

## Owned By Those We Serve

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### Mission Statement

The mission of Douglas Electric Cooperative, a member-owned and operated cooperative, is to provide affordable, reliable electric and other compatible services that enhance the quality of life for its members, using progressive marketing in conjunction with sound financial and management principles.



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## Emergency Preparedness - Covering The 'What Ifs'

Every year, we experience a little wind, a little snow, and a lot of rain, but seldom, if ever, do we experience the wrath of a tornado, devastation of a hurricane or destruction of a major earthquake. Occasionally, our outages may last for a couple of days, particularly in the outer reaches of our service territory, but typically outages last only hours before the crews have power restored.

If we listen to the experts, they say we are due for an event on the scale like the ones we've heard about on the news. The type of events that devastate communities like ours. For instance, portions of Puerto Rico remain in the dark almost a year after Hurricane Maria destroyed their power grid and killed an estimated 4,000 people. Disaster preparedness is much like insurance, you're ready just in case, but hope you never have to use it.



During the next several months, Douglas Electric will evaluate where we are as a cooperative in relation to disaster preparedness. Are we ready for that natural disaster such as an earthquake? We will be looking at our existing plans, our 68-year-old headquarters facility, fuel supplies, material supplies and work practices. I encourage you to do the same. Make a plan for your family. Have emergency rations, and explore backup power options, particularly if you are on medical life support. We want to put Douglas Electric in a position to be able to restore power as quickly as possible. But in a major emergency, it may be out of our control. If roads are blocked or power is out to the region, outages could be substantial and lengthy. It is incumbent upon us to prepare now when we can, rather than reacting after, when resources may be scarce or unavailable.

Food, water, fuel, communications, transportation, operations, facilities, and above all, safety. We can learn much from communities who have experienced and recovered from a real disaster. I will be sharing more in the future. For now, preparing our response to whatever Mother Nature throws at us will help us honor our commitment to you, the member.

Best Regards,

  
James K. Brooks  
General Manager