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49<sup>th</sup> Annual North Carolina Association of Municipal Electric Systems  
Engineering and Operations Conference  
& 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Lineman's Rodeo

Dear Municipal Member:

On behalf of the NCAMES Board of Directors, I would like to extend a special invitation for you to attend the 49th Annual North Carolina Association of Municipal Electric Systems (NCAMES) Engineering and Operations Conference being held on Monday, May 17 through Thursday, May 20, 2010 at the Hickory Convention Center in Hickory, NC and 13th Annual Linemen's Rodeo being held on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at the American Legion Fair Ground in Newton, NC.

In recognition of the current economy we have been able to continue the cost to attend the conference this year to \$150 per attendee. This includes attendance all 4 days at the conference along with the vendor luncheon, rodeo luncheon, awards/social and business luncheon. In addition we are offering a Spouse/Guest Registration which includes the vendor luncheon, rodeo luncheon, awards/social and business luncheon.

Blocks of rooms have been reserved at the Courtyard by Marriott located beside the Convention Center (828-267-2100) @ \$109.00 per night plus tax. Reservations should be made directly with the hotels and are not included in the registration fee. When calling the hotel, please let the staff know that you are with NCAMES in order to get the special rate.

Enclosed you will find a Pre-registration form, Golf tournament information, and Clay Shooting information. Also enclosed are a list of vendors that supported NCAMES in 2009, a location map, and a draft of the Annual Conference Program. Registration must be turned in by Thursday, April 15, 2010. Please note on the golf tournament and Clay Shooting forms – The teams will be vendor sponsored again this year. If you are interested in participating and need help filling or finding a team, please sign up and the tournament committee will assist you with pairings as needed. Registration forms can also be found on our website: [www.ncames.com](http://www.ncames.com)

Based on input from our members we have divided the informational sessions on Tuesday and Thursday into two tracks: a "Technical Track" geared towards directors, engineers and technical personnel, and a "Field Track" geared towards lineman, supervisors and field personnel. Of course you are free to attend any session in either track based on your needs and the subject. We are asking that

you indicate how many employees will be attending each session. We will also be sending an attendance list back to each municipality so you can confirm your employees attended the sessions.

The "Vendor Area" will be open from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Tuesday. A Vendor Luncheon will be held from 11:00 to 1:00 to ensure municipal participants have sufficient time to visit with the vendors.

The NCAMES Annual Meeting is an excellent way to network with associates and peers from across the state as well as to review the newest products and technologies available through local vendors. We look forward to seeing you in Hickory, NC.

Sincerely yours,

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