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# HANCOCK-WOOD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

A Touchstone Energy<sup>®</sup> Cooperative 

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022



## Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative

news and recap of 2021 and 2022

*along with*

The auditors report  
consolidated financial  
statements and  
supplementary information



*2021-22 Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative Board  
of Trustees*

# A POWERFUL VALUE FOR 84 YEARS

## HISTORY

The countryside was left in the dark in the early 1930s, even though electricity was common in cities across the nation. Most rural residents were farmers who had to pump water by hand, see at night by oil lamps, and heat food and homes with wood or coal stoves. It was a labor-intensive life. Despite farmers' pleas, privately owned power companies would not extend electric service to rural areas because they claimed houses were too far apart and farmers would not use enough electricity to make it profitable.

The Rural Electrification Administration was formed in 1935 to administer a program that would encourage companies to extend power to rural areas by offering low-interest loans. Even with such attractive financing, private companies did not get involved.

Instead, farmers formed cooperatives to do the job themselves. In northwest Ohio, organizers started a drive to get electricity in 1937. Hancock-Wood was founded April 20, 1938, and the first lines were electrified in 1939.

Since then, the co-op has grown and membership has become plentiful and diverse. Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative now spans 1,700 miles of line, serving more than 13,000 members and residential, business and non-profit accounts in 10 counties, including portions of Hancock, Wood, Allen, Erie, Hardin, Henry, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca and Wyandot counties. Throughout its history, the cooperative has offered reliable, affordable services, supported economic development through infrastructural and community investment, and contributed to local causes within the communities it serves. to make a positive impact within the communities it serves.

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# EXECUTIVE MESSAGES



Gene Barker  
Board Chairman

Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative had another successful year. I would first like to thank our past CEO and President George Walton for his commitment to his position and work he achieved at the cooperative during his time. He will be missed, and we wish him the best in his retirement. With George announcing his retirement in July of 2021, the Board put their succession plan into action. Bill Barnhart was named our interim CEO and President in July and made permanent in November of 2021. Bill has been with the cooperative for 24 years and previously served as our VP of Engineering and Operations.

The board of trustees worked to help implement some key strategic goals for the staff at Hancock-Wood Electric. Those goals included:

- Sustaining a culture of safety
- Formulating strategies to protect HWE's service territory and promote economic development within our communities.
- Identifying opportunities to promote member and community engagement
- Rates and Costs
- Continued investment in our electric plant to prioritize electric service reliability for our members.

I'm happy to report, the staff at Hancock-Wood has completed 80% of the management initiatives associated with these goals, with all the goals being completed by the end of 2022. The board will meet to discuss new strategic goals for the future to help move our cooperative forward.

ACSI is the American Customer Satisfaction Index. We partner with the National Rural Electric Cooperatives to conduct this annual survey and we are happy to share, in 2021 we received a score of 86 from our members.

One of the Cooperative Principles is Members' Economic Participation. Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of this cooperative. With that in mind, the Board approved to return over \$2.3M in patronage to our members in 2021.

The cooperative has established an active role in economic development by establishing Partners Inc. Through Partners Inc activities, the cooperative was able to secure service territory and provide electric service to a new commercial member, RL Carriers. Construction is to commence this summer, and we look forward to collaborating with the new business member.

Partners was also able to provide financing to purchase property on Quarry Road, near North Baltimore. Partners was able to secure a relationship with RMF Nooter and plans are being made for construction of a 100,000 square foot industrial facility.

Lastly, Northpoint Development, also in the North Baltimore area, continues to promote the site by the CSX intermodal. Construction was recently completed for one the cooperative's newest members; UPS and we look forward to continuing to grow our commercial member base in this area.

I want to thank you for allowing me to serve as board chairman and as a trustee representing District 4. It is an honor and a privilege to serve you.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gene R. Barker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gene Barker  
Board Chairman, Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative

# EXECUTIVE MESSAGES



William Barnhart  
President and CEO

I am grateful for this opportunity to serve the members as the new and 7th President and CEO of Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative. We want to thank George Walton for his 24 years of service to the cooperative and I would like to personally thank him for his assistance during the leadership transition. I am looking forward to working with the board and making changes to benefit our co-op members and employees.

On June 8, 2021, our cooperative family received some tragic news. Something no one could expect, we lost an employee. Clayton Hoepf was a lineman at Hancock-Wood for 10 years. Not only was he a dear friend to everyone at the coop, but he was also a dad, a husband, a son, a brother and so much more. He is missed every day at our cooperative and I would like to ask you to please continue to keep his family and friends in your prayers.

