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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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