



## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

A dirty filter causes your air conditioner to work harder than necessary. Remember to change your air filter every month (or every two months) to prevent dust buildup, which can lead to even bigger problems.

## Holiday Office Closure

Prince George Electric Cooperative will be closed on Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day. If you experience a power outage or emergency during this time, please report it by calling 804-834-2424. Have a happy and safe holiday.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Casey Logan, President & CEO



# Beneficial Electrification

Environmentally beneficial electrification is a concept that is gaining traction among a growing number of U.S. groups, including electric utilities. Beneficial electrification suggests that the use of more all-electric appliances, machinery and equipment — like lawnmowers, water heaters, stove tops and vehicles — provides consumers with quieter, “greener” products.

It sounds complicated, but it's really not. “Beneficial electrification” is a phrase that's growing in popularity. It refers to practices that reduce greenhouse gases and help the environment through products that are cleaner and easy to use.

Take the lawnmower, for example. Electric mowers don't spew fumes into the air or wake you up at 7 a.m. on a weekend morning. That's one example of beneficial electrification.

Beneficial electrification is a departure from the conventional wisdom, which held that appliances fueled on site, like natural gas water heaters, were more efficient and easier on the environment.

But that old argument is crumbling as the electric grid incorporates cleaner technologies. Four changes you're likely to see firsthand are to your water heater, stove tops, lawnmowers and vehicles.

First, hybrid heat pump water heaters are far more efficient than standard electric water heaters and still offer the benefits of an electric-only system, such as quiet operation and greater durability.

Electric stove tops have long been disliked because they take a long time to heat. However, new induction stovetops heat faster than gas stoves



and are more efficient than electric resistance stoves.

The third major change will be to small motors around your home, like the one in your lawnmower or leaf blower. Already, there are corded and cordless models available and as batteries continue to improve and fall in cost, consumers can expect to see cordless models dominate.

Lastly, the car in your driveway may change out its gas tank for a battery. Chevrolet plans to phase out gas- and diesel-powered cars by 2035. Currently more expensive than their gas-fueled counterparts, electric vehicles will fall in price as more companies enter the market and battery technology improves.

# The following excerpts from the Cooperative's Bylaws pertain to the election of directors:

## Article IV – Board of Directors

**SECTION 4.1 – Director Districts.** The Cooperative shall divide the general area in which Members are located or reside (“Cooperative Service Area”) into nine districts (“Director Districts”). If necessary, the Board may revise the Director Districts to ensure that Members are equitably represented by the Director Districts. The Board may also revise the Director District to create one or more separate Director Districts for one or more Classes of Members; provided, however, that each Member, regardless of Class, shall be eligible to vote for at least one Director. Director Districts for any Class need not but may have the same territorial boundaries as the Director Districts for any other Class. In addition, the Board may authorize the election of one or more at-large directors, who shall be elected by any class or classes of members without regard to Director Districts.

Within thirty days following any Director District revision, and at least thirty days before the next Annual Member Meeting, the Cooperative shall notify, in writing, any Members affected by the Director District revision. Director District revisions are effective on the date the Cooperative releases written notice of the Director District revision. No Director District revision may:

1. Increase an existing Director's Director Term; or
2. Unless the affected Director consents in writing, shorten any existing Director's Director Term.

**SECTION 4.2 – Board.** The Cooperative shall have a Board consisting of one natural person from each Director District elected by the Members located or residing and belonging to the Class entitled to elect a director from such Director District and such at-large directors as the Board shall authorize. Except as otherwise provided by Law, the Articles, or these Bylaws:

1. All Cooperative powers must be

- exercised by the Board, or under the Board's authority; and
2. All Cooperative affairs must be managed under the Board's direction.

To the extent the Law, the Articles, or these Bylaws authorize any Person to exercise any power that the Board would otherwise exercise, the Person exercising the power has, and is subject to, the same duties, responsibilities, and standards of care of the Board.

**SECTION 4.3 – Director Qualifications.** Any Director or Director candidate must comply with this Section.

A. Director Qualifications. A Director or Director candidate must:

1. Be a natural person;
2. Have the capacity to enter into legally binding contracts, and
3. Be a Member in good standing residing in the Director District from which the Director is elected or chosen or be a duly authorized officer, director or employee of a non-natural person Member located in the Director District from which the Director is being elected; and
4. If the Cooperative has any separate Director Districts for any Class, be a Member of such Class.

Items 1-4 collectively, “Membership Director Qualifications.”

B. Conflict of Interest Director Qualifications. While a Director, and during the one year immediately prior to becoming a Director, a Director or Director candidate must not be, nor have been:

1. A Close Relative of any existing Director, other than an existing Director who will cease being a Director within one year;
2. An existing, or a Close Relative of an existing, non-Director Cooperative Officer, employee, agent, or representative;
3. Employed by, materially affiliated with, or share a material financial interest with, any other Director; or
4. Engaged in, nor employed by, materially affiliated with, or have a material financial interest in, any individual or entity other than an entity in which the cooperative possessed an ownership interest (other than an entity in which the Cooperative possesses an ownership interest):
  - a. Directly and substantially competing with the Cooperative;
  - b. Selling goods or services in substantial quantity to the Cooperative or to a substantial number of Members; or
  - c. Possessing a substantial conflict of interest with the Cooperative.
5. Employed by the Cooperative within two years prior to becoming a Director.

Items a-c collectively, “Conflict of Interest Director Qualifications.”

