



Blue Ridge Mountain EMC

2023 Annual Report



Allan Glidewell
General Manager

Executive Summary

It's hard to believe I've had the pleasure of serving as general manager for more than two and a half years now. The dedication of the employees of Blue Ridge Mountain EMC (BRMEMC) and the Board of Directors to the membership is impressive. We've had our share of challenges—from storm-related outages and inflationary issues to rolling blackouts—but the stamina and resiliency of this co-op is to be commended.

This year's Annual Report provides an update on the operations of BRMEMC, along with financial metrics from the 2022 calendar year. Your electric co-op constructed nearly 40 miles of new power lines, while also maintaining 6,281 miles of existing distribution lines and 40 miles of transmission lines. BRMEMC continues to own and maintain 10 distribution substations and one transmission switching station.

We added approximately \$15.7 million in new electric and broadband plant, resulting in a total plant value that exceeded more than \$311 million at the end of 2022. This past year, we also added 904 new electric meters, giving us a year-end total of 56,944 connected meters. Our meter growth rate over the past several years continues to outperform national metrics. This is a strong indicator of the growth we continue to experience.

Broadband continues to expand by several hundred new customers each month, and we're now serving more than 15,000 customers in Georgia and North Carolina. This past year, we began offering a managed Wi-Fi service to our fiber customers. We were awarded several grants to help expand fiber-optic internet service to unserved or underserved areas. New expansion areas have been identified, and construction is underway in these areas.

Over the past year, all of us have seen and felt the impact of the high inflation rates, particularly in the grocery store as we're buying eggs, butter and milk. Our co-op has largely been able to absorb and manage our way through the inflation rates. We're not alone in this, as inflation has affected the electric industry, as well as the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)—our partner and provider.

For us, difficult supply chain issues resulting in 50-60% cost increases on some materials we need to build and

maintain our system have reached a point where we must adjust and initiate a rate increase beginning

Oct. 1. Our increase will represent only a 2.25% increase that will be spread evenly across the rate classes.

- Residential rates will be increased by raising the customer charge by \$2.90/month from \$22.91 to \$25.81. The margin on kwh sales will not be increased.

- GSA1—commercial and industrial accounts (those with maximum demands below 50 kw) will be increased by raising the customer charge \$2.70/month from \$23.64 to \$26.34. The margin on kwh sales will not be increased.

- GSA2—commercial and industrial accounts (those with maximum demands over 50 kw but less than 1,000 kw) will be increased by raising the margin on kwh sales by 0.314 cents per kwh.

- GSA3—commercial and industrial accounts (those with maximum demands over 1,000 kw) will be increased by raising the margin on kwh sales by 0.264 cents per kwh.

- Outdoor lighting will be increased by raising the margin on kwh sales by 0.178 cents per kwh.

Again, all these methods are calculated to provide a 2.25% increase in revenue from each class. To learn more, visit brmemc.com/rate-adjustment.

Mark your calendars for BRMEMC's Annual Meeting of Members to be held Saturday, Sept. 9, in Glenn-McGinnis Hall on the Young Harris College campus. This year, we're celebrating 85 years of serving you. I encourage you to attend your Annual Meeting to enjoy fellowship with the Board of Directors, employees and fellow co-op members.

You'll also hear from guest speaker former First Lady of Georgia Shirley Miller, as she shares about her perspective of BRMEMC through the years and enjoy entertainment by Young Harris College students. Be sure to stick around for a free picnic-style lunch of bratwursts and hot dogs with all the fixings. More information is provided on the last page of this newsletter and online at brmemc.com/annualmeeting.



Balance Sheet

Utility Plant	2021	2022	Equities	2021	2022
Electric Plant in Service	\$ 295,993,456	\$ 311,737,302	Memberships	\$ 354,289	\$ 369,080
Construction Work in Progress	2,856,454	6,495,799	Equity in Co-op	101,931,973	110,095,414
Accumulated Provision for Depreciation	109,613,910	116,197,374	Total Equities	102,286,262	110,464,494
Net Utility Plant	189,236,000	202,035,727	Long-Term Debt	108,644,911	103,305,901
Non-Utility Property	61,402	345,900	Other Noncurrent Liabilities	3,385,430	4,701,106
Investments in Associated Organizations	5,419,840	5,400,260			
			Current Liabilities		
Current Assets			Notes Payable	0	0
Cash—General and Temporary Investments	27,662,577	13,907,924	Accounts Payable	11,746,000	15,191,158
Accounts Receivable	5,087,970	6,705,535	Consumers' Deposits	4,320,970	4,680,711
Materials and Supplies	3,309,727	8,199,297	(Accrued and Withheld) Taxes	2,330,842	2,169,029
Prepayments	451,252	138,101	Accrued Interest—RUS,CFC, FFB and CoBank	5,175,813	5,337,277
Other Current Assets	5,542,704	8,217,958	Other	303,446	430,337
Total Current Assets	42,054,230	37,168,815	Total Current Liabilities	23,877,071	27,808,512
Deferred Debits	1,436,747	1,347,264	Deferred Credits	14,545	17,953
Total Assets	\$ 238,208,219	\$ 246,297,966	Total Equities and Liabilities	\$ 238,208,219	\$ 246,297,966

