

# News Release

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## Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas

### **Lori L. Burrows named vice president and general counsel for AECC/AECI**

**Little Rock, Ark.** — Dec. 22, 2014 — Lori L. Burrows has been named as vice president and general counsel for Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation (AECC) and Arkansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. She replaces Bob Lyford, who recently retired after more than 30 years with the cooperative.

“The cooperatives’ have been blessed to have Bob Lyford’s leadership and counsel for the past three decades,” said Duane Highley, president/CEO for AECC/AECI. “Lori’s skills and professional knowledge will be valuable as we continue to build on the cooperatives’ efforts to allow AECC to remain one of the nation’s top generation and transmission cooperatives and assist AECI in remaining the strongest statewide cooperative service association.”

Burrows joined AECC as senior staff attorney in 2012. Burrows has more than 10 years of public utility legal and regulatory experience at the state, regional and federal levels. During her tenure with the cooperatives she has focused on AECC’s Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and Arkansas Public Service Commission (APSC) representation, in addition to legal work on contracts, power purchase agreements and other energy industry transactions.

Prior to joining AECC/AECI, she served as commission legal advisor for the APSC. Burrows also served as assistant attorney general in the consumer utilities rate advocacy division in the Arkansas Attorney General’s office prior to her post with the APSC.

She is a 2004 honors graduate of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR) William H. Bowen School of Law. Burrows earned a bachelor of arts degree in speech communication from the University of Central Arkansas in 1997. She currently serves as the president of Arkansas Women in Power, which she helped establish earlier this year.

Burrows is the past president of the Arkansas Association of Women Lawyers and is a member of the Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce’s Leadership Greater Little Rock Class XXX.

“I am honored to continue to serve the cooperative members in this new position,” Burrows said. “The electric cooperative movement in Arkansas has a rich history and we will continue to work for the interests of the more than 500,000 electric cooperative members in Arkansas.”

The Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas comprise 17 electric distribution cooperatives; Arkansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. (AECI), a Little Rock-based cooperative that provides services to the distribution cooperatives; and Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corp. (AECC), a generation and transmission cooperative. The distribution cooperatives provide electricity to approximately 500,000 homes, farms and businesses in Arkansas and surrounding states.

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