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## Old Man Winter comes to Georgia

### How CFEMC Prepared, Responded, and Helps Members Stay Efficient

Winter made an early appearance across Georgia in late January, bringing freezing temperatures and the threat of significant ice from Winter Storm Fern. While many communities experienced widespread outages and hazardous conditions, Coweta-Fayette Electric Membership Corporation (CFEMC) is grateful that our service area was ultimately spared the worst of the storm.

In the days leading up to the event, CFEMC crews and operations teams worked diligently to prepare for the possibility of ice accumulation and power interruptions. Trucks were equipped, materials were staged, and response plans were activated to ensure we could move quickly if members needed us.

Although the storm shifted north and our system remained largely unaffected, we proudly sent CFEMC crews to assist co-ops in the harder-hit regions of North Georgia including Habersham EMC. Supporting fellow cooperatives is a longstanding tradition in the cooperative network, and we're honored to lend a hand when others are in need.

Even though we avoided the worst of the ice, the drop in temperatures will still drive higher energy use, especially as heating systems work harder to keep homes comfortable. Increased demand can lead to higher electric bills, making this the perfect time to check in on your energy habits.

To help you stay efficient this winter, we encourage you to visit our CFEMC YouTube channel and watch our energy-saving series, Watts Matter. The episodes offer quick, practical tips to help reduce energy consumption and manage winter heating costs.

Stay warm, stay safe, and as always—CFEMC is here for you.



CFEMC sent 12 linemen to assist Habersham EMC in North Georgia, who sustained crippling damage to their system.



Our crews were prepared by staging materials and loading trucks with necessary equipment to quickly restore power in case of a damaging ice event.

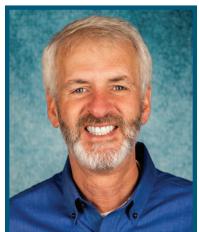


**Watts  
Matter**  
coweta-fayette emc

Why are winter bills higher? What thermostat settings should I use? Do space heaters cost more to use than your HVAC? You'll learn this and more ways to help you save on our YouTube channel! [Subscribe today!](#)



# Honoring a Legacy of Service: Alice Mallory Retires from CFEMC Board



Chris Stephens  
CEO

After more than three decades of service, Alice J. Mallory retired from the Coweta-Fayette EMC Board of Directors on December 22, 2025. Alice represented Fayette County on the board since 1994 and has been a steady, trusted voice for the cooperative's members throughout her 31-year tenure.

During her service, Alice played a key role in shaping CFEMC's policies, supporting sound governance, and advancing the cooperative principles that guide our organization. She was also an original director of the Coweta-Fayette Trust / Operation Round Up® Board and served in leadership roles at both the local and statewide levels within the electric cooperative community.

In addition to her service on the CFEMC Board, Mallory served on CFEMC's Finance Committee and Policy & Public Relations Committee, and contributed her leadership on the boards of CFEMC subsidiaries, including Relyco Resources, Inc. and True Natural Gas.

Mallory's influence extended well beyond the local level. She served for 19 years on the Georgia EMC Board of Directors, holding all three officer positions, and previously served as Secretary/Treasurer on the advisory boards of

Oglethorpe Power Corporation, Georgia Transmission Corporation, and Georgia System Operations Corporation. Her commitment to cooperative education and governance earned her numerous professional distinctions, including Credentialed Cooperative Director, Board Leadership certification, and Director Gold status.



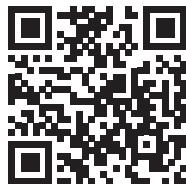
In accordance with CFEMC bylaws, the Board of Directors appointed Chuck Johnson to fill Alice's unexpired term, effective January 22, 2026. Chuck brings extensive financial and leadership experience, including service as Chairman of the Board for CFEMC subsidiary True Natural Gas, along with a strong commitment to community involvement.

The CFEMC Board of Directors extends its sincere appreciation to Alice Mallory for her years of dedicated service and looks forward to continuing to serve our members with the addition of Chuck Johnson.



*Mallory (third from left) has served on CFEMC's Board for 31 years. During her tenure, she has also served on the Boards of True Natural Gas and Relyco Resources.*

*Scan the QR code to watch a video about her and her vision for the members of CFEMC.*



## Why Does Your Energy Bill Jump in Freezing Temps?

Wonder why your energy bill skyrockets when it's freezing outside? When temps drop below 32°, heat pumps work harder and often switch to auxiliary heat—using up to 3X more energy. Cranking your thermostat too high can trigger emergency heat, which costs even more! Scan the QR code to see a video explaining this in more detail.



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