



MANAGER'S MESSAGE

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"The Mission of Wharton County Electric Cooperative, Inc. is to provide economical and reliable electric energy service to our members and to provide products, services, and leadership that will have a positive influence on the economy of the area that we serve."

The WCEC Mission Statement is the capstone on which we base all other policies at WCEC. The current Mission Statement was adopted over twenty years ago by the Board of Directors as part of a strategic planning session. At each subsequent strategic planning session, the Board reviewed the Mission Statement and felt it was still relevant and accurate. Like WCEC itself, it has stood the test of time.

Every day at WCEC, we juggle providing reliable electric service while keeping rates as economical as possible for our neighbors, friends, and family. While acknowledging that anything made by man can fail, we could build an electric system

with poles and conductors that withstand the harshest of conditions that mother nature could ever throw at it and redundancies to reduce outages to near zero, or we could put our entire system underground. However, the cost to do so would be so prohibitive that no one could afford their monthly power bills.

On the other hand, we could forgo routine maintenance and upgrades and have very low power bills, but our outage times would be astronomical, our system could not grow, and the members would come at us with pitchforks.

WCEC has a dedicated team of directors and long-term employees who answer to you, the members. They work day in and day out to strive to give the members of the Cooperative the best bang for the buck because, as locals, we have to face you in the produce aisle at H-E-B.

As always, thank you for allowing me to be part of the WCEC organization; if you need me, call me.