

the Powerline

Fall 2014



To Our Customers,

In honor of our 75th anniversary of service, we pause to reflect on the history of Sevier County Electric System. From humble beginnings, SCES has grown from a small company of 3 employees serving 700 customers to a much larger operation of 100 employees serving over 55,000 customers and counting. In 1939, it would have been impossible to foresee this kind of growth in our system and in our communities.

Our location next to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, which serves more than 10 million visitors each year, has transformed rural Sevier County into a thriving tourist destination. SCES is now the 15th largest distributor of TVA electricity in the 7-state service territory and the 52nd largest public power utility in the country. We can attribute much of our system growth to the GSMNP along with the tireless efforts and cooperation of the different communities in our county.

As a public power utility, we are locally owned and operated for the good of our communities. Sevier County is an ever-growing and changing landscape, but our focus continues to remain on meeting the needs of our customers by providing safe, reliable electricity at the lowest possible cost.

We look forward to what the future holds for Sevier County Electric System, with a confidence based on the accomplishments of the last 75 years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Richard L. Harrell'.

Richard L. Harrell, CPE
Superintendent



Sevier County Electric System has had the honor of serving the people of this area for the past 75 years. During the month of September, we invite you to join us in celebrating the stories from our history. Drop by to see the tools of our trade, historical photos, and a poignant video documentary, all on display in our lobby.

SCES takes pride in our accomplishments, but at the heart of this company is its people — both employees and customers. We are thankful to be your electric provider and look forward to serving you for the next 75 years and beyond.



The power behind our community since 1939.