



From the manager

## New name, new logo for Southern Pine

Who are we? WE ARE SOUTHERN PINE ELECTRIC. We bring power to you and have been doing so since 1938. Back then, it was difficult getting power to rural communities. So we rolled up our sleeves and began the daunting task of bringing you power no matter where you lived or how hard it was to reach you. Today, our Association is strong; our workforce is dedicated to providing unparalleled service to our members as we know our region will grow and the future is bright for Mississippi.



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business. Southern Pine is a family of over 60,000 people who work, go to church, cultivate business and raise communities together. It is that loyalty, heritage and sense of family that will continue to help us endure. If it affects you, it affects us. This is the identity that connects us to you and reflects our promise to all of our members.

Our tradition and our heritage are vital to Southern Pine Electric. In our industry of power, the real power is our people. We are proud of our state, of our members and our employees.

As we look to the future of this great Association and anticipate the good things to come, we are proud to reveal the new logo for Southern

Pine Electric. When you look at it, we hope you will sense that same kind of pride and affection for our heritage, our mission and our great state.

This logo represents our commitment to you. We live here. We work here. We love what we do and take great pride in bringing power to you. The vision of a few people in 1938 is still shining bright today. WE ARE SOUTHERN PINE ELECTRIC.



## Use caution near electrical equipment

As you find yourself spending more time outdoors this summer, Southern Pine Electric reminds you to exercise caution near electrical equipment maintained by the cooperative.

Substations and power lines carry extremely high voltages, and if contact is accidentally made, the results can be dangerous—or even deadly.

Never climb trees near power lines. If you make contact with a tree that is touching a power line, your body could become the path of electricity from the line to the ground. If you encounter an animal trapped in a tree near power lines or inside a substation, do not attempt to remove it—no matter how furry and cute! Call Southern Pine Electric or 911 for assistance.

These days, we are seeing more radio-controlled toys, like drones and airplanes, which can be a great way to have fun outdoors. But these gadgets also

bring new safety concerns. Radio-controlled toys should never be flown near power lines, substations or other electrical equipment.

Remember these safety tips when flying a radio-controlled toy:

- Keep a safe distance from electrical equipment when you fly. If contact is accidentally made with a power line or a transformer inside a substation, many members of your community could be left without electricity.
- Keep the toy in sight at all times.
- Avoid flying if weather conditions are unfavorable. High winds could cause you to lose control of the radio-controlled toy.

At Southern Pine Electric, your safety is important to us. We hope you will share the message of electrical safety so that you and others can enjoy plenty of summer days filled with fun.

## Southern Pine bylaws outline annual meeting, election

### Article III: Meetings of Members

#### Section 3.01: Annual Meeting

For the purposes of electing directors, hearing and passing upon reports covering the previous fiscal year, and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting, the annual meeting of the members shall be held on the second Thursday of the month of November each year, at such place in one of the counties of Mississippi within which the Association serves, and beginning at such hour, as the Board of Directors shall from year to year fix; Provided, that, for cause sufficient, the Board of Directors may fix a different date for such annual meeting not more than thirty (30) days prior or subsequent to the day otherwise established for such meeting in this Section. Failure to hold the annual meeting at the designated time and place shall not work a forfeiture or dissolution of the Association. It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors to make adequate plans and preparation for the annual meeting, and to encourage attendance by the membership at these meetings.

