



Thoughts From The General Manager/CEO

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A Thanksgiving Message.

In this month of Thanksgiving, we pause to take stock and count our many blessings.

We are thankful for the many truly good people that we are fortunate to have as members of Rio Grande ECI. We always enjoy seeing old friends and making new ones at our Annual Meeting. We are glad that so many take an active part in their cooperative and make it a point to attend such functions as Town Hall Meetings, Advisory Council Meetings, and the Annual Meeting.

We are thankful for the selflessness of our board of directors. Their concern for you, the members, is genuine. They frequently put their own lives and interests on hold to attend to cooperative business.

We are thankful for our devoted staff members at area offices throughout our service region. They are the backbone of your electric service, and none of the cooperative successes we enjoy would be possible without their hard work.

We are thankful for family, which gives support, encouragement, love, and direction to our lives.

We are thankful that we live in a country that pulls together in good times and bad, and that we help our fellow Americans and members of our global community.

We are thankful for the insightfulness of our forefathers. Their vision and value of the democratic process has served to benefit not only our country, but to provide the model for the cooperative way of life. Though there is always room for improvement, ours is a country in which each citizen has an equal voice and may, through the democratic process, say how their country is governed. It is a country in which we enjoy many freedoms and the responsibilities that come with those freedoms. The same democratic principles that make our country the strongest, most successful country on earth today, are the principles that also make your cooperative strong.

During this month of Thanksgiving, we encourage you to give thanks for the things that matter most in your life. If you include the cooperative among your blessings, that's fine, -- because we include you among ours. That's

"Your Home Team Advantage."