HWE's primary goal is to deliver the highest possible quality of electric service, safely, at a fair price. The key measure of quality in the eyes of our members is the number of times their lights go out. In 2021, the average member experienced 1.3 outages and a total of 101 outage minutes for the year. Hancock Wood crews responded quickly and safely to address outage issues. Even though our electrical system totals almost 1,587 miles of line and covers ten counties, the average length of an outage was only 77 minutes. Those numbers place us in the top 25% for outage performance among cooperatives in the nation. Our crews were not only available 24/7 to respond to electric service issues for our members, but they also provided mutual aid to Rappahannock Cooperative in Virginia and South Central and Washington cooperatives in southern Ohio. By reaching out to assist other electric cooperatives with outage restoration, our crews demonstrate the Cooperative Principle of Cooperation among Cooperatives.

To address member demand for renewable energy sources; Buckeye Power, in collaboration with Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative, is developing an expansion to OurSolar, a community solar program developed and operated by Ohio's Electric Cooperatives. OurSolar is a green energy option that is available to cooperative members. The expansion began in Fall of 2021. A cooperative-based approach to solar power is a cost-effective solution for members seeking a green energy option without the up-front investment in costly solar panels and installation fees.

The cooperative, led by your Board of Trustees, continues to plan for the future. The engineering and finance departments finalized a construction work plan for years 2022 thru 2025. The work plan details the cooperative's construction activities for the next four years and provides \$26.4M in financing from our lender, RUS.

In collaboration with the construction work plan, our Information Systems department completed a Technology Work Plan. The new Technology Work Plan will provide a guide and template for the how the cooperative will leverage technology to improve the member experience.

While the cooperative plans for the future, the operations department continues to upgrade and replace those facilities, utilized to provide our members with electric service. A combination of Hancock Wood crews and contract crews were utilized to complete the 2021 rebuild program. Almost thirty miles of old and obsolete overhead distribution lines were replaced for approximately \$2M. Hancock Wood crews also completed substation improvement projects at Marion and West Findlay substations.

Over the past three years, the cooperative has investigated the issue of fiber to the home for our members. We understand our rural members need a high-speed internet connection, unfortunately, two separate studies revealed it was too costly for Hancock-Wood to install fiber on our own. Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative is happy to announce we agreed to terms with Amplex Internet that will allow Amplex to provide fiber-optic internet service throughout our service territory. Fiber service provides speeds up to 1,000 Mbps (gigabit fiber) and is the most reliable type of internet connection. The first phase of construction began in January of 2022, as crews evaluated utility poles and placement of fiber equipment. The first areas to receive fiber-based internet were Kelleys Island and the Bowling Green area. The first cooperative member to receive broadband services across this new fiber network was the West Bay Inn on Kelleys Island.

Finally, our subsidiary Prism Propane continues to grow and change with the retirement of George Walton, who was the COO prior. Prism moved into their new facility during the summer of 2021. John Hutchison has been promoted to oversee Prism as the new operation manager. Kaley McCoy oversees the financial side of the business as the current CFO/office manager.

Prism has been committed to creating a better experience for their customers and recently launched a new website. Customers can pay their bill online, request a delivery or service and submit a question to the customer service team. The new website remains the same name, [www.prismpropane.com](http://www.prismpropane.com).

I would like to thank you for supporting our board of trustees, cooperative, and employees. We strive every day to serve our members by keeping the lights on and rates affordable for our membership.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Barnhart". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

William Barnhart  
President and CEO, Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative



# Hancock-Wood Member Benefits

## Rebates

Our programs provide **money back to members** who install energy-efficient appliances, use resource-saving features and participate in demand-reduction programs. Combined, these programs gave members

**\$51,887**

*back in 2021.*

## Money Back to members

Capital credits are a portion of the revenue after expenses – **money credited back to you** in proportion to your electricity use. Typically, this credit is applied to your December bill. In 2021,

**\$2.3 million**

*was given back.*



Operation Round Up has given back more than

**\$849,230**

since its inception to local nonprofit organizations.

## OURSOLAR

The OurSolar community array has produced over

**606,536.56 kWh**

of electricity since being installed in October 2016.

## Energy Efficiency Programs

Energy audits and blower door tests are free and business rebate programs such as LED lighting were upgraded, resulting in

**\$112,295**

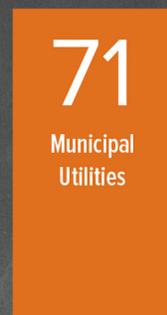
in energy savings for members in 2021.



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Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative is just that - a cooperative organization. Our partners help us to provide services in a more effective and efficient manner. Because of this, we thank the following industry leaders that help shape the words “electric cooperative” into an entity you can trust.

