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PUBLIC SERVICE  
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**Via FedEx**

Dr. Talina Mathews  
Executive Director  
Kentucky Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 615  
211 Sower Boulevard  
Frankfort, KY 40602

Re: IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION OF NOLIN RURAL ELECTRIC  
COOPERATIVE CORPORATION FOR AN ADJUSTMENT OF EXISTING RATES  
**Case No. 2016-00367**

Dr. Mathews:

Please find enclosed and accept for filing on behalf of Nolin Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Nolin") a redacted original and ten (10) redacted copies of Nolin's Response to Commission Staff's Fifth Request for Information propounded May 3, 2017. Also enclosed is a sealed envelope marked "Confidential" containing a hard copy and an electronic copy of the confidential information contained in Nolin's Response. Please note that the confidential information is subject to Nolin's Motions for Confidential Treatment filed in this matter on February 16, 2017 and March 15, 2017.

Pursuant to applicable regulation, I certify that copies of this letter and the enclosed Response have been served this same date via overnight courier upon the Attorney General, by and through his Office of Rate Intervention, at his offices in Suite 20 of the Kentucky State Capitol.

I appreciate your assistance with this matter, and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "MEB", enclosed within a blue circular scribble.

|| M. Evan Buckley

Enclosures

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**  
**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**APPLICATION OF NOLIN RURAL ELECTRIC )**  
**COOPERATIVE CORPORATION FOR AN ) CASE NO. 2016-00367**  
**ADJUSTMENT OF EXISTING RATES )**

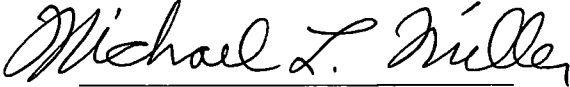
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**VERIFICATION OF Michael. L. Miller**


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**STATE OF KENTUCKY )**  
**)**  
**COUNTY OF Hardin )**

Michael L. Miller, being duly sworn, states that he has supervised the preparation of certain of the following responses of Nolin Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation to the Fifth Request for Information propounded by Commission Staff in the above-referenced case on May 10, 2017, and that the matters and things set forth in the responses are true and accurate to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, formed after reasonable inquiry.

  
[Michael L. Miller]

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 10 day of May, 2017.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC, Notary # 516818  
Commission expiration: 08-07-2018

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**VERIFICATION OF James Adkins**

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**STATE OF KENTUCKY )**  
**)**  
**COUNTY OF Hardin )**

James Adkins being duly sworn, states that he has supervised the preparation of certain of the following responses of Nolin Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation to the Fifth Request for Information propounded by Commission Staff in the above-referenced case on May 10, 2017, and that the matters and things set forth in the responses are true and accurate to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, formed after reasonable inquiry.

*James R. Adkins*  
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[James Adkins]

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 10 day of May, 2017.

*James R. Adkins*  
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NOTARY PUBLIC, Notary # 516818  
Commission expiration: 08-07-2018

**Nolin Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation  
Case No. 2016-00367  
Commission Staff's Fifth Request for Information**

1. Refer to Case No. 2016-00275,<sup>1</sup> Nolin's Request to Adopt Scientific Sample Meter Testing for Single Phase Meters. Confirm that Nolin is not proposing any adjustment to the test year for the estimated savings associated with its request to adopt a sample meter testing procedure. If confirmed, explain why no adjustment was proposed.

**Response**

Nolin confirms that it did not propose a test-year adjustment for ~~estimated savings~~ associated with Sample Meter Testing. The rates proposed by Nolin herein are based on a historical test year that ended April 30, 2016, and its Application in this case was originally tendered December 15, 2016. Commission approval to implement a sample meter-testing program for Nolin's single-phase meters was only recently granted by Order entered May 4, 2017, and the actual savings of the first full year of sample testing will not be realized by Nolin until more than two years after the end of the test year used in the Application. Moreover, while Nolin estimates it will realize annual savings of roughly \$83,000 as a result of its sample meter-testing program, the actual savings may be greater than or less than provided in that estimate.

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<sup>1</sup> Case No. 2016-00275, *Request of Nolin Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation to Adopt Scientific Sample Meter Testing for Single Phase Meters* (Filed July 28, 2016).

