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***ENERGYUNITED HONORED FOR SAFETY AND SERVICE AWARDS***

**STATESVILLE, N.C.** - Three officials from EnergyUnited have been recognized for their years of service to the electric cooperative. Those honored for their service included EnergyUnited's CEO, H. Wayne Wilkins for 45 years of service, and EnergyUnited's Board of Directors, N. Mack Shoaf and Dr. Max W. Walser for 40 years of service.

The commendable service awards were presented at the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives' (NCAEC) annual meeting on April 13, 2016. NCAEC is the trade association for the 26 electric cooperatives in North Carolina, including EnergyUnited. The cooperatives provide reliable, safe and affordable electricity to approximately 1 million homes, farms and businesses in North Carolina. The co-ops are not-for-profit organizations that are member owned and overseen by a board of directors elected by the membership.

EnergyUnited also received national recognition for its compliance with a comprehensive safety program called the Rural Electric Safety Accreditation Program (RESAP).

RESAP is one of the few programs in the country that provides electric cooperatives a management tool for continuous safety and loss control assessment. The certificate, the 12th of its kind to be awarded to the cooperative, was also presented to EnergyUnited's CEO, H. Wayne Wilkins, at the annual meeting that night.

**About EnergyUnited**

EnergyUnited EMC is the largest electric cooperative in North Carolina serving nearly a quarter million people through 124,000 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.