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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Albemarle EMC Hires General Manager

Gary Ray has been named general manager of Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation.

He replaces Brad Furr, who resigned his position as general manager in November of 2010.

Ray will report to the co-ops' board of directors and will be responsible for overseeing all functions of the electric cooperative. A graduate of N.C. State University, Ray worked three years for Albemarle EMC as manager of engineering. Prior to coming to Albemarle EMC, Ray served 21 years at Jones Onslow Electric Membership Corporation, in Jacksonville, N.C.

"The Albemarle EMC Board of Directors had a strong pool of candidates from which to choose," said L.A. Harris, president of Albemarle EMC. "The board felt that Gary's engineering background and knowledge of the cooperative's infrastructure made him an ideal fit to fill the general manager's position."

Zach Bray served as interim general manager prior to Ray's promotion. Harris commended Bray for his splendid work overseeing the cooperative during the transition. "On behalf of the board, I want to thank Zach Bray, who did a superb job of serving as interim general manager." Harris said.

Albemarle EMC has 36 employees and more than 12,000 members. The co-op's service territory includes Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden and a small section of Currituck County.