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Co-op Month: What it means to be member-owned

Every October, cooperatives across the country celebrate Co-op Month. It's a reminder that our structure is different by design. SSVEC is not a for-profit utility. We are a nonprofit cooperative, owned by the people we serve.

That ownership shows up in the decisions we make, the way we invest, and the values we hold. Our goal is not to generate returns for outside investors. It is to provide reliable, affordable electricity and to support the communities we call home.

Events this October highlight how that mission comes to life.

- First, we'll welcome participants from the Sky Islands Regional Partnership leadership program for our second annual Energy Day October 9. These community leaders will meet our team, explore our facilities, and learn how SSVEC delivers power across 4,000 square miles. More important, they will see how our employees approach their work—with pride, purpose, and a deep sense of service.

- We'll also hold Development Day for all SSVEC employees. On October 13, while our offices are closed for the federal holiday,

we'll gather our team for updates and training. This kind of internal investment helps us serve you better. And because crews remain on standby, we can hold this event without compromising member safety or service.

- This month, we're also cheering on our linemen as they compete at the International Lineman Rodeo in Kansas October 15-18. This event brings together the best utility workers from around the world to test their skills and showcase the craft of linework. We're proud to have SSVEC crews representing us on that stage. Follow along on our social media channels for updates from the competition.

All of this is part of what makes us different. We are owned by you, and we work for you. That means transparency, long-term thinking, and a strong focus on people. It also means that every dollar you pay goes into the system you own and that serves you.

This Co-op Month, thank you for being part of the SSVEC community. Your ownership is what powers everything we do.

Sincerely,
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