

December 7, 2006

Star City leader named to Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas

Little Rock, Ark. – Dec. 7, 2006 – The Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas recently inducted Gerald I. “Buddy” Steed of Star City into the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas Pioneer Wall of Fame. Steed has served on the board of C&L Electric Cooperative since 1982 and served on the Ouachita Electric Cooperative board of directors for 13 years. Steed has served as board president, vice president, and secretary/treasurer during his 24-year tenure on the C & L Electric Board of Directors as well as a representative of the cooperative on the boards of Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation, Arkansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. and ERMCO.

Steed is a retired county executive director for the Farm Service Agency in Lincoln County. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Star City, Star City Chamber of Commerce, Lincoln County Farm Bureau, Branchville #256 Masonic Lodge, and is a 32nd degree Mason as well as a Shriner.

He is married to the former Nelda Gray Brockman. They have two sons, Drew and Brock; a daughter, Lee Ann Boren; and five grandchildren, Samuel, Seth and Hannah Gray Boren and Kyle and Lukas Steed.

The Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas Pioneer Wall of Fame Awards program was established in 2002 to recognize the dedication and efforts of directors of Arkansas 17 electric cooperatives.

To receive this special recognition, a director must have a minimum of 35 years of service on their local distribution cooperative board. The Pioneer Wall of Fame awards are presented each year at the Directors’ Winter Conference.

Since the program was established, 43 men have been recognized.

Honorees are presented an award plaque and have their names listed on a special Wall of Fame at the AECC/AECI headquarters in Little Rock.

The Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas comprise 17 electric distribution cooperatives; Arkansas Electric Cooperatives Inc. (AECI), a Little Rock-based cooperative that provides various services to the distribution cooperatives; and Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corp. (AECC), a generation and transmission cooperative. The distribution cooperatives provide electricity to approximately 460,000 members, or customers, in Arkansas and surrounding states.

For additional information, contact:

Rob Roedel, Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas, 501.570.2296 or rroedel@aeci.com

www.ecark.org