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**ENERGYUNITED TO CELEBRATE LINEMAN APPRECIATION DAY**  
*Second Monday in April Designated as Day to Honor Selfless Contributions of Linemen*

**STATESVILLE, N.C.**

EnergyUnited is joining more than 900 electric cooperatives across the nation to celebrate Monday, April 9 as Lineman Appreciation Day. This day, recognized annually on the second Monday in April, pays tribute to the dedicated men and women whose skill and expertise are needed to build, maintain and repair the power lines that provide electricity to cooperative members.

“We couldn’t carry out our mission without the daily dedication of our linemen,” said John McMurray, Chief Operating Officer of EnergyUnited. “It’s a demanding job on the front line of our co-op that often requires working around the clock in challenging conditions to serve our members and communities. We can’t thank them enough for all they do.”

Electricity travels along a network of wires and poles to power our homes and businesses. Most of the time this is a seamless journey, but occasionally the path of electricity is disrupted by obstacles like fallen tree branches, animals or an equipment malfunction—and linemen are charged with restoring that connection no matter the weather or time of day.

“Our linemen are heroes in every sense of the word,” McMurray said. “They literally bring us through some of our darkest hours, and we count on them to power our lives day in and day out. We frequently remind our linemen to actively watch over each other while following safe work practices in some of the most hazardous and unforgiving environments. We call this the Safety Sphere of Influence.”

About 1,400 linemen work for North Carolina’s 26 electric cooperatives, including nearly 60 from EnergyUnited. Nationwide, there are more than 18,000 electric cooperative linemen.

The second Monday in April has been designated as Lineman Appreciation Day in North Carolina by the N.C. General Assembly, and as National Lineman Appreciation Day by the national trade association of electric cooperatives.

Use **#ThankALineman** on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/EnergyUnited](http://www.facebook.com/EnergyUnited) and Twitter: [www.twitter.com/EnergyUnitedEMC](http://www.twitter.com/EnergyUnitedEMC) to support the efforts and contributions of our linemen as they work to keep the lights on.

For more information about EnergyUnited’s work to power and empower its members and communities, visit [www.energyunited.com](http://www.energyunited.com).

**About EnergyUnited**

EnergyUnited Electric Membership Corporation (EMC) is the largest electric cooperative in North Carolina serving nearly 130,000 metering points. Headquartered in Statesville, EnergyUnited provides electric service in portions of nineteen counties in west central North Carolina which include Alexander, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Catawba, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Gaston, Guilford, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stokes, Wilkes and Yadkin. EnergyUnited Propane provides products and services to more than 25,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers in 74 counties across North and South Carolina. Visit EnergyUnited online at [www.energyunited.com](http://www.energyunited.com) to learn more about our electric and propane businesses.