**Nolin Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation**  
**Case No. 2016-00367**  
**Commission Staff's Fifth Request for Information**

2. Refer to Nolin's response to Commission Staff's Fourth Request for Information ("Staff's Fourth Request"), Item 13. This response is inadequate and does not respond to the question originally posed. Refer to Nolin's response to Staff's Third Request, Item 3, Attachment 3B, (Revised) Exhibit 10, pages 2 through 5 of 7. For each Visa expenditure listed below, provide a complete and detailed description of each listed item and explain why Nolin believes these amounts should be included for ratemaking purposes. For meetings, conferences, training, and seminars, include attendees, dates of attendance, locations, nature of the conference or training, and full description of the training that occurred. If this information was provided in Attachments 13A – 13N to Nolin's response to Staff's Fourth Request, Item 13, reference the attachment with the corresponding line item.
- a. Check number 90109429:
- (1) NRECA LEGIS CONF, \$952.00;
  - (2) A COFFEY POWER UP CONF, \$845.00;
  - (3) M ROGERS POWER UP CONF, \$845.00; and
  - (4) CONNECT CONF RYAN/WHITEHEAD, \$730.97.
- b. Check number 90109680:
- (1) CFC FORUM, \$826.23;
  - (2) EMPLOYEE ID BADGES, \$641.22;
  - (3) NRECA FIN ACCT MTG SPARKS, \$480.00'
  - (4) NRECA REGIONAL MTG, \$455.00;
  - (5) TSE BOARD MTG – RYAN, \$395.20;
  - (6) CFC FORUM MEALS, \$171.60; and
  - (7) FLAG SUPPLIES, \$146.28.

c. Check number 90110317:

- (1) NRECA INTERACT CONF – GOSSETT, \$803.09;
- (2) SPARKS NRECA FIN ACCT MTG, \$775.00;
- (3) NRECA INTERACT GOSSETT, \$683.27; and
- (4) TSE BOARD MTG, \$609.91.

d. Check number 90110596:

- (1) NRECA FIN/ACCT MTG, \$1,965.35; and
- (2) SUPERVISOR TRNG-REDMOND, \$894.17.

e. Check number 90111549:

- (1) POWER UP CONF-COFFEY, \$872.50;
- (2) POWER UP CONF-ROGERS, \$872.50; and
- (3) NRECA REG MTG-MILLER, \$154.11.

f. Check number 15000190:

- (1) NET CONF 2016-PAIT/Ryan, \$1,975.00;
- (2) TSE BD MTG, \$575.49;
- (3) NRECA REG MTG, \$289.11; and
- (4) NRECA CEO CONF, \$206.73.

g. Check number 15000693:

- (1) NRECA NET CONF HEUSER, \$2,071.00;
- (2) NRECA TECH ADV MTG, \$1,224.42;
- (3) NRECA TECH ADV MTG MILLER, \$1,185.70;
- (4) NRECA TECH ADV MTG R THOMAS, \$686.00;
- (5) HARRINGTON NRECA TECH ADV MTG, \$628.00;
- (6) CHEESE, \$473.00;
- (7) NET CONF RYAN/PAIT, \$455.92;
- (8) NRECA INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM, \$318.51;
- (9) FLAGS, \$172.68; and
- (10) FLAGS, \$134.30.

h. Check number 15001127:

- (1) CE CONF/NISC MTG, \$1,138.25;
- (2) MILLER NRECA CEO CLOSE UP, \$895.00;
- (3) SPARKS NRECA TECH ADV MTG GREG, \$686.00;
- (4) SPARKS NRECA TECH ADV MTG AIRLINE, \$423.33; and
- (5) NRECA TECH ADV MTG R RYAN, \$258.96.

i. Check number 15001489:

- (1) NRECA TECH ADV MTG – MATTINGLY, \$1,075.96;
- (2) NRECA TECH ADV MTG RYAN, \$713.00;
- (3) NET CONF-PAIT, \$669.79;
- (4) NET CONF-RYAN, \$646.37;
- (5) NET CONF-RYAN, \$495.91;
- (6) NRECA TECH ADV MTG, \$278.20;
- (7) NRECA TECH ADV MTG, \$242.91;
- (8) NRECA TECH ADV MTG MILLER, \$216.22;
- (9) NRECA TECH ADV MTG – RYAN, \$205.34;
- (10) NRECA TECH ADV MTG – HEUSER, \$171.00; and
- (11) NRECA TECH ADV-MATTINGLY, \$138.99.

Witness: Michael Miller

- j. Check number 15001822;
- (1) NRECA MTGS, \$2,735.17;
  - (2) NRECA MTGS, \$1,496.32;
  - (3) NRECA MTGS, \$1,088.63; and
  - (4) NRECA MTGS, \$871.75.
- k. Check number 15002251:
- (1) NRECA IDE COURSE, \$3,600.00;
  - (2) NRECA CONNECT CONF RYAN REGISTR, \$830.00;
  - (3) NRECA CONNECT CONFERENCE RYAN I, \$528.96; and
  - (4) CFC CFO TRAINING ROBERSON HOTEL, \$488.16.

**Response**

Attached hereto as "Attachment 2" is a complete chart providing detailed information with respect to each meeting, conference, training, and seminar listed above. This chart was inadvertently omitted from copies of Nolin's Response to Staff's Fourth Request, Item 13, which response is incorporated herein by reference.

