

**Co-op personnel
will be on standby
New Years Eve**



HAPPY NEW YEAR

WFEC ready to keep the lights on Dec. 31

In preparation for the year 2000 and potential Y2K problems, West Florida Electric Cooperative has taken extensive precautionary measures to ensure Co-op members continue to receive reliable electric service.

Coordinating with state and federal agencies and its power supplier, Alabama Electric Cooperative, WFEC has successfully completed comprehensive Y2K preparations.

"Any device on our system that could potentially interrupt electric service to our consumers has been reviewed, tested and signed off on by the manufacturer," said Bill Rimes, WFEC's Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer. "Furthermore, we are confident that our power supplier has made all the necessary preparations and will continue to deliver adequate power to serve our consumers' needs."

In addition to the steps already taken, WFEC will make additional provisions for New Year's Eve. "My biggest concern is not a lack of power at the stroke of midnight, but that some situations might arise that imply there is a problem," said Rimes. "Should someone accidentally hit a pole and cause a small outage, consumers in some areas could panic without knowing the cause of the problem."

"I want our members to feel safe and confident, and that's why my staff and I will be in our headquarters office in Graceville on the night of Dec. 31, prepared to assist our customers with any situation that may arise," he continued. "In addition to our standard on-call crews, all personnel will be on standby so we can react to any problems immediately. The advantage of a locally-owned electric cooperative is that our employees are your neighbors, friends and family. Whatever affects our members affects us, as well. Our employees live throughout Jackson, Holmes, Washington and Calhoun Counties, and they stand ready to help their neighbors."



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