

News Release



**Arkansas Electric
Cooperative Corporation**

Cooperative staffer named to Southern Economic Development Council Board

Little Rock, Ark. — Jan. 9, 2018 — J.D. Lowery, manager of economic development for Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation (AECC), was recently named to the board of directors of the Southern Economic Development Council (SEDC).

Lowery, who began his career with AECC in 2015, will serve a two-year term on the SEDC board. He has been a member of SEDC, the oldest and largest regional economic development association in North America, for almost three years. He was chosen for the board position by his Arkansas peers.

"I congratulate J.D. on being elected to serve on SEDC's Board of Directors for 2018," said SEDC 2018 Chairman Sam Powers. "Representing more than 1,000 economic development professionals across the American South is an honor and validates leadership and dedication to the profession. As chairman of the board of directors this year, I am confident that he will assist us in facilitating our 2018 program of work, in addition to helping us chart our course for future programming,"

Lowery also serves on the boards of the National Rural Economic Developers Association and Arkansas Economic Developers and Chamber Executives.

The Southern Economic Development Council is an 894-member, non-profit organization composed of a broad cross-section of active and influential industrial and economic developers from business and industry, utilities, transportation, financial and education institutions, chambers of commerce, and local, regional and state development agencies. The SEDC region includes the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland and the District of Columbia, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corp. (AECC), one of the top generation and transmission electric cooperatives in the nation, provides Arkansas' 17 electric distribution cooperatives with reliable and affordable power. The 17 electric distribution cooperatives in turn provide retail energy to more than 500,000 homes, farms and businesses in Arkansas and surrounding states.

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