### Article IV: Directors

#### Section 4.03: Tenure and Qualifications

(a) At each annual meeting of the members, directors shall be elected by ballot, by and from the membership of the Association, one director to be elected from each of the counties of Copiah, Covington, Newton, Scott, Simpson, Forrest, Jasper, Jefferson Davis, Smith, Lawrence and Rankin Counties, Mississippi, each director to be elected for a term of three (3) years, in accordance with the following formula, to-wit: (1) At the annual meeting of November 1984, and every three (3) years thereafter, one director shall be elected from each of the counties of Copiah, Covington, and Newton Counties, Mississippi, each of whom shall serve for a term of three (3) years from date of election as provided by law. (2) At the annual meeting of November 1985, and every three (3) years thereafter, one director shall be elected from each of the counties of Scott, Simpson, Forrest and Jasper Counties, Mississippi, each of whom shall serve for a term of three (3) years from date of election as provided by law. (3) At the annual meeting of November 1986, and every three (3) years thereafter, one director shall be elected from each of the counties of Jefferson Davis, Smith, Lawrence and Rankin Counties, Mississippi, each of whom shall serve for a term of three (3) years from date of election as provided by law. If the election of directors shall not be held at the annual meeting or if such annual meeting is not held, each director shall hold office until their successors shall have been elected and qualified. (b) At any meeting, ballots shall not be necessary in the event the number of persons nominated for directors does not exceed the number of directors to be elected, but in such case if there be no objection, the directors may be elected in any other proper manner. Drawing by lot shall resolve, where necessary, any tie votes. If an election of directors shall not be held on the day designated for the annual meeting, a special meeting of the members may be held for the purpose of electing directors within a reasonable time thereafter. (c) No person or non-natural person as described in subsection (e) of this section shall be eligible to become or remain a director or to hold any position of trust in the Association who is not an

active member in good standing of the Association, has not been a bona fide resident of the county from which they are to be elected for six months immediately preceding the nomination to directorship, or who is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise. (d) No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director who has been finally convicted of a felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. (e) In order to be eligible to become or remain a director of the Association, a person must be a member of the Association and receiving service therefrom, and not be a close relative as defined in Section 4.08 of an incumbent director, or the director being replaced. However, the operating or chief executive of any member which is not a natural person, such as a corporation, church, etc., or its designees, shall, notwithstanding that they do not receive service from the Association, be eligible to become a director, from the county in which such member is located, if they or such designee (1) is in substantial permanent occupancy, direction or use of the premises served by the Association, and (2) is a permanent resident within the county where such member is served by the Association; provided further, that no more than one (1) such person may serve on the Board of Directors at the same time. (f) No person shall be eligible to become or remain a director of, or to hold any other position of trust in the Association, unless such person has the legal capacity to enter into a binding contract. (f)-(1) No employee of the association shall be eligible to become or remain a director of the association. (g) Upon establishment of the fact that a nominee for director lacks eligibility under this Section or as may be provided elsewhere in these bylaws, it shall be the duty of the chair presiding at the meeting at which nominee would be otherwise voted upon to disqualify such nominee. Upon the establishment of the fact that any person being considered for, or already holding, a directorship or other position of trust in the Association lacks eligibility under this Section, it shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to withhold such position from such person, or to cause them to be removed therefrom, as the case may be. (h) Nothing in this section contained shall, or shall be construed to, affect in any manner whatsoever, the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors, unless such

action is taken with respect to a matter which is affected by the provisions of this section and in which one or more of the directors have an intent adverse to that of the Association.

#### Section 4.04: Committee on Nominations,

##### Credentials and Elections

(a) Committee on Nominations. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, at its regular August meeting of each year, a committee on nominations consisting of not less than 5 nor more than 11 members who shall be selected so as to insure equitable geographic representation. No existing Association employees, agents, officers, directors or known candidates for director may serve on such committee. The committee shall receive and consider nominees submitted by members of the Association. [The submission should include the member's name, address, account number and contact information and be mailed to the Committee on Nominations, P.O. Box 60, Taylorsville, MS 39168. Nominations must be received by August 11, 2016.] The committee shall meet at a time and place set by the Board of Directors. The committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Association within fifteen (15) days after the date of their appointment a list of nominations for directors. The Secretary shall mail with the notice of the membership meeting a statement of the number of directors to be elected and showing separately those candidates nominated by the Committee on Nominations and those candidates nominated by petitions which have been received on or prior to the second Thursday of September of the year of such members meeting. Any 50 members acting together may make nominations by petition and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations by the committee is posted. Any petition for nomination shall be submitted on a form designated and provided by the Association. Each member signing such petition shall place thereon the date of signing, address, and account number of the member. At the membership meeting, the chairman shall call for additional nominations from the floor. No member may nominate more than one candidate.

**SOUTHERN PINE ELECTRIC**  
will be closed Monday, July 4, in observance of  
**INDEPENDENCE DAY**  
A dispatcher will be on duty to handle emergencies. Call 1-800-231-5240 to report an outage.