Also attached hereto as "Attachment 2A" and "Attachment 2B," respectively, are agendas/descriptive documents pertaining to the NRECA Connect Conference (referenced on Check Number 90109429) and the NRECA 2016 Annual Meeting (referenced on Check Number 15001822).

Certain items listed above are not included on the chart attached hereto as "Attachment 2," as they are not expenditures related to conferences/training. Specifically:

- The expense for Employee ID Badges included in Check Number 90109680 are part of Nolin's building security system. The electronic ID badges are used by each employee to gain access to the Nolin office and are used as employee identification for our members and the public when working in the service territory. Such expenses are regularly and prudently incurred as part of the operation of the cooperative, and they should be included for ratemaking purposes.
- The expenses for flags and flag supplies on Check Number 90109680 and Check Number 15000693 represent costs for replacement flags and related supplies when the flags are worn or damaged and need to be replaced. Nolin proudly displays the American Flag on a pole in front of its office and believes the costs associated therewith are prudently incurred and should be included for ratemaking purposes.
- The expenses for cheese on Check number 15000693 are for snacks for employees at breaks during the holiday season and should have been removed for ratemaking purposes.



**a. Check Number 90109429**

Description	Attendee	Location	Date	PSC-4-13 Attachment
1 NRECA Legislative Conference	Michael Miller	Washington DC	February-16	13G
2 NRECA Power Up Conference	Allison Coffey	Denver CO	September-15	13B
3 NRECA Power Up Conference	Michelle Rogers	Denver CO	September-15	13B
4 NRECA Connect Conference	Richard Ryan	Minneapolis MN	May-15	Agenda Attached in this filing 2A
	Patsy Whitehead	Minneapolis MN	May-15	Agenda Attached in this filing 2A

**b. Check number 90109680**

Description	Attendee	Location	Date	PSC-4-13 Attachment
1 CFC Forum	Michael Miller	Chicago IL	June-15	PSC-2-19 Attachment 19A
3 NRECA Finance/Accounting Meeting	O V Sparks	Denver CO	August-15	13M
4 NRECA Regional Meeting	Michael Miller	Biloxi MS	November-15	13N
5 Touchstone Energy Board Meeting	Richard Ryan	Portland ME	July-15	13J
6 CFC Forum	Michael Miller	Chicago IL	June-15	PSC-2-19 Attachment 19A

**c. Check number 90110317**

Description	Attendee	Location	Date	PSC-4-13 Attachment
1 NRECA InterAct Conference	Felicia Gossett	Boston MA	July-15	13D
2 Supervisor Training	Melinda Redmond	Louisville KY	August-15	13E
3 NRECA InterAct Conference	Felicia Gossett	Boston MA	July-15	13D
4 Touchstone Energy Board Mtg	Richard Ryan	Portland ME	July-15	13J

**d. Check number 90110596**

Description	Attendee	Location	Date	PSC-4-13 Attachment
1 NRECA Finance/Accounting Mtg	O V Sparks	Denver CO	August-15	13M
2 Supervisor Training	Melinda Redmond	Louisville KY	August-15	13E

**e. Check number 90111549**

Description	Attendee	Location	Date	PSC-4-13 Attachment
1 NRECA Power Up Conference	Allison Coffey	Denver CO	September-15	13B
2 NRECA Power Up Conference	Michelle Rogers	Denver CO	September-15	13B
3 NRECA Regional Meeting	Michael Miller	Biloxi, MS	November-15	13N

**f. Check number 15000190**

Description	Attendee	Location	Date	PSC-4-13 Attachment
1 NRECA NET Conference	Billy Pait	Ft Myers FL	February-16	13L
	Richard Ryan	Ft Myers FL	February-16	13L
2 Touchstone Energy Board Meeting	Richard Ryan	Portland ME	July-15	13J
3 NRECA Regional Meeting	Michael Miller	Biloxi, MS	November-15	13N
4 NRECA CEO Conference	Michael Miller	Tucson AZ	January-16	13I

**g. Check number 15000693**

Description	Attendee	Location	Date	PSC-4-13 Attachment
1 NRECA NET Conference	Vince Heuser	Ft Myers FL	February-16	13L
2 NRECA Tech Advantage	Michael Miller	New Orleans LA	February-16	13H
3 NRECA Tech Advantage	Greg Harrington	New Orleans LA	February-16	13H
4 NRECA Tech Advantage	Jason Mattingly	New Orleans LA	February-16	13H
5 NRECA Tech Advantage	Richard Ryan	New Orleans LA	February-16	13H
7 NRECA NET Conference	Richard Ryan	Ft Myers FL	February-16	13L
	Billy Pait	Ft Myers FL	February-16	13L
8 NRECA International Program	Vince Heuser	Washington DC	December-15	Vince - presentation on Haiti visit

