



A Power Upgrade for Efficiency

The Goodridge family [recently made a big switch in the energy](#) that powers their 50-year-old sawmill in Albany. [Read more.](#)

Drones: Helping VEC with maintenance, restoration

VEC's now using drones to proactively inspect lines to identify trouble spots early, and also post-storm to help us get the power back on faster. [Learn how we are increasing efficiency and safety with this technology](#) in our recent webinar. You can also check out some of the co-op's other innovation projects [here](#).

High variety at VEC's Annual Meeting on May 10

VEC's electricity procurement strategy was a key topic at [VEC's Annual Meeting](#) as VEC leaders examined how and why the co-op chooses certain types of power—like wind, solar, natural gas, biomass, and others—while keeping both climate goals and affordability top-of-mind. There was a drone demonstration, some F150 Lightning electric fleet vehicles on display, and Board of Directors election results were announced, too. [Read more.](#)

Heads up, Operators, Power Lines Pose Risk

Operating equipment that can extend upwards into the air – like dump trucks, excavators, backhoes, even aluminum ladders – can pose a serious a hazard to operators if they don't keep an eye out for overhead lines. [Here's a sobering story](#) that took place on a farm in another state but is relevant here, too.



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