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ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES DISCONTINUE CONSOLIDATION TALKS

Jasper County REMC and Kankakee Valley REMC boards end discussions to consolidate the two organizations

The Jasper County REMC and Kankakee Valley REMC boards of directors have ended consolidation discussions. The boards of the consumer-owned, not-for-profit electric cooperatives have been examining a possible consolidation of the two strong organizations as a way to enhance service and provide savings to consumers.

“The boards felt the decision was not in the best interest of the two cooperatives’ consumers at this time,” said Kerry Miller, board president of Jasper County REMC.

“Our two electric cooperatives have always maintained a great relationship and will continue to do so even though we will not be consolidating our operations,” added Otto Werner, board president of Kankakee Valley REMC.

Consumers should expect no negative effects from this decision, as both cooperatives will continue as before.

The board of each cooperative remains committed to providing the best service possible to its consumers and will continue to review potential consolidation options in the future. Kankakee Valley REMC is also continuing its search for a new CEO to replace its longtime executive who retired last month.

Jasper County REMC, located in Rensselaer, Ind., is an electric utility cooperative serving over 7,500 consumers in Jasper and parts of White, Starke, Pulaski, Porter and Newton Counties. The electric cooperative maintains over 1,200 miles of line. For more information about the cooperative visit JasperREMC.com.

Kankakee Valley REMC, located in Wanatah, Ind., is an electric utility cooperative serving over 18,500 consumers in Starke and parts of LaPorte, Porter, Lake, St. Joseph, Pulaski and Marshall Counties. The electric cooperative maintains over 2,100 miles of line. For more information about the cooperative visit KVREMC.com.