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Featured above: Retiring President & CEO Mickey Miller as a new employee in 1973

Comments from the President and CEO

Farewell

This is my last column for the *Nolin News*. In January, I will be leaving Nolin RECC and 11-year employee Greg Lee will begin as your president and chief executive officer. Greg's education, experience and leadership will take Nolin to the next level. In the past 45 years, Nolin has accomplished much. In the next 45 years, there will be opportunities to do even more. As Greg leads the cooperative and your employees, I see a tremendous future for a strong Nolin RECC. I thank the Nolin board of directors for always putting the members' interests first and for giving me the honor to help direct the growth of your cooperative.

The past 45 years have flown by. On October 1, 1973, I was hired as Nolin's heating and air-conditioning specialist. In 1975 I became Member Services manager. In 1991, I was given the opportunity to step into my present role as president and chief executive officer. Many changes have occurred in those years as homes, businesses and industry came to this area. In 1973, Nolin served just over 10,000 meters and had 1,758 miles of power line serving mostly the rural areas of Hardin and LaRue counties. Today, more than 36,000 meters and 3,032 miles of line serve members in parts of nine counties.

Those miles of line include underground line that grew from nine miles in 1973 to 436 miles.

The number of highly skilled and dedicated employees has grown from 53 to 95 today. They are working every day to keep clean, safe, reliable electricity flowing to your homes and businesses to help make your life easier, safer and more efficient.

In 1973, you read your own meter, wrote the reading on your bill card and sent it to us with your check. Today, Nolin's automated meter technology sends the readings to us electronically. Nolin can make meter connects and disconnects now from the office without making costly trips to your location. Advances to computers have streamlined every part of our business. Almost everything done by hand or mechanically in 1973 is now done with the aid of computers, the internet and cloud data storage. Today you have more choices of bill payment such as credit card, bank draft and pay by phone.

The way we communicate has also changed. In 1973, newspapers, radio and the monthly *Nolin News/Kentucky Living* magazine kept you informed about Nolin. Today, we also have our website, text, Facebook and bill insert. Our affiliation with Touchstone Energy has been a wonderful tool to help you learn what being a

member of a cooperative means. Touchstone Energy also provides you with services you cannot get anywhere else.

A special thanks to Nolin members who have decided to join Nolin Operation Round Up. The pennies you have given each month have turned into over \$192,000 in support for the community since 2006. Rounding up your bill to the next dollar has helped dozens of community groups and organizations achieve their goal of assisting others. If you are not already participating, please consider joining over 6,400 members who contribute each month.

The dedication and caring of the Nolin employees and directors serving you over the years made these and many more innovations possible. I am honored and thankful that I have had the privilege of working with all these wonderful employees and directors.



Mickey Miller
President & CEO

A new leader is named at Nolin

Greg Lee is chosen as President and CEO

The board of directors of Nolin RECC has selected Gregory R. “Greg” Lee as the cooperative’s



next president and chief executive officer. Lee, currently Nolin’s vice president—System Operations, will replace Mickey Miller who will retire on January 4, 2019.

Lee holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Kentucky. He is a licensed professional engineer. He is also a graduate of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association’s Robert I. Kabat Management Internship Program (MIP), held in the Fluno Center for Executive Education at the University of Wisconsin.

Lee is an experienced utility professional with a wide range of

skills in the electric utility industry and government contracting. Lee has served as Nolin’s vice president—Fort Knox Operations, Operations engineer and special projects manager. While attending college, Lee worked at Nolin as a student engineer and an Operations intern.

In his new role, Lee will represent Nolin in business and political settings, accomplish strategic initiatives established by the board and direct overall operations of Nolin RECC.

Lee is married to Erin Larkin Lee and they have two children. They reside in Elizabethtown.



Nolin RECC received the Kentucky Excellence in Energy Leadership Award in October. Left to right, Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet Secretary Charles G. Snavely; Nolin RECC System Engineer Devon Woosley; Nolin RECC Operations Engineer Dustin Ward; incoming President & CEO Greg Lee; and Kentucky Lt. Governor Jenean Hampton Photo: Sarah Fellows

Energy leader for a brighter tomorrow

Nolin RECC is recognized by the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet

Nolin was honored with the Kentucky Excellence in Energy Leadership Award at the Kentucky Governor's Conference on Energy and the Environment in Lexington in October.

This award recognizes Nolin's efforts to improve efficiency, day-to-day reliability and overall resiliency of power systems. It acknowledges Nolin's dedication to energy solutions that benefit members and the environment.

In 2017, Nolin joined other electric co-ops in developing a 60-acre, 8.5-megawatt solar farm and began offering co-op members the opportunity to participate in the farm directly through the Cooperative Solar Program. Nolin also launched an emergency response plan and



Nolin RECC was honored at the 2018 Kentucky Governor's Conference on Energy and the Environment in Lexington in October. Photo: Sarah Fellows

established enhanced tracking to determine the causes of equipment failures. These efforts not only improved service to Nolin's

members, but contributed to Kentucky's recognition of Nolin as an energy leader.

#HolidaySafety

Consider using LED lights for all your decorating needs this holiday season. LEDs use less energy and run cooler than traditional incandescent lights!





Decking the halls

It wouldn't be the holidays without visiting Freeman Lake Park in Elizabethtown to enjoy the over 120 lighted Christmas displays. This annual tradition has been delighting families for generations. Nolin RECC's arch display at the park's entrance welcomes the thousands of visitors who drive through every year. Don't miss our animated bucket truck and elf as they check on the lights of the arch! Also, make sure to visit Christmas at Creekfront in Hodgenville (Hwy 210 just before you reach the square) and check out Nolin's lighted display there.



Nolin RECC's Elizabethtown and Radcliff offices will be **CLOSED for the Christmas holiday on Monday, December 24, and Tuesday, December 25, 2018.**

We will also **CLOSE for New Year's Day on January 1, 2019.**

Should you experience an electrical outage, cooperative employees are standing by to respond 24/7—EVEN DURING THE HOLIDAYS!

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