

# **@T YOUR SERVICE**

## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Big things are happening at Paris BPU, and we are excited to share some of them with you in this newsletter.

Infrastructure improvements are in full swing! We are adding a transmission line and upgrading one of our distribution substations. These key enhancements will strengthen reliability and resiliency for years to come.

Our first Customer Academy in 2024 was a huge success, and we are ready for an encore in 2025! We'll be filling the 2025 roster in the coming weeks—don't miss your chance to be part of this exciting program. Get your application in today!

Fast, reliable internet is on its way to our community! We are thrilled to be part of bringing this service to you. Learn more inside this issue.

At Paris BPU, it is both a pleasure and honor to serve you. We hope you will share in our excitement as we continue to make big things happen!

Terry Wimberley, President & CEO



#### TEC AND BPU BEGIN FIBER CONSTRUCTION

Employees from Paris BPU and TEC gathered on Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, to mark the beginning of construction on fiber infrastructure that will bring high-speed fiber internet to Paris and parts of Henry County.

Paris BPU will maintain and service the infrastructure while TEC will act as the internet service provider to customers. The project will make high-speed fiber internet available to over 10,000 residents and businesses with connections starting later this year. This is only one of the ways that this project will positively impact the community. Grid modernization will enhance Paris BPU's ability to monitor and control critical functions across the water, wastewater, and electric departments.

Those who are interested can go to **www.tec.com/paris-bpu** where you can enter your address, contact information, and pre-register for service.



# WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REHAB

We are investing in our community by making critical upgrades to keep our services reliable for years to come. One major milestone this year is the Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 2 Rehabilitation, which is on schedule for an end-of-year completion date.



## **SUBSTATION REHAB**

Renovation of the India Road substation has begun. Initially constructed in 1973, all critical components within the station will be replaced. The \$2.7M investment is the next in a series of substation rehab projects that Paris BPU has planned and executed. The substation will be out of service for a few months while work is ongoing but customers will see no impact from the change. As your public utility, we understand the assignment to make sure infrastructure is sustainable to bring you the essential services that you expect.



### 69 kV TRANSMISSION LINE

Construction of the new 69kV transmission line between the Eagle Creek TVA delivery point and our Puryear Substation is underway. If you have traveled along Hwy 140 East, you have noticed the right-of-way has been widened to accommodate the 10-mile line. Completion of the project is expected in the spring of 2026. With the new line in service, Paris BPU will be better able to balance system load and respond to system challenges with greater resiliency.



Applications Open
June 1<sup>st</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>

#### PARIS BPU CUSTOMER ACADEMY RETURNS

Applications are now open for the second ever BPU Customer Academy. Last year's program was a success, and we are excited to offer this opportunity for customers once again. Participants will have the opportunity to learn more about Paris BPU and what goes into keeping our community safe, healthy, and powered. To apply, find more information, or read testimonials from past class members, visit www.parisbpu.com/events or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.