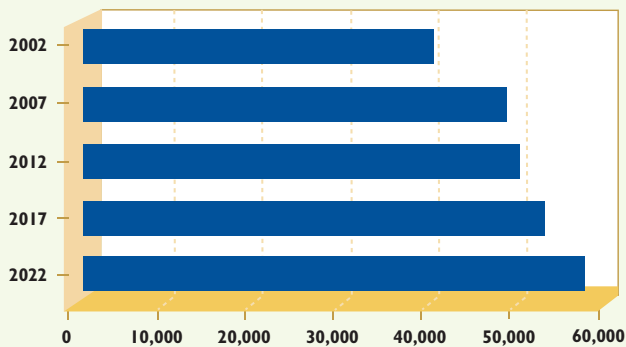
Statement of Revenue and Expense

	2021	2022		2021	2022
Operating Revenue	\$ 104,311,992	\$ 119,760,292	Net Operating Margins	\$ 11,306,529	\$ 6,567,179
Operating Expense and Interest			Nonoperating Margins	4,041,568	1,009,866
Cost of Power	57,076,112	71,087,851	Other Comprehensive Income	(\$99,310)	293,198
Distribution Operations	3,528,853	4,090,370			
Distribution Maintenance	7,976,037	11,524,067	Net Margins	15,248,787	7,870,243
Consumer Accounts	6,928,279	8,157,704			
Consumer Accounts and Information	601,334	717,039	Earnings Reinvested in System:		
Administration and General	2,446,590	2,968,252	Beginning of Year	86,782,586	101,931,973
Depreciation	9,561,335	10,041,225	Prior Years Adjustments	(\$99,400)	293,198
Taxes	648,793	603,704			
Interest	4,238,130	4,002,901	Earnings Reinvested in System:		
Total Operating Expense and Interest	\$ 93,005,463	\$ 113,193,113	End of Year	101,931,973	110,095,414
			Paid Back to RUS, CFC, FFB and CoBank	\$ 5,175,813	\$ 5,337,277

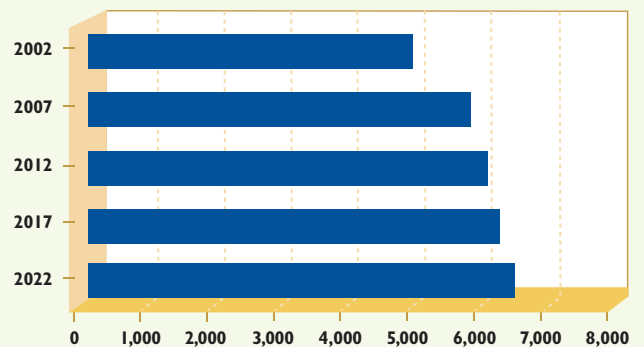
Numbers reflect calendar year totals.