C. Continuing Director Qualifications. Only natural persons complying with the Membership Director Qualifications, and Conflict of Interest Director Qualifications (collectively, “Director Qualifications”) may serve, or continue to serve, as a Director.

After being elected or appointed a Director, if any Director fails to comply with any Director Qualification, as determined by the Board, then the Board shall remove the Director. If at least a majority of Directors authorized by these Bylaws comply with the Director Qualifications and approve a Board action, then the failure of any Director to comply with all Director Qualifications does not affect the Board action.

**SECTION 4.4 – Director Nominations.** Director candidates shall be nominated as follows:

A. Nominating Committee Nominations. The Board shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of one Member from each Director District (“Nominating Committee”). Nominating Committee members may not be an existing, or a Close Relative of an existing, Cooperative Director, Officer, employee, agent, representative, or known Director candidate.

At least thirty days prior to the Member Meeting at which Members are scheduled to elect Directors, the Nominating Committee shall:

1. Nominate at least one individual to run for election for each Director position for which Members are scheduled to vote at the Member Meeting (“Nominating Committee Nominations”); and
2. Post the Nominating Committee Nominations at the Cooperative's principal office and provide written notice to Members of the Nominating Committee Nominations.

The Cooperative may reasonably compensate or reimburse Nominating Committee members as determined by the Board.

B. Member Petition Nominations. Members may nominate additional qualified individuals to run for election for any Director position for which Members are scheduled to vote at any Member Meeting (“Member Petition Nominations”). Members may make Member Petition Nominations by delivering to the Secretary at least seventy-five business days prior to the Member Meeting in writing for each Member Petition Nomination (“Member Petition”):

1. Listing the name of the Member Petition Nominee;
2. Indicating the Director position for which

the Member Petition Nominee will run; and

3. Containing the printed names, addresses, telephone numbers, and original signatures, of at least five percent (5%) of the Members located in the Director District for which the person named in the Member Petition will run.

After verifying that a Member Petition complies with this Bylaw, the Cooperative shall post the Member Petition Nomination in approximately the same location as the Nominating Committee Nominations.

C. Notice of Director Nominations. At least ten days prior to any Member Meeting at which Members are scheduled to elect Directors, the Cooperative shall notify Members of the:

1. Director positions for which Members are scheduled to vote;
2. Names and corresponding Director positions of all Nominating Committee Nominations; and
3. Names and corresponding Director positions of all Member Petition Nominations.

**SECTION 4.5 – Director Elections.** At the Annual Member Meeting, Cooperative Members shall annually elect Directors

for open Director positions or for Director positions for which the incumbent Director's Director Term is expiring.

**SECTION 4.6 – Director Terms.** A Director's term is [three] years ("Director Term"). The Cooperative shall stagger Director Terms by dividing the total number of authorized Directors into groups of approximately equal number and members will annually elect an approximately equal number of Directors.

Decreasing the number of Directors or length of Director Terms may not shorten an incumbent Director's Director Term. Despite the expiration of a Director Term, the Director continues to serve until a new Director is elected, or until the number of Directors is decreased. Unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws, the Director Term of a Director filling a vacant Director's position is the remaining unexpired Director Term of the vacant Director's position.

**SECTION 4.9 – Director Vacancy.** Unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws:

1. The Board shall, by majority vote, fill any vacant Director position, including any vacant Director position resulting from

increasing the number of Directors; and

2. Any Director elected by the Board to fill any vacant Director position shall serve until the next Annual Member Meeting, at which time the Members shall elect a Director to fill the previously vacant Director position.

An individual elected to fill a vacant Director position must comply with the Director Qualifications. As used in this Bylaw, "vacant Director position" and "Director vacancy" do not include Director positions vacated due to an expired Director Term.

**SECTION 4.12 – Close Relative.** As used in these Bylaws, the term "Close Relative" means an individual who:

1. Is, either by blood, law, or marriage, including half, step, foster, and adoptive relations, a spouse, child, grandchild, parent, grandparent, or sibling; or
2. Principally resides in the same residence.

Any individual properly qualified and elected or appointed to any position does not become a Close Relative while serving in the position because of any marriage or legal action to which the individual was not a party.

## Nominating Committee Selected

In accordance with the Cooperative's Bylaws, a Nominating Committee was appointed by the Board of Directors of Prince George Electric Cooperative. This committee is charged with the responsibility of nominating members from Districts 2, 5 and 7 as candidates for directors of the Cooperative. The following persons were appointed to the Nominating Committee, which will meet in June 2021 at the Waverly Headquarters.

**District 1 – Bland**  
Mr. Irvin W. Eversole

**District 4 – Cobham-Blackwater**  
Mr. Stephen E. Johnson

**District 7 – Templeton**  
Mr. James E. Hill

**District 2 – Blackwater-Brandon**  
Mr. Andrew G. Spivey

**District 5 – Waverly-Wakefield-Newville**  
Mr. John R. Branch, Jr.

**District 8 – Dinwiddie**  
Mrs. Janice T. Chappell

**District 3 - Guilford**  
Mr. T. Wayne Chappell

**District 6 – Stony Creek-Sussex Courthouse**  
Mr. Allen D. Vaughan

**District 9 – Rives**  
Mrs. Patricia J. Moneymaker

The director districts up for election are as follows.

- **District 2** – Paul H. Brown
- **District 5** – Christopher T. Parker
- **District 7** – Denya C. Hankerson

**The Annual Members Meeting is scheduled to be held on September 27, 2021.**



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