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Mission Statement
Blue Ridge will be a competitive, quality provider of energy and other services, maintaining its history of integrity and adapting to the challenges of a changing world. While exercising leadership in the community, the organization's focus will be on exceeding customer expectations.

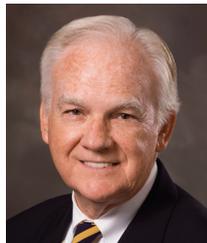
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Surge Guard protects valuable appliances and electronics

AS RESIDENTS OF Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative territory know so well, winter isn't the only part of the year that holds the potential for storm



trouble. With the approach of summer, we're now entering the thunderstorm season with its penchant for lightning strikes and brisk breezes that can inflict serious damage.

I'm glad that the cooperative has well-trained operations crews on the job and that we're also keeping our system of distribution lines in topnotch condition. Those are our first lines of defense against Mother Nature's wrath.

Over-voltage conditions

In addition, Blue Ridge offers its Surge Guard program, which enables members to take their own extra steps to protect valuable electronic devices and appliances against over-voltage occurrences. Such over-voltage conditions can be triggered by indirect lightning strikes, motors switching off and on, damage to power lines, and the like.

Our Surge Guard unit is an arrestor that can be installed on the member's meter base. There's a one-time \$50 installation fee for the arrestor and a monthly charge of \$6.50 for the

service, a charge that can be included on each power bill.

The package

The Surge Guard package includes the following items:

- ▶ Installation of the surge-protection device
- ▶ Measurement of existing ground resistance to ensure proper operation of the unit
- ▶ Installation of a new ground rod with a Cadweld connection, when needed
- ▶ Maintenance and inspections, as required, and at no additional charge
- ▶ Light-emitting diodes to monitor the health of the arrestor

While there's no device that can completely eliminate surges from entering a premises, a Surge Guard suppression unit can provide a great deal of help. If this service might be of interest, I encourage you to contact or visit your nearby Blue Ridge office for all the details.

Charles E. Dalton
President and CEO

Memorial Day closing

All Blue Ridge offices will be closed on Monday, May 30, to celebrate Memorial Day. Emergency crews will be on standby, and dispatchers will be answering the telephones around the clock. Have a safe and happy holiday as you remember the many who have given their lives for our country.

Blue Ridge Fest promises a night of fun

IT'S ALMOST TIME for the 19th Annual Blue Ridge Fest, and we are reserving a spot on the dance floor for you! With great music by Jay & The Americans (“Cara Mia” and “Come a Little Bit Closer”), Jimmy Beaumont and The Skyliners (“Since I Don’t Have You”) and the ever-popular, crowd-favorite Jim Quick and Coastline, this is one of the most popular group of entertainers to take the Blue Ridge Fest stage. CEO Charles Dalton is looking forward to this year’s event, “I dare anyone to come and not feel the need to get on the dance floor. We are excited to have these performers on stage singing their hits, and I really believe it will be a night to remember.”

If you have a classic car, come early, park close and enjoy all the admiring looks from the crowd. With special pricing, it’s the biggest and best cruise-in event around with gates opening at 3 p.m.



This entire night is fun, but most importantly, it’s a night that will benefit thousands of Upstate individuals and families through 12 local charities. The 2016 Fest recipients are Cancer Association of Anderson, Collins Children’s Home & Ministries, Center for Developmental Services, Dream Center of Pickens County, Dot’s Kitchen, Emerson Rose Heart Foundation, Feed A Hungry Child, Foothills Alliance, North Greenville Food Crisis Ministry, Rosa Clark Free Medical Clinic, Samaritan Health Clinic, and Wilderness Way Camp School. To date, more than \$2 million has been raised for charities such as these.

Blue Ridge Fest would not be successful without the support of the attendees and our very special group of sponsors. We thank and acknowledge them, and hope to see you on May 6. For complete information, visit blueridgefest.com.

Fest sponsors give generously

Many loyal sponsors make Blue Ridge Fest a priority year after year, while others are joining us for the first time. We appreciate their contribution to the success of Blue Ridge Fest, and thank them for responding so generously to the needs in our local areas.

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