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Dr. Johns substation comes on line

BY THE TIME your October edition of *South Carolina Living* arrives, we expect to be adding electrical load to

Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative's new Dr. Johns substation. Located next to U.S. Highway 123 in Oconee County, the facility is situated about halfway between the City of Westminster and the Georgia-South Carolina state line.

A great deal of both planning and construction has gone into this project. Dr. Johns has been outfitted with a 15-MVA transformer, and three new backbone feeder lines now emanate from its impressive structure. These three-phase circuits will supply power to about 2,100 Blue Ridge members. Having formerly been served by either our Westminster or Oakway substations or our Holly Springs metering point, these members are now positioned closer to their source of central-station power. That nearer proximity should afford those members even more dependable service than they were enjoying previously. The station's design also features bays that can accommodate three additional backbone feeders, as the area's future electrical-load growth might eventually warrant.

First leg

To supply the needed energy for the Dr. Johns station, the co-op's wholesale-power supplier, Central Electric Power Cooperative, has erected a seven-mile-long transmission line. This 100-kilovolt electricity carrier actually represents just the first leg of an even bigger undertaking. Preliminary work is already under way on an additional 9.4-mile-long transmission line that will ultimately tap onto this newly completed Dr. Johns transmission spur. The new extension will then feed into southern Oconee's Port Bass community.

Next, a three-mile stretch of existing



MARK WATERS

The new Dr. Johns substation is undergoing final testing before coming online, bringing service to 2,100 members in the Westminster area.

transmission line will be upgraded to 100-kilovolt capacity. That work will enable Blue Ridge to establish a transmission loop feed that will serve the majority of our members residing in Oconee County and some of our Anderson County members as well.

Target date

The target date for finishing these system improvements is December 2024. Once all the new infrastructure is in place, Blue Ridge will possess enormous back-feeding capabilities on this portion of our transmission grid. That would point to an even better level of service reliability for our members located within that large geographic expanse of the cooperative's assigned territory.

While the big spotlight is definitely on this particular example of progress, there are other enhancements to our Blue Ridge power delivery system that are also moving forward simultaneously. Our employee team's commitment is to deliver quality service and to keep getting better at what we do. This latest major advancement should provide ample proof that the cooperative is remaining true to that commitment.

JIM LOVINGGOOD
 President and CEO



Sign up for Beat The Peak before Dec. 15

TWO CHANCES TO WIN, twice in a year. Those odds make it worthwhile for Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative members signed up to receive Beat The Peak alerts.

It certainly paid off for Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative member Samuel Tapp of Pickens, who was our winner of a \$100 Visa gift card in June. Tapp's name was drawn from Blue Ridge members signed up to receive alerts that remind them to reduce energy use at their home.

All registrants will have another chance this December. Blue Ridge will again draw among participating members for the \$100 gift card. There will also be a drawing for a \$500 gift card among the over 62,000 members across South Carolina participating in Beat The Peak on Dec. 15.

Blue Ridge Co-op members who are not yet participating in Beat The Peak can easily sign up at BeatThePeak.com/peak-alerts using our online form. Just put in your name, select Blue Ridge Electric Co-op from the drop-down menu, and insert the contact information for how you want to receive peak alerts—phone call, e-mail and/or text message.

Members that register receive alerts projecting system-wide energy peaks—typically occurring in the late afternoon of high temperature days during the summer or cold winter mornings. By voluntarily delaying the use of large appliances, adjusting your thermostat or just turning off some lights during these peak times, you'll be helping to lower wholesale power costs.

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