**h Check number 15001127**

Description	Attendee	Location	Date	PSC-4-13 Attachment
1 CEO Closeup Conf/NISC Board mtg	Michael Miller	Tucson AZ	January-16	13I
2 NRECA CEO Close UP	Michael Miller	Tucson AZ	January-16	13I
3 NRECA Annual Meeting	OV Sparks	New Orleans LA	February-16	13H
4 NRECA Annual Meeting	OV Sparks	New Orleans LA	February-16	13H
5 NRECA Tech Advantage	Richard Ryan	New Orleans LA	February-16	13H

**i Check number 15001489**

Description	Attendee	Location	Date	PSC-4-13 Attachment
1 NRECA Tech Advantage	Jason Mattingly	New Orleans LA	February-16	13H
2 NRECA Tech Advantage	Richard Ryan	New Orleans LA	February-16	13H
3 NRECA Net Conf	Billy Pait	Ft Myers FL	February-16	13L
4 NRECA Net Conf	Richard Ryan	Ft Myers FL	February-16	13L
5 NRECA Net Conf	Richard Ryan	Ft Myers FL	February-16	13L
6 NRECA Tech Advantage	OV Sparks	New Orleans LA	February-16	13H
7 NRECA Tech Advantage	Vince Heuser	New Orleans LA	February-16	13H
8 NRECA Tech Advantage	Michael Miller	New Orleans LA	February-16	13H
9 NRECA Tech Advantage	Richard Ryan	New Orleans LA	February-16	13H
10 NRECA Tech Advantage	Vince Heuser	New Orleans LA	February-16	13H
11 NRECA Tech Advantage	Jason Mattingly	New Orleans LA	February-16	13H

**j Check number 15001822**

Description	Attendee	Location	Date	PSC-4-13 Attachment
1 NRECA Annual Meeting	O V Sparks	New Orleans LA	February-16	Agenda attached with this filing 2B
2 NRECA Annual Meeting	Vince Heuser	New Orleans LA	February-16	Agenda attached with this filing 2B
3 NRECA Annual Meeting	Richard Ryan	New Orleans LA	February-16	Agenda attached with this filing 2B
4 NRECA Annual Meeting	Michael Miller	New Orleans LA	February-16	Agenda attached with this filing 2B

**k Check number 15002251**

Description	Attendee	Location	Date	PSC-4-13 Attachment
1 NRECA IDE Course	Devon Woosley	Madison WI	August 2016 & November 2016	13C
2 NRECA Connect Conference	Richard Ryan	Portland OR	May-16	13F
3 NRECA Connect Conference	Patsy Whitehead	Portland OR	May-16	13F
4 CFC CFO Training	Sara Roberson	Washington DC	April-16	13E



May 12 - May 15



#CoopsCONNECT

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## Schedule-At-A-Glance

### CONNECT '15

#### Preliminary Schedule-at-a-Glance

*(Schedule is subject to change.)*

#### Tuesday, May 12

8:00 am – 7:00 pm	Registration Open
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast
8:30 am – 12:30 pm	CCC Exam
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Pre-Conference Workshops
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Pre-Conference Workshops
4:15 pm – 5:00 pm	First-time Attendee Orientation
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Spotlight on Excellence Celebration & Welcome Reception

#### Wednesday, May 13

7:30 am – 5:00 pm	Registration Open
7:30 am – 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast
7:30 am – 5:00 pm	Spotlight on Excellence Award Exhibit Open
8:30 am – 10:00 am	Opening General Session
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Break
10:15 am – 11:15 am	Learning Labs 1
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Learning Labs 2
12:30 pm – 1:45 pm	Lunch on Own
1:45 pm – 3:20 pm	Co-op Case Studies: Co-ops and vendors share their stories about successful collaboration

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Learning Labs 3

Evening

On own to explore Minneapolis

### Thursday, May 14

7:30 am – 5:00 pm

Registration Open

7:30 am – 8:30 am

Continental Breakfast

7:30 am – 5:00 pm

Spotlight on Excellence Award Exhibit Open

7:30 am – 8:15 am

Breakfast Session – CCC Program Overview

8:30 am – 10:00 am

Second General Session – Touchstone Energy®

10:00 am – 10:15 am

Break

10:15 am – 11:45 am

Learning Labs 3

11:45 am – 1:15 pm

Lunch on Own

1:15 pm – 2:15 pm

Learning Labs 4

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Learning Labs 5

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm

Break

3:45 pm – 4:45 pm

Roundtable Discussion Sessions

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Touchstone Energy® Reception (open to all CONNECT attendees and guests)

### Friday, May 15

7:30 am – 10:30 am

Registration Open

7:30 am – 8:30 am

Continental Breakfast

8:30 am – 10:00 am

Closing General Session

10:00 am – 10:15 am

Break

10:15 am – 11:30 am

Learning Labs 6

11:30 am

CONNECT '15 Adjourns



# 2016 NRECA ANNUAL MEETING & EXPO

February 11-18  
New Orleans, Louisiana

*Registration Now Open!*

## THE NEXT GREATEST THING

JOIN THE CONVERSATION



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• Education for the Electrical Industry

Since the days of first light in rural America, electric cooperatives have built upon their successes as they paved a path for the future. As our industry faces unprecedented challenges, it is time to come together as a community and ask ourselves:

WHAT IS

# The Next Greatest Thing

IN TECHNOLOGY

LEADERSHIP

CUSTOMER SERVICE

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

SECURITY

EFFICIENCY

RELIABILITY?