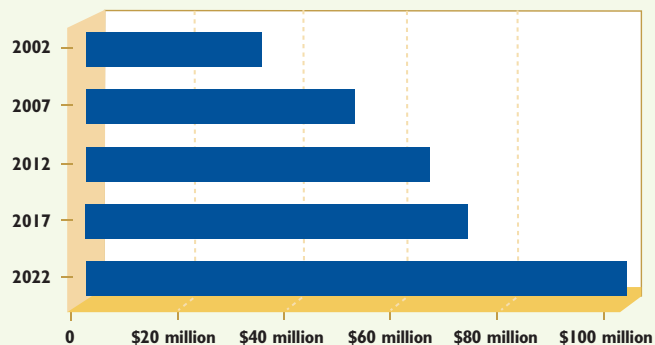
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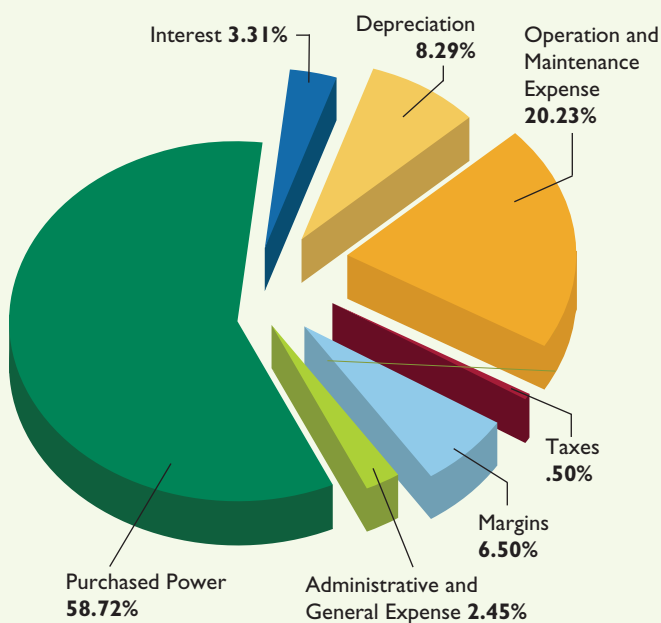
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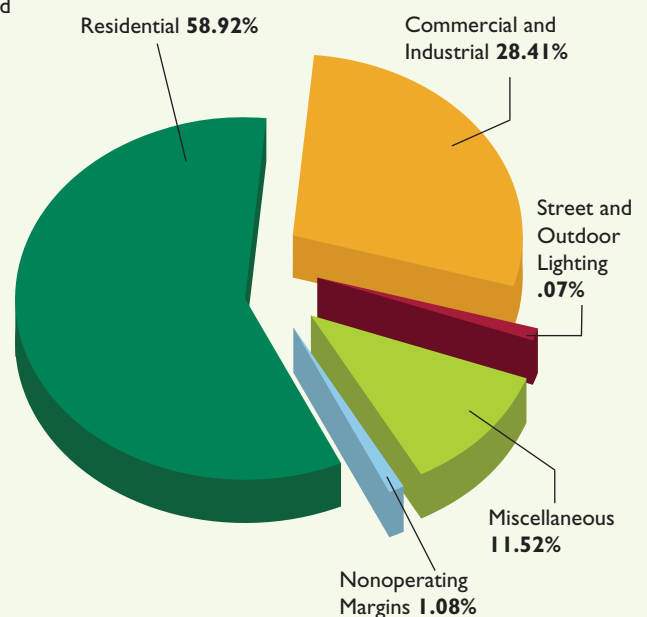
Electric Revenue



Uses of Revenue



Sources of Revenue





BRMEMC Annual Meeting

Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023

Glenn-McGinnis Hall at Young Harris College
1 College St.
Young Harris, GA 30582

- Registration and in-person voting: 8-11 a.m.
- Special music by Young Harris College students: 9-9:45 a.m.
- Business meeting opens: 10 a.m.
- Voting closes and business session begins: 11 a.m.
- Free picnic-style lunch in Charles Suber Banquet Hall: 12 p.m.

For more information, visit brmemc.com/annualmeeting.

Voting Information

Vote by mail:

- Paper ballots will be mailed in mid-August.
- DO NOT mail or drop off a ballot to BRMEMC.
- Mail-in ballots must be received no later than Thursday, Sept. 7.

Vote online:

- Go to www.directvote.net/brmemc/ to access the login page of the official BRMEMC ballot.
- Your membership number and election passcode can be found on your electric bill or by calling Survey and Ballot at (866) 909-3549.
- Online voting ends at midnight on Thursday, Sept. 7.

Vote in person:

- You can vote at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 9, beginning at 8 a.m.

If you encounter any problems voting online, please email support@directvote.net or call (866) 909-3549.

Official Notice: Annual Meeting

Dear Member,

This is your **Official Notice of the Annual Meeting of Members of Blue Ridge Mountain Electric Membership Corporation ("BRMEMC")**. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 9 at Young Harris College in Young Harris, Georgia. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and close promptly at 11 a.m.

BRMEMC is celebrating 85 years of service to its membership and communities!

Entertainment will be provided by Young Harris College students, and guest speaker former First Lady of Georgia Mrs. Shirley Miller will share her perspective of BRMEMC through the years. Registration gifts, door prizes, picnic-style brat/hotdog lunch, planetarium tickets, YHC men's and women's soccer game tickets, and more will be available for members at this year's Annual Meeting.

There are three members of the Board of Directors whose terms expire with the Annual Meeting this year. The Nominating Committee has nominated the following members for a three-year term:

- **Danny Henson** (*incumbent*), Union County, Georgia
- **Bert Rogers** (*incumbent*), Towns County, Georgia
- **Jeff Ledford** (*incumbent*), Clay County, North Carolina

There were no nominations made by petition and in accordance with the by-laws no nominations may be made from the floor.

Please join us at this year's Annual Meeting!

Yours truly,

Jack Lance, Jr., Secretary
Blue Ridge Mountain EMC Board of Directors