

# News Release

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**Electric Cooperatives  
of Arkansas**

## **Lowery named manager of community and economic development**

**Little Rock, Ark.** — Jan. 6, 2015 — J.D. Lowery of Maumelle has been named as the manager of community and economic development for the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas.

Lowery recently served as the director of the Arkansas Energy Office for the Arkansas Economic Development Commission.

“J.D. has a wealth of knowledge and experience involving energy industry issues, including the many opportunities and innovations that are evolving and on the immediate horizon,” said Kirkley Thomas, vice president of governmental affairs for the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas. “He also understands the community and economic development environment in the state and will work with cooperative members, business leaders and government officials to find solutions to make the quality of life in Arkansas even better.”

He holds a Masters in Public Service from the University of Arkansas, Clinton School of Public Service and a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism from the University of Arkansas. Lowery is a LEED Accredited Professional in building design and construction and is certified in global reporting and initiative sustainability reporting. He serves on the Clinton School of Public Service alumni board of directors.

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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