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BEMC COMPLETES REALIGNMENT OF BOARD DISTRICTS

Supply, N.C., May 30, 2019 - Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation (BEMC) recently completed the realignment of its board of director districts, reducing the number from thirteen to eleven.

The change moves BEMC's number of board members in line with the average for electric cooperatives in the state and follows industry best practices concerning governance.

The directors acted on an opportunity provided by the retirement of two of their colleagues to reduce the size of the board. The vacated districts, one in Columbus County and one in Brunswick County, have been consolidated into adjacent districts. The new board makeup will consist of six directors from Brunswick County and five from Columbus County. The new districts map is available at bemc.org.

"We want to make sure that every member's voice has a chance to be heard and is given fair weight," said Josh Winslow, CEO/ General Manager of BEMC, the second largest electric cooperative in North Carolina. "Our industry is facing complex changes. We need governance processes and top leadership that are streamlined and agile in order to react quickly to change, and this change supports that need."

"Means of communication between board members and their constituents has evolved greatly since BEMC district areas were determined decades ago," said Heather Holbrook, BEMC spokesperson. "Today's personal communications and social media allow for the Cooperative's board and management to do a better job of communicating with its members, providing for better representation."

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BEMC is a locally owned and operated not-for-profit corporation. It is the second largest electric cooperative in North Carolina, 35th largest in the U.S., serving more than 96,000 member locations in Brunswick, Columbus, and parts of Bladen and Robeson counties. BEMC has a long-standing commitment to the communities it serves, providing support for a wide variety of activities that contribute to the quality of life for all citizens.