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# What an incredible month!



**LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,**  
 a tremendous amount has happened since the last time I had a chance to reach out to you.

**First of all, let's talk about Florence—the hurricane, not the city.**

This storm was—without question—devastating for many people... especially for our neighbors to the north. Fortunately, SEC was not hit nearly as hard as we thought we were going to be. An interesting bit of information for you is that we thought that Saturday, September 15, was going to be the peak of the storm. That was supposed to be the day that we were trapped inside our facilities waiting for the wind to die down enough to start restoring power.

As luck would have it, we got a real break that Saturday. Not only were we able to get out into the system to do damage assessment, but we were actually able to clear up the majority of the outages. We never had more than 8,000 consumers out at one time, and by Sunday morning, we had the total down to about 1,500. I truly appreciate all of the positive comments on Facebook,

**Linemen Corbett Collins and Channing Matthews work to restore power to the Davis Station substation during Hurricane Florence.**



Twitter, etc. I want to remind you, though, that the Good Lord spared us this time.

We were ready, though! In addition to our normal force of in-house crews and contractors, we had 160 linemen from cooperatives in Missouri ready to go to work Sunday morning! We also had a truckload of food ready to feed that army. As luck would have it, though, we did not need help after Sunday. We were delighted to be able to share that food with local groups and agencies that could put it to good use...as you will see further on in this month's issue.

**How about a trip to Stuckey's?**

I had the pleasure of reporting on a very interesting and historic key account of ours this month. I do not want to give too much away, but I think it will be a real "treat" to any of you who have a sweet tooth. Check it out in the pages ahead.

**Member Appreciation Days are so much fun!**

We have also had our annual opportunity to show our membership how much you mean to us by cooking hot dogs, giving away drinks and snacks, and registering folks for chances to win prizes at each of our locations. I even had the pleasure of getting a chance to cook at a few of these events. I hope you were able to stop by. If not, be on the lookout for next year's announcement.

As we move into the holiday season, I want to wish all of you—and your families—a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year! Please know that all of us here at SEC truly appreciate YOU!

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