

# Watts Working

## Putting Politics in Perspective

Randolph EMC, as a member-owned utility, must be diligent in looking out for the best interests of our members. That's why we're consistently involved in legislative activities at both the state and federal levels. Randolph Electric does not employ lobbyists, but our state and national associations do. They spend countless hours in Raleigh and Washington, D.C., asking our elected officials to consider the impact existing and proposed laws have on our members. Our role at Randolph EMC is to send letters and emails to our legislators and meet with them to discuss issues that are important to providing you reliable, affordable service. At times we call on members to engage with legislators as well—sending a powerful reminder of just whom they're working for.



Just recently, Congresswoman Renee Ellmers stopped by the Asheboro office to talk with employees about the energy issues being discussed on Capitol Hill—EPA regulations, smart grid technology, and keeping energy costs down for members to name a few. As a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, she looks to the electric cooperatives in her district as trusted resources for learning the true impact that energy decisions made in Washington will have on the rural families we serve.

We vow to stay involved in the legislative activities and keep you informed of how they affect your livelihood and your cooperative's bottom line. Just one of the ways we're looking out for you.

*Above, Rep. Renee Ellmers speaks with REMC employees about energy issues. Left, Rep. Ellmers with GIS Supervisor Linda Poole and Purchasing Agent Wanda Stake.*



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# TOGETHER WE SAVE



## Prepare Now for Winter Heating Bills

### Be Energy Efficient

Between holiday houseguests and shorter, colder days, electric bills tend to climb in the winter. Simple steps toward an energy efficient home will help you reduce energy usage costs:

- Set thermostats to the lowest comfortable level. We suggest 68 degrees.
- Use space heaters sparingly—they can use significant amounts of electricity.
- Open curtains on south-facing windows to let in the sun's heat.
- Make sure your vents are not blocked by rugs, furniture, or doors to keep HVAC systems from working harder.

### FlexPay

Our “pay as you go” program lets you purchase electricity in any amount you choose with no due dates or late fees. You can pay online, by phone, or in our office using debit/credit cards, check, or cash. Receive account updates by your choice of text message, phone call, or email. You can also monitor your FlexPay account at MyUsage.com.

### Budget Billing

This plan equalizes your payments for eleven months. In the twelfth month, your account is “evened up” with a final payment or credit applied. Combine this with bank draft for even more convenience.

*Remember, if you fall short of being able to make your payment on time, call us before your account becomes subject to disconnection. We can work with you make a payment arrangement and avoid additional costs.*



With the end of Daylight Savings Time in November comes colder and darker evenings. Here are three good reasons to install outdoor lighting from Randolph EMC at your home:

- 1** Makes your property and family more safe and secure at night
- 2** Enhances backyard recreation – from cookouts to sports – after dark
- 3** Makes any home more attractive

There are many benefits to outdoor lighting and Randolph Electric has a variety to select from at an affordable monthly fee.

Call your local office to learn more or schedule an installation.

Randolph EMC offices will be closed November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day and November 27 & 28 for Thanksgiving.

#### Electric Service

Asheboro .....(336) 625-5177  
.....(800) 672-8212  
Robbins: .....(910) 948-3401  
.....(800) 868-7014  
Power Failures: .....(877) REMC-OFF  
.....(877-736-2633)  
Bill Payments: .....(877) 534-2319  
Office Hours: .....8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
..... Monday-Friday

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# SWAP SHOP

## FOR SALE

Nigerian dwarf goats \$50-\$100. 336-672-3122 or 336-953-3776.

2001 Buick Regal \$3,000. 133,400 miles. 336-879-5252.

Vintage electric stove, white \$50. Vintage farmhouse sink, white, GC, \$300. Electric hot water heater in cabinet, \$75. 336-409-5450.

Electric hospital bed \$350. Bed lift \$200. Rollaway bed \$60. Wheelchair \$200. 910-464-5313.

Recording King Banjo & Guitar, Kentucky Mandolin "F" Style, Fender Dobro, Morgan Monroe Banjo & other instruments. Snap on Tonneau Cover for full size pick up, short bed, GC. 1986 Pontoon Boat 16' x 8' 40hp Evinrude motor, \$2500. 336-633-8706.

1992 Ford Ranger XLT, 4 cylinder, 5 speed, light green, bed liner, trailer hitch, alloy wheels, extra set of snow tires on alloy wheels. 270,000 miles. GC. \$2250. 336-381-3175.

Poppytrail-Sculptured Grape china, over 40 pieces including various serving pieces, \$175. 336-629-5019.

1950 B Allis-Chalmers-cultivator frame, drawbar, miscellaneous cultivator parts. \$1800. 910-673-2504.

1986 Honda 200 SX Four Wheeler, runs great! Fair to poor cosmetically, electric or pull start, Asheboro area. \$900. 252-943-8927.

Farm Fresh Brown Eggs, \$2/12, \$3/18 & \$4/30. Located in Siler City but commute to Asheboro. 919-704-0441.

1991 Ford Dump truck. 910-464-3459.

Trac Vac Vacuum, 5.5 Briggs & Stratton Motor. Can hook behind mower, \$365. 336-318-5510.

Recording King Acoustic Guitar w/ case. VGC. 336-257-4146.

Antique mahogany J. & C. Fischer small Gr & Piano, 67 inches wide, 60 inches long. Bench included. \$1,200. 336-879-5481.

NordicTrack Elliptical CX1000 Space Saver. Like new. \$200. 336-963-1097 or 919-742-6089.

