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Darryl Strother promoted to Energy Resources Electric Operations Manager

Rocky Mount, N.C. – City Manager Rochelle Small-Toney has selected Darryl Strother to fill the vacancy of electric operations manager for the city of Rocky Mount Energy Resources department. The department is responsible for electric and natural gas service, load management, energy audits, area lights and tree trimming.

Strother has worked in the electric industry since 1984. Strother is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering. Strother previously worked as the distribution planning engineer for Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority before coming to the city of Rocky Mount in 2002. Strother began working for the city as an electrical engineer and was promoted to electric distribution manager in 2004. Strother held the position of electric distribution manager until he was promoted to interim electric operations manager in July 2019.

“For the past 18 years, Daryl Strother has served the city of Rocky Mount with diligence and professionalism,” City Manager Rochelle Small-Toney said. “I have no doubt that he will continue to do the same in his new role.”

As electric operations manager, Strother’s duties include overseeing the daily operations and budgets for the Energy Resources electric and engineering divisions, which include the overhead and underground line construction crews, substations, load management, generators, the electric meter shop and the electric staking engineers. Strother is also responsible for the safety and training of employees in these divisions.

“I feel truly blessed to be selected for the electric operations manager position,” Strother said.

Strother currently serves on the following boards within the electric industry: Safety and Training Committee for the North Carolina Association of Municipal Electric Systems (NCAMES); ElectriCities of North Carolina Inc. Operations Standards Committee; Advisory Board for the Nash Community College Electric Line Construction Technology program; and the Demonstration of Energy and Efficiency Developments (DEED) Board for the American Public Power Association (APPA).

About Rocky Mount

The city of Rocky Mount, located in the Coastal Plains of North Carolina, was incorporated in 1867 and lies in Edgecombe and Nash Counties. Rocky Mount is a two-time All-America City on the Tar River. Serving as the Gateway to Eastern North Carolina, the city's 875 employees serve approximately 58,000 residents daily.

The city’s mission is to advance community well-being, safety and quality of life by delivering excellent public services and actively collaborating with the community toward a fulfilling and inspired future for its citizens. As a publicly owned utility, the city of Rocky Mount is committed to safe, reliable service for its customers and operates in Nash and Edgecombe counties, providing customers with electricity, natural gas, water, wastewater (sewer), refuse, recycling and/or stormwater services. To learn more, visit www.rockymountnc.gov for news and updates.

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