



# **ELECTION PROCESS**

**for**

## **ELECTRICITIES BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **2015**

*(Note: The 2015 election process is substantially the same as that which was: Adopted 8/26/95 by NCMPA1 Board of Commissioners; Adopted 8/23/95 by NCEMPA Board of Commissioners; Adopted 2/14/96 by the non-power agency member cities; Amended 8/9/96 by NCMPA1 and NCEMPA Boards of Commissioners; Amended 11/18/10 by the Non-Power Agency Member Cities)*



**VIA ELECTRONIC & US MAIL**

File 1110.1

TO: Commissioners, Alternate Commissioners, Mayors and City Managers  
of Participating Municipalities of North Carolina Municipal Power Agency Number 1

FROM: Strib Boynton, Chairman, NCMPA1 Board of Commissioners

SUBJECT: Nominations to the Joint Board of Directors

DATE: September 10, 2015

The North Carolina Municipal Power Agency Number 1's procedure for electing directors to the ElectriCities' Board of Directors calls for the nomination process to open now and close on October 15, 2015. Elections will take place at the November 17, 2015 meeting of the Power Agency.

This year NCMPA1 will elect two directors to the Board of Directors. Four of NCMPA1's six directors must be affiliated with a participant city. All four of the directors whose terms of office do not expire in 2015 are affiliated; therefore, neither of the two directors to be elected this year must be affiliated with a participant city. One of the directors will be elected by weighted vote and one by majority vote. Nominations must indicate whether a nominee is affiliated with a participant city and whether the nominee is nominated in the weighted or majority vote category. A candidate may be nominated in both categories. Nominations for directors to be elected by the Power Agency must be made by a commissioner or, if the commissioner is unable to act (nominate), then one of the appointed alternate commissioners can nominate in lieu of the commissioner. Commissioners and alternate commissioners are urged to seek input from mayors, managers, and council members. The two directors whose terms expire on December 31, 2015, are:

- D. Ronald Hovis, Cherryville, serves in a majority vote seat and is not eligible for re-election to the Board.
- Latimer B. Alexander IV, High Point, serves in a weighted vote seat and is eligible for re-election to the Board.

The work of the ElectriCities Board is extremely important. We need well-qualified individuals who can devote the necessary time to agency business to serve on this Board. The Board typically meets once a month. Please give thoughtful consideration to your nominations. We hope there will be candidates with broad-based experience in business and/or technical areas; who have demonstrated vision, creativity, and leadership skills; have professional or vocational experience that demonstrates qualifications to serve; and have the time, commitment, and desire to serve.

Attached is the nomination process which includes a nomination form. Nominations must be received by 5:00 p.m. on October 15, 2015, at the ElectriCities main office. Please mark the envelope to the attention of David Barnes, Re: Elections. Please attach the nominee's resume or job history to the nomination form. Feel free to make copies of this form. Nomination packets with complete information on all nominees will be mailed to you on or about October 20, 2015.

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Attachments

cc: Board of Directors  
Senior Staff

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## QUALIFICATION OF DIRECTORS

It is important that the Board of Directors be composed of individuals who have the best qualifications to represent the Power Agency and ElectriCities. To that end, each individual nominated should offer a balance of technical and/or business skills and experience that will serve the Power Agencies' and ElectriCities' best interests.

Four (4) of the six (6) directors elected by each Power Agency must be:

- 1) an electric utility ratepayer of a participant,
- 2) an elected or appointed official of a participant, or
- 3) an employee of a participant.

The other two (2) directors elected by each Power Agency need have no such affiliation.

A similar affiliation requirement applies to each director elected by the non-power agency members of ElectriCities.

Recognizing that the objective is to have a strong, diversified board, capable of dealing with the complex business of directing the affairs of both Power Agencies and ElectriCities, here are some qualifications that should be considered:

- 1) broad-based experience in business and/or technical areas;
- 2) demonstrated vision, creativity, and leadership skills;
- 3) professional or vocational experience that demonstrates qualifications to serve; and,
- 4) time, commitment and desire to serve.

The term of office of a director is three (3) years. A director may serve two consecutive terms of office.

## NOMINATIONS

Each Power Agency is entitled to elect two (2) directors to the Board of Directors to fill the seats of the directors whose terms expire December 31, 2015. Nominations shall be made for each of two (2) separate voting categories: (i) a "weighted vote" category, and (ii) a "majority vote" category. One (1) director will be elected in each category. There will not be an election in 2015 for Non-Power Agency Board Members since neither of the two terms expires.

Nominations for directors to be elected by the Power Agencies must be made by a commissioner or, if the commissioner is unable to act (nominate), then one of the appointed alternate commissioners can nominate, in lieu of the commissioner, by written, signed nomination received by an Assistant Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners. Mayors, managers, and council members are urged to make their desires known to their commissioners or alternate commissioners, as the case may be, with respect to nominees. Commissioners and alternate commissioners are urged to seek the guidance of their mayors, managers, and council members in making nominations. There is no limit to the number of nominations that may be made.

Copies of the nomination and election procedure, together with a written nomination form, will be mailed to each commissioner, alternate commissioner, and to the mayor and city manager of each Power Agency municipality and Non-Power Agency municipality on or about September 10, 2015. Names and background information of all nominees will be mailed to each commissioner, alternate commissioner, mayor, and city manager of each Power Agency municipality and Non-Power Agency municipality on or about October 20, 2015.

Elections will be held at the November Board of Commissioners meeting of each Power Agency. Those meetings are: November 17, 2015 for NCMPA1 and November 18, 2015 for NCEMPA.



## ELECTIONS OF DIRECTORS

The election of directors by the Power Agencies shall be conducted at a meeting of the Power Agencies' Boards of Commissioners to be held at the November 2015 meetings. At these meetings, and prior to the election, the floor will be open for comments any commissioner or alternate commissioner or any representative of any Power Agency participant wishes to make with respect to any nominee. Voting shall be by signed ballot, with separate elections being conducted for i) one (1) director in the "weighted vote" category, and ii) one (1) director in the "majority vote" category.

This process requires that four (4) of the six (6) agency directors be affiliated with a Power Agency participant. For NCMPA1 this election cycle, four directors whose terms of office do not expire in 2015 are affiliated with a Power Agency participant. Therefore, neither director elected this year must be affiliated with a participant city. For NCEMPA, four directors whose terms of office do not expire in 2015 are affiliated, so neither director elected by NCEMPA in 2015 must be affiliated with a participant city.

Each voting commissioner shall be entitled to vote his/her weighted votes in the "weighted vote" ballot and his/her single vote in the "majority vote" ballot. It shall not be a requirement for election that a candidate receive a majority of the votes cast. In the event two or more nominees are tied in the number of votes received, subsequent ballots will be conducted until a candidate receives the highest number of votes.

At the November Board of Commissioners' meetings, the secretary-treasurer of each Power Agency will be designated voting inspector, and, with the chairman and legal counsel, shall conclusively determine all questions pertaining to the conduct of the elections.

## SCHEDULE

On or about September 10	Mail election process and nomination form to all members
October 15	Nominations close and are due in ElectriCities office by 5:00 p.m.
On or about October 20	Mail nomination packets to NCMIPA1 and NCEMPA Commissioners
November 17	NCMIPA1 elections
November 18	NCEMPA elections

*If you have questions about nominations and elections, please call David Barnes at 800-768-7697, ext. 6337.*