Wurlitzer piano. Great for church, daycare, or home. Mahogany finish w/ matching bench. \$500 firm. Ramseur area. 336-460-1123.

New Rollator w/ seat, blue, never used. \$50. 336-470-3281.

Good used tin, 14 ft & 8 ft. 336-629-9679.

Honey. 336-879-2686.

8 oz. jelly jars. 336-953-3901.

Two buggies & wagon, antiques. 336-824-4308.

Electric wheelchair, \$100. Pioneer stereo, \$100. TV table w/ stereo shelf, \$50. Flower vases, \$1 ea. Color TV's, \$20-\$30 ea. Steamer, \$20. New Sentry safe, \$20. Maytag Refrigerator, \$95. Kitchen table & chairs, \$60. Microwaves, \$25. Boise speaker, \$100. 55 gallon plastic drums, \$10 ea. Wall mount Natural gas heater or use free standing including remote, \$200. Cappuccino-coffee machine, \$65. Christmas tree & stand in box, new, \$5. 336-879-3320.

**Members, email SwapShop items to [General@RandolphEMC.com](mailto:General@RandolphEMC.com)**



Help other members and charitable organizations in our communities just by rounding up your bill to the next dollar each month with People Helping People (PHP)!

As a thanks for joining the PHP program, we're entering all of our contributors into a drawing for this 2006 Chevrolet Colorado Truck that has been retired from the REMC fleet. The drawing will take place on December 19, 2014. To sign up, give us a call or visit [RandolphEMC.com](http://RandolphEMC.com).

# Spencer Earns Board Leadership Certificate

Sue Spencer, who serves as Secretary-Treasurer on the board of directors of Randolph EMC, recently received the cooperative utility industry's Board Leadership Certificate from the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).



Board President Bob Wright presents Sue Spencer with her Board Leadership Certificate.

NRECA's Board Leadership

Certificate recognizes individuals who continue their professional development after becoming a Credentialed Cooperative Director, which Spencer achieved in 2006.

Today's electric utility environment imposes new demands on electric cooperative directors, particularly increased knowledge of changes in the electric utility business, strategic planning, and a working knowledge of cooperative principles. Randolph Electric and its directors have a commitment to working through NRECA to sharpen this body of knowledge for the benefit of their electric cooperative members.

## In the dark?

## Help us find you fast.

When our outage system recognizes your phone number, we can respond to your needs faster. Help us help you by updating your account information with any phone number you might use to report an outage, such as a cell number.

Update your contact information online at [RandolphEMC.com](http://RandolphEMC.com) or call your local office to have a representative take care of it for you. Thanks for your cooperation!



 **People Helping People**  
Round Up to Give a Hand Up with Randolph EMC

# AWARE

*a word about*  
*Randolph Electric*

by Dale Lambert, CEO

Dear Members,

Over the last year, I have written several times about new regulations being proposed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). These proposed regulations will significantly reduce the likelihood of new coal-fired generating plants being constructed and result in many existing coal plants being shut down.

Randolph EMC and other electric cooperatives from across America are concerned that these regulations will dramatically impact costs for generating electricity. These costs will be realized long after those moving this initiative forward are out of office.

In June, 2013, President Obama announced a series of actions he was taking with the intent to combat climate change. The proposed plan's goal is to reduce the volume of greenhouse gas emissions from electric generation plants that burn fossil fuels— primarily coal. This action is being taken by the Executive Branch, with the Congress being bypassed, as the EPA moves forward to regulate carbon emissions under the Clean Air Act.

This is a two-step approach:

- 1) Establish targets for any new coal plants that would be constructed;
- and 2) Establish targets for states to meet to reduce carbon emissions from existing coal plants.

Whether you agree with the President's underlying concerns about global warming or not, the basic fact is that there are no economically viable technologies currently available to effectively capture and store

carbon emissions from new power plants that would be constructed. The proposed new standards are so stringent that coal has basically been eliminated as a fuel source for future electricity generation.

With the stringent regulations targeting existing coal plants, the probability is great that these plants will be shut down or require expensive emissions control equipment be installed. Either way, power bills will rise. For plants that are shut down, new generating plants will need to be constructed in order to deliver reliable power twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

It's very expensive to shut down coal plants before their expected retirement date and build new generation to replace them. It's the same concept as taking the motor out of your car when it's running great and replacing it with a new engine.

Currently, only 13% of Randolph EMC's generation mix is from coal generation, as compared to 36% in 2005. You have already made a significant investment in reducing carbon emissions, but these past efforts are not being recognized under the proposed regulations.

The EPA established a comment period for any interested party to respond with comments or concerns. Your cooperative has been working hard to raise this issue with our members of Congress and to the EPA. To date, Randolph EMC members, Board Directors and employees have made 2,620 responses to the



EPA expressing concerns about the cost impact of these regulations.

Recently, the EPA extended the comment period until December 1, 2014. This will possibly be our last chance to weigh in and make our voices heard in the halls of the EPA and the Administration. The EPA is expected to issue a final rule in June, 2015.

I am asking for your help as the grass roots of this member-owned cooperative. Enclosed in the pages of Watts Working is a card that allows REMC to contact the EPA on your behalf in opposition to the EPA's proposed greenhouse gas regulations for existing power plants. No postage is required—that's already been taken care of. Please take just a moment to complete the form and drop it in the mail or visit [www.Action.coop](http://www.Action.coop) to send a message electronically.

I appreciate your consideration. Working together is the only way we can continue providing safe, affordable and reliable power well into the future. I'm counting on you!

Cooperatively Yours,

Dale F. Lambert,  
Chief Executive Officer