

**\*\*IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT\*\***

The Town of Pineville is pleased to announce that it has entered into an agreement with ElectriCities for the operational management of our Electric system beginning April 7, 2016. ElectriCities is a non-profit membership organization including public power communities throughout North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. ElectriCities provides these membership organizations with public power management, emergency assistance programs, economic development, government relations, marketing, and safety and skill training services. ElectriCities currently provides full operation and management for the Town of Huntersville and Town of Cornelius's Electric utility.

Pineville's electric operations will continue to be operated out of the existing Pineville operations center, with management oversight provided by ElectriCities' Electric System Manager located in the Huntersville/Cornelius operations center. The regional relationship with the Towns of Huntersville and Cornelius provide Pineville the unique opportunity to partner with a group that has proven to provide reliable, efficient, and safe power while allowing Pineville to maintain ownership and control of its electric utility.

Local customers should not experience any change; as Pineville's existing line staff will be joining ElectriCities to continue operations, while there will be no changes related to customer service, billing, or local response to issues. Even more importantly, this agreement will provide the Town with some operational efficiencies, meaning there will be no rate increases or additional costs to the Town or its electric customers as a result of the agreement.

The Town anticipates a smooth transition as this operational agreement will begin on April 7, 2016. If anyone has questions about this transition, please do not hesitate to contact Town Manager, Haynes Brigman at 704-889-4168.