Join your colleagues at the **2016 NRECA Annual Meeting** in New Orleans to tackle these and many more of the critical issues that are important to your co-op.

2016 NRECA ANNUAL MEETING & EXPO

**EVERY YEAR, THE NRECA ANNUAL MEETING OFFERS YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO**

- Meet up with longtime friends, make new ones and expand your network
- Discuss, debate and vote on the resolutions proposed at the Regional Meetings
- Increase your knowledge by attending Director Education and information-packed educational forums
- Hear from world-renowned subject matter experts within and outside the industry
- Visit the TechAdvantage® Expo for the latest industry technologies and solutions

**THIS YEAR, GET READY FOR A NEW NRECA ANNUAL MEETING EXPERIENCE.**

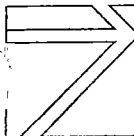
**What will be different?**

- Shorter general sessions and more educational forums
- Program content organized by tracks
- More networking and community service opportunities
- A new way for co-op leaders to support the workforce of the future with the Next Generation Leaders program
- Changes to the agenda including new days for the ACRE breakfast and the International lunch

THE NEXT GREATEST THING

# SCHEDULE

Subject to Change



**KEY**  
 NRECA Annual Meeting  
 Affiliate Organizations

## Thursday, February 11

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Director Education

## Friday, February 12

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Director Education

## Saturday, February 13

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Director Education

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Community Service Project:  
Rebuilding Together New Orleans

2016 NRECA ANNUAL MEETING & EXPO

## Sunday, February 14

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Director Education

9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Registration

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

SEDC Member Enrichment Meeting

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

NISC Annual Meeting & Luncheon

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

NRTC Annual Meeting

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Proposed Resolutions Forum

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

The Big Easy Welcome Reception  
Sponsored by CoBank

## Monday, February 15 Page 4

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

CFC/Federated Continental Breakfast

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

ACRE Breakfast

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Opening General Session

11:15 – 11:45 a.m.

Educational Forums/Roundtable  
Discussions

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

CFC/Federated Lunch

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Educational Forums

2:15 – 3:15 p.m.

Educational Forums



**3:30 – 5:00 p.m.**  
CFC Annual Meeting

**4:30 – 7:00 p.m.**  
TechAdvantage Expo Opening Reception

**Tuesday, February 16**

**7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**  
Registration

**7:30 – 8:30 a.m.**  
CFC/Federated Continental Breakfast

**8:30 – 11:00 a.m.**  
Second General Session  
(includes Business Meeting)

**11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**  
TechAdvantage Expo Open

**11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
International Lunch  
Sponsored by CoBank

**11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
CFC/Federated Lunch

**1:30 – 2:30 p.m.**  
Educational Forums

**2:45 – 3:15 p.m.**  
Educational Forums

**3:45 – 4:45 p.m.**  
Federated Rural Electric Insurance  
Exchange Annual Meeting

**7:30 p.m.**  
Entertainment Night with Lonestar  
and LeAnn Rimes  
*Doors open at 7:00 p.m.*

**Wednesday, February 17**

**7:00 – 10:00 a.m.**  
Registration

**8:30 – 10:00 a.m.**  
Closing General Session

**11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**  
TechAdvantage Expo Open



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THE NEXT GREATEST THING

# KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

(As of November 1, 2015)



## CHIP HEATH

**Co-Author of the best-sellers *Decisive*, *Switch* and *Made to Stick***

Chip Heath is a professor at Stanford Graduate School of Business, teaching courses on business strategy and organizations. He is the co-author, with his brother Dan, of three *New York Times* bestsellers: *Made to Stick*, *Switch* and—most recently—*Decisive*. *Switch* was named one of the “Best Non-Fiction Books of the Year” by Amazon when it was published. The Heaths’ books have been translated into over 30 languages. Chip and Dan were named to the Thinkers 50, a ranking of the world’s 50 most influential management thinkers.



