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A MESSAGE FOR YOU

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Sustaining a Reliable Electric System

We've all heard the phrase, "Don't put all your eggs in one basket." This popular adage is often used in conversation or a story when someone is about to do

something foolish or risky. If they heed this advice, it means they did not commit to "one basket", but instead hedged their bets with multiple options.

This strategy is how I describe a commonsense approach to the current energy transition as interest in renewable energy continues to grow.

Nationally there is increasing reliance on renewable energy resources such as wind and solar. These are great resources to add to the fuel mix. At the same time, we're seeing fossil fuel plants taken off-line. We are seeing more pressure on the electric grid due to the increasing frequency and intensity of severe weather events and rising electricity demand coming from population growth and the growing availability of electronics as well as electric vehicles.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently submitted to our legislators in Washington a bill that would force the early closure of always available fossil fuel power plants and would make it harder to permit, site, and build critical new power plants. The EPA's new power plant regulations will further strain the electric grid, increase the chance of rolling outages, and make reliable energy unaffordable for many.

Our national organization, NRECA,

has launched Voices for Cooperative Power (VCP). This is a grassroots advocacy tool created for cooperative members to reach out to legislators and



make your voice heard on imperative matters such as this. We ask that you visit Voices for Cooperative Power as a way to contact legislators and make vour voices heard.

So how do we reconcile these challenges of grid pressure and a changing fuel mix? Solar and wind energy are certainly beneficial for the environment, but they are limited resources because the sun does not always shine, and the wind does not always blow. Our primary responsibility is to provide electricity 24/7 to you and our community. To do this, we need reliable sources of power that will meet all the peaks and valleys of on-demand energy in our connected world.

While utilization of renewables is increasing, we still need to incorporate other forms of energy in the mix to ensure reliable service. Remember, solar and wind are intermittent power sources. This fact coupled with the growing demand for renewables creates its own challenges.

That's why we spread our eggs into multiple baskets. There is great value in maintaining a diverse mix of fuel sources--fossil fuels and renewables

> to ensure reliability, resiliency and meet the growing demand for electricity.

Lowering the overall carbon footprint in this country means we're going to electrify more and more of our economy. Solar and wind power are an important part of

a broader energy portfolio, but they are not available 24/7. In today's everconnected world, people need power around the clock.



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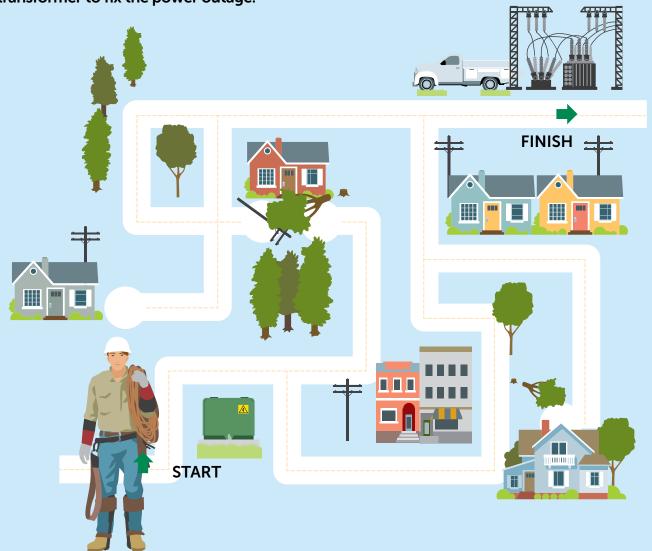
A text message will go out once the system is up and running.

Help the Lineworker Restore Power

Occasionally, severe weather can cause power disruptions. When outages occur, our lineworkers get to work! They restore power as quickly and safety as possible.

Help the lineworker reach the transformer to fix the power outage.







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