



Electric Cities of Georgia

Members and Friends,

First and foremost, thank you for your participation and patience during this past fiscal year. It has been an informative year for us at ECG, and we appreciate the feedback we have received from you. You have heard a lot from us about the new ECG Intergovernmental Contract. The three-year contract has proven to be a somewhat contentious point for many of our Members, and it is our intention to find the simplest and most beneficial solution for you.

When ECG spun-off from MEAG Power in 2009, it was a big step that we all took together. Our Members stepped forward recognizing that ECG provides essential services to each community, and as an independent organization, it could accomplish even more. Despite the growing pains we have experienced, ECG and the Members that form it have discovered new opportunities to meet the needs of community-owned utilities. It has been our pleasure to work alongside you.

As we transition to the next chapter, it is crucial that we thank and credit Keith Bass, who has spent four years leading this joint-action organization. The value that ECG brings to 52 Georgia communities is unparalleled in any other organization. We have grown into a one-stop-shop for services to community-owned utilities. Keith has played an important role in developing ECG into the organization it is today. He has contributed to ECG's success. The leadership that will take ECG into its next chapter will always consider the lessons Keith has taught.

While we recognize Keith's contribution, the Board also recognizes the necessity for new leadership to take ECG into a new phase of growth. Beginning immediately, the ECG Board of Directors has asked Jerry Permenter, former City Manager of the City of Adel and former ECG Board Chairman, to step in as interim CEO. Jerry will get the ball rolling as ECG prepares to enter a new contract and a new fiscal year. With experience from his time at the City of Adel, Jerry is an obvious choice to lead ECG until the ECG Board of Directors hires his replacement.

You have been supportive during these growing pains. We hope you will trust that ECG will become a stronger and more stable service provider for your community, as a result. It is encouraging to think about the things we will accomplish in the next months and years. We will continue to keep you informed in an effort to remain transparent without bogging you down with too much information.

You will be hearing from our leadership soon. We are eager to hear your response and feedback so we can continue to grow ECG into the next growth phase.

Thank you for your support.

ECG Board of Directors