## SALIM ISMAIL

**Technology strategist, executive director of Singularity University and former vice president of Yahoo!**

Salim Ismail is the best-selling author of *Exponential Organizations* – required reading at the world’s top brands. The executive director at Singularity University and a former Yahoo! executive who built and sold his company to Google, Ismail consults on innovation and growth. Believing that “if you aren’t disrupting your business or industry, someone else is,” he will discuss how breakthroughs in technologies like artificial intelligence, robotics, biotech, sensors, neuroscience and energy will impact both society and business.

### **MORE TO COME!**

Visit [cooperative.com/annual](http://cooperative.com/annual) for the latest updates on general session speakers and other program information.

# ENTERTAINMENT NIGHT

Tuesday, February 16, 7:30 p.m. • Fee: \$58

Join us for an unforgettable night of music and dancing  
with two superstars of the country stage.



## LEANN RIMES

With her first national hit at the age of 13 with the 1996 release of "Blue" followed by more than two decades of chart-topping hits, two-time GRAMMY Award winner LeAnn Rimes has made a remarkable impression on the worlds of country and popular music.

*Doors open at 7:00 p.m.  
Schedule subject to change.*



## LONESTAR

Known for merging their country roots with strong melodies and rich vocals, Lonestar has amassed Recording Industry Association of America-certified sales in excess of ten million album units since their national launch in 1995 and achieved ten #1 country hits including "No News," "Come Crying To Me," and their cross-over smash "Amazed."

THE NEXT GREATEST THING

# MAJOR EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

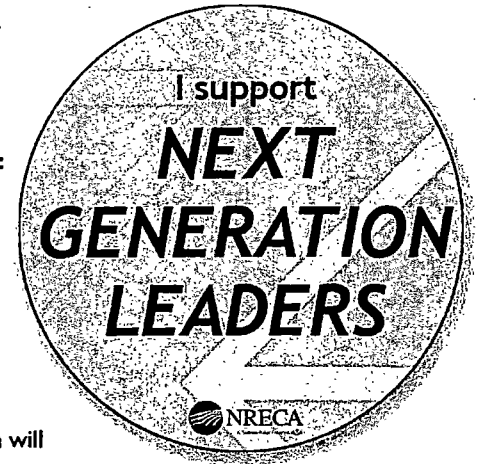
## NEXT GENERATION LEADERS PROGRAM

To help nurture the next generation of co-op leaders, NRECA is launching the **Next Generation Leaders program** at the 2016 Annual Meeting. To participate, co-ops can register at least one person from their co-op for the program – perhaps someone who has never been to the Annual Meeting and would gain from the experience. Program participants will have access to dedicated networking events, forum sessions focused on leadership development and more. **By participating in the Next Generation Leaders program, future leaders will be able to:**

- Gain a national perspective on critical industry-wide issues and challenges
- Understand how priorities are set for NRECA and its member cooperatives
- Connect with—and learn from—today's co-op leaders

To register employees for the Next Generation Leaders program, simply select the “Next Generation Leaders” option in the fees section of the Annual Meeting registration form. Costs are identical to that of a standard attendee. All participants registered for the program will be eligible to participate in an essay contest in which the prizes will be a reimbursement of the registration fee.

Visit [cooperative.com/annual](http://cooperative.com/annual) for more information.

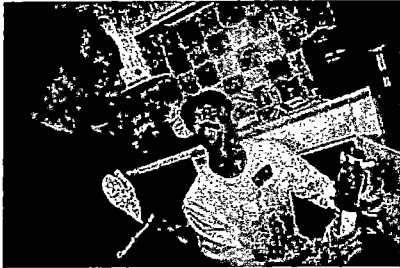
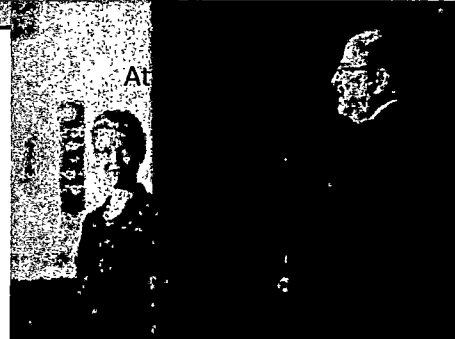


## EDUCATIONAL FORUMS

Monday, February 15 • 11:15 – 11:45 a.m., 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. and 2:15 – 3:15 p.m.

Tuesday, February 16 • 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. and 2:45 – 3:15 p.m.

With the introduction of shorter general sessions, there will be more time in the program for educational forums. Organized into tracks (based on job role or interest area) and offered in time blocks of 30 minutes or one hour (with some sessions repeated), these educational sessions will cover a diverse array of topics of interest to co-op leadership and staff.



## COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

This year, Annual Meeting participants will have opportunities to give back to New Orleans before AND during the event:

**Saturday, February 13 • 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

For those who can come early, join Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives and NRECA as we team up with Rebuilding Together New Orleans to provide low-income homeowners with critical home repairs, accessibility modifications and energy efficient upgrades. Participation will be capped at 100 volunteers, so visit [cooperative.com/annual](http://cooperative.com/annual) to register today to participate!

