P.O. BOX 301, Sumterville, Florida 33585-0301

December 21, 2023

## Dear District 9 Member:

SECO Energy invites you to attend a District 9 Meeting\* on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at Spring Creek Elementary School at 44440 Spring Creek Road, Paisley, FL 32767. Registration and voting begin at 4:30 p.m. and the Business Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

The purpose of the District Meeting is to elect a Trustee to represent District 9 members on the SECO Energy Board of Trustees in accordance with the SECO Energy Bylaws Article III, Section G, paragraph 1. As the District's incumbent Trustee, I am seeking re-election. I and any member seeking candidacy must submit a letter of intent to run. Read page two for candidacy instructions and election compliance.

All who register and vote will receive a door prize! We are also giving away three \$250 bill credits and twenty \$25 bill credits – simply register and vote to be eligible to win. Because seating is limited inside the facility, SECO Energy offers drive-thru registration and voting.

For a chance to win additional incentives, join us from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at our Business Meeting. Seating is limited, email Communications@SECOEnergy.com to participate. Include your name, service address and contact phone and email address.

Bring this notice or your SECO bill and photo ID to the meeting. Visit SECOEnergy.com>Your Coop>District Map and Meeting the week prior to the Meeting to read your District 9 candidates' questionnaires. SECO Energy will not endorse any candidate.

Thank you in advance for your participation in the cooperative business model. It is our privilege to serve your family's energy needs.

Sincerely,

Morgan Hatfield Secretary-Treasurer/District 9 Trustee

Morgan Hatfield

## TRUSTEE ELECTION CANDIDACY:

• Mail a letter of intent to run to:

SECO Energy Attn: CEO Office P.O. Box 301 Sumterville, FL 33585-0301

- Meet Bylaws qualifications (Article IV, Section B)
- Reside in the District
- Submit to a background check
- Answer a short, written questionnaire

Bylaws are posted at SECOEnergy.com>Your Co-op>Bylaws. Paper copies are available at our five Member Service Centers, or you can request a mailed copy.

Letters of intent must be received at the Corporate Headquarters within fifteen (15) days after the date of this notice. Candidates are not permitted to use the SECO Energy logo on campaign materials.

## THE FOLLOWING REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS ENSURE ELECTION COMPLIANCE:

- Only the person, or the spouse of the person, whose name appears on the official Cooperative records may register to vote at a District Meeting. Members with more than one account may only vote once.
- Each member or member's spouse must present their identification at the time of registration.
- Voting by members other than members who are natural persons (e.g. corporations or other entities) shall be allowed upon presentation of satisfactory evidence entitling the person to vote on behalf of the member.
- \* Per Florida Statute Chapter 425, electric cooperatives that hold District Meetings for the purpose of electing Trustees must require the members of the District to vote in person.