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A Message From The General Manager/CEO

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“We are blessed, as a people, beyond anything we could hope or imagine.”

Soon we will collectively celebrate Thanksgiving in so many different ways. Although the method of celebration may be different, the setting may be different, the memories may be different, the weather may be different; at the core, there is a commonality that makes our differences unimportant. The commonality of which I speak is a thread that is woven throughout the blanket of thankfulness that will soon warm every American heart; God's tender mercy and bountiful provisions.

We are blessed, as a people, beyond anything we could hope or imagine. I am not naïve in this, I understand that there are those in America who have less and suffer more than any of us would want. And yet—in adversity there can and should be thankfulness. You will never find yourself so sad you could not be sadder nor so sick that you could not be sicker, nor so poor that you could not be poorer, therefore be thankful. Please purpose in your heart this year to be truly thankful no matter what the adversity. This year, make it your desire to look beyond what is obvious and see what is actual.

Last year when I wrote this column, I mentioned that my wife had been diagnosed with breast cancer. What was obvious to us is the fact that cancer, in any form, is very frightening; what was actual is the unfailing love of God. And so we were thankful. We celebrated as we always have and we were held close by family and friends. This year it is with great joy that I tell you Darlene went through all the treatments and surgery and is doing very well. The pathology that was performed following her surgery was completely negative. In other words, no malignant cells in the lymph nodes, as was the case prior to chemotherapy, no malignant cells in the tissue that was removed and no tumor at all!

What a difference a year can make. Last year what was only hope, this year is reality. Last year what was unseen, this year bears witness to all for which we have to be thankful. And you can believe one thing for sure—we are thankful. Remember to be thankful in seed time and harvest; in plenty or with little, because being thankful is the framework of the bridge that will transport you to the other side of your adversity.

I know when each of you examine your life you will discover that you, too, are blessed. I sincerely hope, when you consider all you are thankful for, that Rio Grande Electric Cooperative will be among those blessings. Please know that we are thankful for you. We have the distinct privilege of serving some of the finest folks in Texas.

From the Board of Directors and employees, please accept our wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.