



## **Reflecting on Progress, Planning for the Future**

As we close another year, we want to pause and express gratitude—for you, the members of NorVal Electric for your continued trust and support. Our cooperative was built on the promise of people coming together to improve the quality of life in their communities, and that promise still guides everything we do today. Each decision, whether it's about delivering reliable electricity, innovating for the future or advocating for smart energy policies that impact our local community, comes back to one simple question: How will this benefit the members we serve? This past year has been marked by meaningful progress, both in strengthening our local system and in working at the national level to influence energy policies that directly affect reliability, affordability and resilience. While the details of federal regulations can feel distant, they shape our daily operations here at home. Over the past year, electric cooperatives across the country came together for advocacy efforts on the EPA's Power Plant Rule. As originally written, the rule would have forced a rapid shift away from always-available power generation resources, threatening the accessibility of a diverse fuel supply that keeps electricity reliable. Renewable

energy sources are an essential and growing part of our energy future, but we also know that the demand for electricity is rising rapidly, and natural gas, coal and nuclear remain essential for ensuring power is available around the clock. As we collaborated and engaged with policymakers, we pressed for a more balanced approach to generating power—one that supports clean energy innovation while still recognizing the role of traditional resources. Our efforts are helping to shape a more workable path forward that better protects reliability and keeps costs in check for NorVal Electric members.

Another area of ongoing progress came through advocacy work on federal permitting reform. For too long, outdated rules and lengthy delays have stood in the way of building critical infrastructure, including new transmission lines and generation projects. Modernizing this process is essential if we are going to strengthen the electric grid and keep pace with growing demand. This year, electric co-ops helped move the needle on permitting reform, advocating for policies that make the process faster, more predictable and more efficient. Investments we make in infrastructure will

reach communities sooner, improving reliability and preparing us for the future. We're also seeing progress with bipartisan support of the FEMA Act of 2025, which would speed up the disaster recovery process for electric cooperatives and the communities they serve. Severe storms are a fact of life, and their impact on the electric system can be devastating. FEMA is a crucial partner for electric co-ops in efforts to restore power after disaster strikes, but currently, the federal reimbursement process after a major storm is slow and full of red tape. If passed, the bill would make FEMA a stronger, more responsive agency to help strengthen rural resilience, protect taxpayer dollars and ensure essential services are restored as quickly as possible after a natural disaster. Achievements like these are not just wins in Washington, they are wins for our members like you. The path forward requires innovative thinking and member-focused solutions. We're confident that with the dedication of NorVal's employees and the continued support of our members, we are well positioned to adapt. Through it all, our promise to you remains steadfast: reliable power for today and tomorrow!

## HOLIDAY CLOSURES FULL DAYS:

- 12/24/2025 FOR CHRISTMAS
- 12/25/2025 FOR CHRISTMAS
- 01/01/2026 FOR NEW YEARS

## CLOSING EARLY:

- 12/31/2025 FOR STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY AT 3PM

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- ✓ NorVal Electric Scholarship
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## NICK'S NOTES

### NICK DULANEY - LINE SUPERINTENDENT

As the weather turns colder and the ground begins to freeze, our crews will be spending more time trimming tree branches away from NorVal Electric's power lines. If you notice branches on your property getting close to our main lines, please contact us so we can create a service order for the crew.

It is important to know which power line belongs to whom. NorVal can only trim trees on the utility-owned side of the system, which is everything up to the meter. Anything beyond the meter is the member's responsibility. For example, if the line runs from your house to the meter pole, that section of wire is owned by the member. In those cases, we recommend hiring a qualified tree-trimming professional to safely remove branches that could interfere with your service. If you are unsure who is responsible, please reach out. You can stop by our office at 54091 US Hwy 2 in Glasgow, visit our website's contact page, email [norval@norval.coop](mailto:norval@norval.coop), or call 406-228-9351. Even if we cannot trim the trees on your side of the line, we are more than happy to help guide you in the right direction.



1. Kyle Shipp  
Lineman



2. Melissa George  
Billing Clerk



3. Marie Donaldson  
Office Manager

## The Votes Are In!

A HUGE thank you to our other decorators!

4. Frankenstein's Monster -

Colton Yoss, Lineman

5. The Witch Pumpkin -

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6. The Audrey 2 Pumpkin -

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