**Monday-Tuesday • February 15-16**

**Ongoing at the Convention Center**

For those who are looking for another way to give back, we've added a new community service opportunity that will be located at the convention center and available to volunteers throughout the course of the Annual Meeting.

*Check [cooperative.com/annual](http://cooperative.com/annual) for the latest information on this new opportunity!*

THE NEXT GREATEST THING



### TechAdvantage® Expo

Your registration for the Annual Meeting includes access to the popular TechAdvantage Expo. Showcasing the latest tools, technologies and services to help increase your co-op's efficiency, the Expo offers a vital source of knowledge and information on current and emerging technology and energy products. Demonstrations and representatives are on hand to address your most critical challenges.

	Monday, February 15	Tuesday, February 16	Wednesday, February 17
EXPO SCHEDULE	Expo Opening Reception 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Expo Open 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. <i>(Lunch available for purchase.)</i>	Expo Open 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. <i>(Lunch provided at 11:30 a.m.)</i>

### TechAdvantage® Conference

Attend the Annual Meeting and stay for the TechAdvantage® Conference. Special "Annual Meeting and TechPlus" pricing adds Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning TechAdvantage Conference sessions to your Annual Meeting registration. Don't miss the opportunity to participate in educational sessions covering leading-edge strategies and best practices in science, technology and other industry areas that will benefit Co-op Nation well into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

	Monday, February 15	Tuesday, February 16	Wednesday, February 17	Thursday, February 18
CONFERENCE SCHEDULE	Pre-Conference Workshops 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Opening General Session 8:00 – 9:20 a.m. Learning Labs (Session 1) 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. Learning Labs (Session 2) 11:00 a.m. – Noon Technovation Sessions in Expo 1:45 – 4:15 p.m.	Learning Labs (Session 3) 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Learning Labs (Session 4) 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. Technovation Sessions 11:30 a.m. – Noon General Session 2:00 – 3:15 p.m. Learning Labs (Session 5) 3:45 – 4:45 p.m.	Learning Labs (Session 6) 9:00 – 10:15 a.m. Learning Labs (Session 7) 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Closing General Session 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  <i>NOTE: All sessions on Thursday will be located at the New Orleans Marriott.</i>

For complete TechAdvantage Conference & Expo information, visit [techadvantage.org](http://techadvantage.org).

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Thursday, February 11 – Sunday, February 14 • Hilton New Orleans Riverside

Registration: 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. daily  
All programs run 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
except where noted.

## KEY

Board Leadership Certificate (BLC) Course  
Credentialed Cooperative Director  
(CCD) Course

### Thursday, February 11

- 2600 Director Duties and Liabilities
- 2640 Financial Decision Making (1.5 days continues Friday)
- 901.1 Rules and Procedures for Effective Board Meetings
- 929.1 Current Governance Issues in Policy Development

### Friday, February 12

- 2620 Board Operations and Process
- 903.1 The Role of the Board Chair in Conducting Effective Meetings

- 914.1 Cooperative Communications and Public Opinion: The Director's Perspective
- 918.1 Maximizing Your Grassroots Strategy
- 925.1 Co-op Bylaws: Guiding Principles and Current Issues
- 963.1 Strategic Technologies and Their Impact on the Cooperative [NEW]

### Saturday, February 13

- 2610 Understanding the Electric Business
- 913.1 Cooperative Foundations: Co-op Legacy, Principles and Impact on Communities
- 924.1 When Disaster Strikes: Continuity Management and Emergency Response Planning for Directors
- 951.2 Developing Effective Boardroom Decision Making (1.5 days continues Sunday)
- 955.1 Your Board's Culture: Its Impact on Effectiveness
- 958.1 Succession Planning: Developing the Purpose-Driven Organization
- 964.1 Communicating the New Energy Landscape [NEW]
- 974.1 Rate Strategies for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Challenges

### Sunday, February 14

- 2630: Strategic Planning
- 919.1 Cooperative Structure: A Strategic Advantage [NEW]
- 921.1 Risk Oversight: The Board's Role in Risk Management
- 930.1 Ethics and Governance: Implementing the New Accountability
- 935.1 Appraising and Compensating the CEO
- 956.1 Crucial Conversations in the Boardroom
- 957.1 How to Evaluate and Improve Board Performance
- 975.1 Capital Credits: Legal and Financial Issues

THE NEXT GREATEST THING

# FEES

## Meeting (includes TechAdvantage Expo)

Early Bird: \$550 (by January 8, 2016)

Regular: \$600

One-Day Registration: \$275

Next Generation Leaders Program: Early Bird: \$550, Regular: \$600

Guest/Spouse: \$50

Non-Member Registration: \$1,000

Annual Meeting and TechPlus: \$850

## Director Education

\$588 per course (except courses listed below)

2640 Financial Decision Making: \$829 (1.5-day course)

951.2 Developing Effective Boardroom Decision Making: \$829  
(1.5-day course)

956.1 Crucial Conversations in the Boardroom: \$895

## Special Events

ACRE® Breakfast: \$20

International Luncheon: \$55

Entertainment Night: \$58

All ticket sales are final.

