeting in the Year 1972 from the even numbered Districts, two (2), four (4) and six (6), shall be elected and serve for a period of three (3) years, or until the Annual Meeting in the Year 1975, and the Directors elected from odd Districts, numbers one (1) and five (5), shall serve for one (1) year, or until the Annual Meeting in the Year 1973, at which said meeting the successors to said Directors shall be elected for three (3) years, and the Directors from the odd Districts, numbers (3) and seven (7), at the Annual Meeting in the Year 1972, shall be elected and serve for a period of two (2) years, or until the Annual Meeting in the Year 1974, at which said meeting the successors to said Directors shall be elected for three (3) years, and each Annual Meeting thereafter the number of Directors equal to the number whose terms expire at the time of such meeting shall be elected for the term to expire at the third succeeding Annual Meeting. All of said Directors shall serve until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified, and in the event there shall be a tie vote, or votes, in said election, those tying shall cast lots by a method provided by the C&E Committee.

## Section 5.04 – Qualifications

A person shall be eligible to qualify as a candidate, run for or remain a Director only if such person:

- (a) will be eighteen (18) years of age or older on the date of election; and
- (b) is a Member of the Cooperative and bona fide resident of the District represented; and
- (c) is receiving service from the Cooperative at his primary residence, unless temporarily prevented from doing so by causes beyond such Member's control; and
- (d) is not a member of, employed by or financially interested in an enterprise or organization which competes with the Cooperative or regularly contracts with the Cooperative, except such employment, membership or financial interest which is, in the judgment of the Directors, excluding the Director in question, so inconsiderable and incidental as not to pose a reasonable prospect of a conflict of interest, however, that this determination shall be made by the C&E Committee if the person is a potential nominee or candidate for Director; or if the Directors, excluding the Director in question, request the C&E Committee to rule; and
- (e) is not currently, nor has been within the five (5) years immediately preceding the date of the election, an employee of the Cooperative, an employee or director of a competing utility or enterprise, a Close Relative of an employee of the Cooperative, or a Close Relative of an employee or director of a competing utility or enterprise. As used in this Section, Close Relative means a person who, by blood or by marriage, including half, foster, step and adoptive kin, is either a spouse, child, grandchild, parent, grandparent, brother or sister of the principal; and
- (f) is not the incumbent of or candidate for an elective public office in connection with which a salary is paid; and
- (g) has not failed to attend more than four (4) consecutive meetings of the Board, except when such absence is excused by a vote of the Board for reasonable cause, or who has not failed to attend, for any reason, twelve (12) consecutive meetings of the Board, or who has not been determined by the C&E Committee to be incapable of fulfilling the duties of a Director.

When membership is held jointly by husband and wife, either one, but not both, may be elected a Director; provided, however, that neither one shall be eligible to become or remain a Director, or hold a position of trust in the Cooperative, unless both shall meet the qualifications hereinabove set forth. Upon establishment of the fact that a Director is holding office in violation of any of

the foregoing provisions, the Board shall remove such Director from office. Nothing contained in this Section shall affect the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board.

## Section 5.05 – Nomination

(a) Nomination by Nominating Committee – It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint not less than forty (40) days nor more than sixty (60) days before the date of an Annual Meeting at which Directors are to be elected, a committee on nominations (Nominating Committee) consisting of not less than five (5) members. At least one (1) member of the Nominating Committee shall be selected from each District which a Director is to be elected. No member of the Board may serve on the Nominating Committee. No Nominating Committee member shall be a Close Relative of an incumbent Director of a known candidate for Director. As used in this Section, Close Relative means a person who, by blood or by marriage, including half, foster, step and adoptive kin, is either a spouse, child, grandchild, parent, grandparent, brother or sister of the principal. The Nominating Committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least thirty (30) days before the meeting, a list of nominations for Directors. One or more candidates shall be nominated from each District by the Nominating Committee where Directors are to be elected for any Districts as provided by the Bylaws.

(b) Nomination by Member Petition – Members may nominate additional individuals to run for election for any Director position for which Members are scheduled to vote at any Member Meeting (Member Petition Nominations). Members may make Member Petition Nominations by delivering to the Secretary at least forty-five (45) business days prior to the Member meeting in writing for each Member Petition Nomination (Member Petition): (1) listing the name of the Member Petition Nominee; (2) indicating the Director position for which the Member Petition Nominee will run; and (3) containing the printed names, addresses, telephone numbers and original signatures of at least fifty (50) Members who are residents and take service from the Cooperative within the District for which the Member Petition nominee will run. After verifying that a Member Petition complies with this Bylaw, the Cooperative shall post the Member Petition Nomination in approximately the same location as the Nominating Committee Nominations. The Secretary shall include with the notice of the Annual Meeting or separately, but at least ten (10) days before the date of the meeting, a statement of the number of Directors to be elected and the names and addresses of the candidates. The names of the candidates shall be arranged by Districts. Such statement shall also designate whether each candidate was nominated by the Nominating Committee or by Petition.

(c) Restriction on Other Nominations – Except in the event that all candidates nominated as provided in this Article are deceased or withdraw in writing from candidacy prior to the election, no other nomination shall be in order.

(d) The Members may, at any meeting at which a Director shall be removed as provided in these Bylaws, elect a successor thereto without compliance with the foregoing requirements with respect to nominations; provided, however, that any such successor must reside in the District in which the Board position is vacant.

(e) Notwithstanding anything herein contained, failure to comply with any of the provisions of this subsection shall not affect the validity of any election of Directors.

