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63rd Annual North Carolina Association of Municipal Electric Systems

**Engineering and Operations Conference &
27th Annual Lineman's Rodeo**

Dear Municipal Member:

The NCAMES Board of Directors and I are excited to be hosting the 63rd Annual NCAMES Engineering and Operations Conference in Hickory, N.C., on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, through Thursday, May 21, 2026, at the Hickory Metro Convention Center located at 1960 14th Drive SE in Hickory, N.C. The 27th Annual Lineman's Rodeo will take place at Dallas Park located at 1303 Dallas Cherryville Hwy in Dallas, N.C., on Thursday, May 21st, 2026.

In choosing Hickory for this year's Annual Conference, the Board hopes to continue the effort to bring excitement to NCAMES members and continue to enhance the feeling of a family, friendly atmosphere. Hickory offers many events and festivals throughout the year. You can take in a Crawdads minor league baseball game or a race at the Hickory Motor Speedway – the home to some NASCAR stars or attend live music and art shows and museum exhibits.

The cost of attending the conference will be **\$250** per attendee. This includes attendance for all three days at the conference along with the vendor luncheon, rodeo events, awards/social and Annual NCAMES Business Meeting & Dinner. NCAMES offers an electronic payment method if you are interested. Information is located on your Pre-Registration Forms.

ElectriCities will be hosting a Utility Directors' Dinner on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at The Longhorn Steakhouse located at 1332 US Hwy 70 SE in Hickory, NC. Utility Directors are highly encouraged to attend.

This year's conference information sessions are again divided into two tracks. Technical sessions are tailored towards utility directors, engineers and managers. Field sessions are tailored towards crew supervisors, linemen and other field personnel. You are free to attend any session on either track based upon your needs and interest in the subject presented. Sign-in sheets will be available for each session and copies will be sent to each city/town per request showing personnel in attendance at the annual meeting.

Enclosed you will find a Pre-Registration Form, Golf Tournament Information and Sporting Clay Information. Also enclosed is a list of vendors that supported NCAMES in 2025, and a draft of the Annual Conference Program. Vendors are important to us as individual companies and extremely important to the success of our conference. Please review the list of vendors and if you have contact with them, please be sure they have received information about the conference. If there is someone not on the list that you think would be interested in participating, please have them contact Gail Boggs at gail.boggs@faypwc.com or 910-223-4516. Registrations must be turned in by Wednesday, **April 21, 2026**. Please note on the golf tournament and clay shooting forms that the teams will be vendor-sponsored again this year. If you are interested in participating and need help filling or finding a team, please sign up and the tournament committee will assist you with pairings as needed. Registration forms can also be found on our website: www.ncames.com.

The Golf Tournament will take place at Glenn Oaks Golf Club in Hickory, NC. And the Sporting Clay event will take place at Hunting Creek Preserves in Harmony, NC. Both events will take place on Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

Blocks of rooms have been reserved at several hotels in the area. **Links for the reservations can be found in the attachment to this letter.** Reservations should be made directly with the hotels and are not included in the registration fee. When calling the hotel, please let the staff know that you are with NCAMES to get the special rate. **This rate is guaranteed through the cut-off date noted on the attachment, so please make your reservations early!**

The Vendor Area will be open from 10:45AM to 4:00PM on Wednesday, May 20th at the Hickory Metro Center. The Vendor Luncheon will be held from 12:00PM to 1:00PM to ensure municipal participants have sufficient time to visit the vendors.

The NCAMES Annual Meeting and Conference is an excellent networking and industry technology update opportunity that you do not want to miss. We look forward to seeing you in Hickory, N.C. for this year's event.

Sincerely,

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2025-2026 President, NCAMES Board of Directors