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**Nolin Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation**  
**Case No. 2016-00367**  
**Commission Staff's Fifth Request for Information**

3. Refer to Nolin's response to Staff's Fourth Request, Item 20; Nolin's response to Commission Staff's Third Request for Information, (Revised) Attachment 16A; and Exhibit 21 of the application.
  - a. Reconcile the differences in health insurance costs provided.

**Response**

The chart provided as part of Nolin's Response to Staff's Fourth Request, Item 20, was incorrect and should be disregarded. A revised chart is provided below.

<b>COVERAGE TYPE</b>	<b>NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>PREMIUM COST</b>
Couple	33	\$373,907.71
EE/CHILD	9	\$65,954.43
FAMILY	52	\$801,191.55
SINGLE	13	\$55,059.74
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>\$1,296,113.43</b>

Nolin's response to Commission Staff's Third Request for Information, (Revised) Attachment 16A, also listed incorrect amounts for the premiums paid by Nolin for certain employees during the test year, primarily due to mid-year changes to rates or coverage that were not recognized. Included with this response, in both hardcopy and electronic format, is a Second Revised Attachment 16A (Test Year) that has been corrected to reflect the health insurance premiums paid by Nolin for its employees during the test year. Please note that the enclosed Second Revised Attachment 16A (Test Year), like its prior iterations, is confidential in nature and subject to Motions for Confidential Treatment filed herein on February 16, 2017 and March 15, 2017.

The total number of individuals employed by Nolin at some point during the test year, as reflected within the enclosed Second Revised Attachment 16A (Test Year), was 102. This figure includes two (2) employees (student positions) that did not receive health insurance. The chart above reflects the total number of employees that received health insurance coverage under each coverage type at some point during the test year; because seven (7) employees changed coverage type (*e.g.*, from single to family coverage) during the test year, they are twice counted in the above chart. At test-year end, Nolin employed 98 individuals and it employs 94 individuals as of May 10, 2017.

The amount reported for medical insurance in Exhibit 21 (Capitalization Policies) of the Application (\$1,310,903) was derived from the General Ledger account 165.30, which reflects the total amount expensed monthly through Nolin's payroll process. This amount included a credit from EKPC totaling \$6,093.00 for over-funding of Nolin's self-insurance plan during the 2015 calendar year, as well as plan fees that are not broken out per employee but rather are applied as a total to the payroll process monthly. Finally, the amount listed in Exhibit 21 differs from the amount listed in the above chart/Second Revised Attachment 16A (Test Year) because the latter includes approximately \$1,060 in employee health insurance premiums that were paid during the test year, but for which the relevant billing adjustments were made either prior to the test year or were recognized in the months following the end of the test year.

- b. Reconcile the differences in number of employees that are provided health insurance.

**Response**

Please see previous response.

Employee Number	Title	Regular	Overtime	Bonus/Other	Sub-Total	Health		Dental/Benefit Cost		Vision		Life Insurance		AD&D		401K		Retirement		Veh Comp/50K		Totals	
						Nolin	Employee	Nolin	Employee	Nolin	Employee	Nolin	Employee	Nolin	Employee	Nolin	Employee	Nolin	Employee	Nolin	Employee	Nolin	Employee
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**Nolin Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation**  
**Case No. 2016-00367**  
**Commission Staff's Fifth Request for Information**

4. Refer to Nolin's response to Staff's Fourth Request, Item 21, Attachment 21A. item.
  - a. Explain the circumstances under which an employee would be asked to sign the agreement referenced in part G. of Board Policy No. 712.0.

**Response**

Nolin generally requires employees taking postsecondary courses to sign the agreement referenced in part G. of Board Policy No. 712.0. This is done to ensure substantial and ongoing educational expenses may be appropriately recovered by Nolin in the event an employee leaves employment shortly after such expenses are incurred. Nolin intends to amend the Policy to clarify the specific circumstances under which employees are requested to sign the agreement.

- b. Explain whether any employees signed such an agreement for any training opportunity identified in Item 2 of this request.

**Response**

No employees were asked to sign such an agreement in connection with the training opportunities referenced in Item 2, as each of those opportunities was limited to a single day/event or otherwise did not warrant that such an agreement be signed. All employees who have signed the agreement referenced in part G. of Board Policy No. 712.0 did so specifically for postsecondary education expenses.