If additional information is needed, please contact the EMC office. For the Board of Directors:

**Stacy Chastain, General Manager**

## Nominating Committee Members

**Gilita Carter**  
**Heather Collis**  
**George Dillard**  
**Scott Mathis**  
**Leslie Nicholson**

I certify that a meeting of the Nominating Committee of Tri-State Electric Membership Corp. was held July 20, 2026, and the following persons were nominated for election to the office of director of the corporation:

### District 2 (for a term of three years)

**Jim Quintrell**  
P.O. Box 645  
McCaysville, GA 30555

### District 4 (for a term of three years)

**Jerry Pack**  
P.O. Box 365  
McCaysville, GA 30555

### District 6 (for a term of three years)

**Lisa Fields**  
3009 Salem Road  
Mineral Bluff, GA 30559

In accordance with the Bylaws of the corporation, the above-named persons are to be presented as nominees for the Office of Director at the Annual Meeting to be held September 19, 2026.

Chairperson, Nominating Committee

*Gilita Carter*

**Gilita Carter**  
Tri-State Electric Membership Corp.  
P.O. Box 68  
McCaysville, GA 30555

## Nomination by Petition

### District 2 (for a term of three years)

**Jason Deal**  
651 Isabella Ave.  
Copperhill, TN 37317

### District 6 (for a term of three years)

**Hugh Rogers**  
7397 Mineral Bluff Highway  
Mineral Bluff, GA 30559

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## BALANCE SHEET FISCAL YEAR ENDING 2026

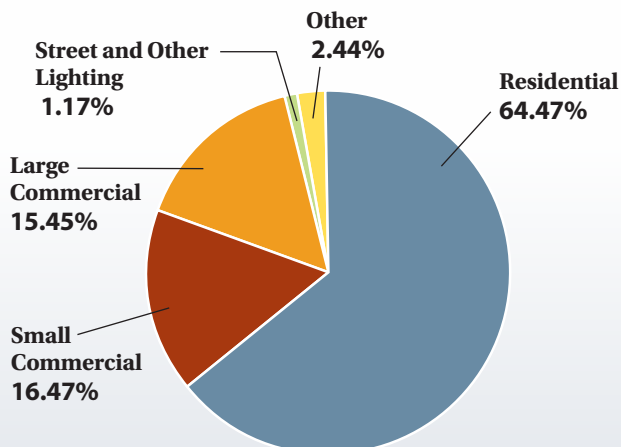
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|----------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                          |                        |
| Electric plant in service              | \$ 97,982,912.17       |
| Less depreciation                      | 37,843,354.42          |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>60,139,557.75</b>   |
| <b>AND INVESTMENTS</b>                 | <b>967,655.37</b>      |
| <b>Current and Accrued Assets</b>      |                        |
| Cash and temporary cash investments    | 7,389,420.54           |
| Accounts receivable                    | 2,476,747.25           |
| Materials and supplies                 | 1,937,423.14           |
| Prepayments                            | 121,119.89             |
| Other current assets                   | 274,947.27             |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>12,199,658.09</b>   |
| <b>Deferred Debits</b>                 |                        |
| Receivable—conservation                | 853,557.00             |
| Other deferred debits                  | 1,180,596.76           |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>2,034,153.76</b>    |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                    | <b>75,341,024.97</b>   |
| <b>CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES CAPITAL</b> |                        |
| Membership certificates                | 84,980.00              |
| Earnings reinvested in system assets   | 38,683,962.93          |
| <b>Long-term Debt</b>                  | <b>25,371,121.52</b>   |
| <b>Other Noncurrent Liabilities</b>    | <b>3,076,634.05</b>    |
| <b>Current and Accrued Liabilities</b> |                        |
| Accounts payable                       | 2,608,227.07           |
| Customer deposits                      | 2,267,226.60           |
| Taxes and interest                     | 214,128.89             |
| Other current liabilities              | 3,026,058.46           |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>8,115,641.02</b>    |
| <b>Deferred Credits</b>                | <b>8,685.45</b>        |
| <b>Total Capital and Liabilities</b>   | <b>\$75,341,024.97</b> |

## STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EARNINGS REINVESTED IN SYSTEM ASSETS FISCAL YEAR ENDING 2026

|                                             |                      |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Operating Revenue</b>                    |                      |
| Sales of electricity                        |                      |
| Residential                                 | \$ 32,671,979.68     |
| Commercial                                  | 8,344,934.11         |
| Industrial                                  | 7,828,273.07         |
| Street and other lighting                   | 591,055.36           |
| Total sale of electricity                   | 49,436,242.22        |
| Other revenue                               | 1,238,773.86         |
| <b>Total operating revenue</b>              | <b>50,675,016.08</b> |
| <b>Operating Expenses</b>                   |                      |
| Cost of power purchased                     |                      |
| from TVA                                    | 31,850,832.89        |
| Distribution                                | 7,874,433.57         |
| Customer accounts                           | 1,451,174.85         |
| Customer service, sales                     |                      |
| and information                             | 126,862.45           |
| Administrative and general                  | 2,765,038.45         |
| Depreciation                                | 2,575,284.70         |
| Taxes                                       | 568,358.75           |
| Interest                                    | 1,253,645.68         |
| <b>Total operating expense</b>              |                      |
| <b>and interest</b>                         | <b>48,465,631.34</b> |
| <b>Operating Income</b>                     |                      |
| Other income                                | 233,202.48           |
| <b>Net Income</b>                           | <b>2,442,587.22</b>  |
| <b>Earnings Reinvested in System Assets</b> |                      |
| Beginning of fiscal year                    | 36,241,375.71        |
| End of fiscal year                          | \$ 38,683,962.93     |

## Fiscal Year 2026

### Where It Came From



### How It Was Spent