National Rural Electric Cooperative Association - [nreca.coop](http://nreca.coop)

Touchstone Energy Cooperatives - [touchstoneenergy.com](http://touchstoneenergy.com)

Ohio's Electric Cooperatives - [ohioec.org](http://ohioec.org)

Cooperative Action Network - [voicesforcooperativepower.com](http://voicesforcooperativepower.com)

Youth Tour - [generationon.org/teens/opportunities/nreca-youth-tour](http://generationon.org/teens/opportunities/nreca-youth-tour)

CoBank (a cooperative lending institution) - [cobank.com](http://cobank.com)



Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
and Subsidiary

Consolidated Financial Statements  
with  
Additional Information

Years Ended March 31, 2022 and 2021

# HANCOCK-WOOD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

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## **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Board of Directors  
of Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary

### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### ***Opinion***

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary, which comprise the consolidated balance sheets as of March 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related consolidated statements of revenue, consolidated statements of changes in member's equity, and consolidated statements of cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary as of March 31, 2022 and 2021, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### ***Basis for Opinion***

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

### *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements*

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

***Supplementary Information***

We were engaged for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information provided on pages 23-28 is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management. The information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have issued our report dated May 24, 2022 on our consideration of Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

*LWG CPAs & Advisors*

LWG CPAs & Advisors  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
May 24, 2022

# HANCOCK-WOOD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

March 31, 2022 and 2021

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
UTILITY PLANT IN SERVICE, NET	\$ 104,275,334	\$ 102,931,787
INVESTMENTS	22,117,512	22,461,668
DEFERRED ASSETS	339,712	437,091
GOODWILL	731,892	731,892
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	3,085,959	1,840,210
Accounts receivable, consumer, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$213,215 for 2022 and \$778,155 for 2021	4,080,951	3,743,929
Materials and supplies	1,671,043	873,000
Prepaid expenses	386,295	348,521
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>9,224,248</u>	<u>6,805,660</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 136,688,698</u>	<u>\$ 133,368,098</u>

## MEMBERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES

LONG-TERM DEBT, less current portion	\$ 48,881,131	\$ 46,153,155
CAPITAL LEASE OBLIGATIONS, less current portion	395,020	268,142
RETIREMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS	2,890,716	3,001,239
DEFERRED TAX OBLIGATIONS	179,541	243,351
MEMBERS' EQUITY		
Patronage capital/retained earnings	76,360,728	73,354,426
TOTAL MEMBERS' EQUITY	<u>76,360,728</u>	<u>73,354,426</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	2,791,916	2,665,482
Accrued expenses	559,573	817,696
Line of credit	-	2,300,000
Customer prepaid liabilities	324,521	245,558
Current portion of long-term debt	2,539,523	2,620,973
Current portion of capital lease obligations	131,379	140,110
Accrued taxes	1,415,474	1,337,147
Customer deposits	219,176	220,819
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>7,981,562</u>	<u>10,347,785</u>
TOTAL MEMBERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 136,688,698</u>	<u>\$ 133,368,098</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

# HANCOCK-WOOD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF REVENUE

Years Ended March 31, 2022 and 2021

	Amount		Percent	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
OPERATING REVENUES	\$ 54,459,932	\$ 49,456,685	100.0	100.0
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Purchased power/cost of sales	32,945,885	28,807,156	60.5	58.1
Operations	2,461,105	2,300,312	4.5	4.7
Maintenance	1,414,404	1,418,078	2.6	2.9
Customer account expense	484,498	519,854	0.9	1.1
Administrative and general expense	5,802,708	5,071,624	10.7	10.3
Depreciation	4,366,270	4,436,259	8.0	9.0
Taxes other than income taxes	1,475,267	1,462,715	2.7	3.0
Income taxes				
Deferred	(63,810)	27,612	(0.1)	0.1
Currently payable	-	60,127	-	0.1
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	48,886,327	44,103,737	89.8	89.3
OPERATING MARGINS BEFORE OTHER ITEMS	5,573,605	5,352,948	10.2	10.7
OTHER OPERATING ITEMS, NET				
Patronage revenue	1,335,323	1,531,612	2.4	3.2
Interest expense	(1,964,086)	(2,018,618)	(3.6)	(4.1)
TOTAL OTHER OPERATING ITEMS, NET	(628,763)	(487,006)	(1.2)	(0.9)
OPERATING MARGINS	4,944,842	4,865,942	9.0	9.8
NON-OPERATING ITEMS, NET				
Gain (loss) on disposition and exchange of property and equipment	96,158	71,147	0.2	0.1
Interest and dividend revenue	43,073	48,157	0.1	0.1
All other, net	138,007	748,867	0.3	1.6
TOTAL NON-OPERATING ITEMS, NET	277,238	868,171	0.6	1.8
NET MARGINS	\$ 5,222,080	\$ 5,734,113	9.6	11.6

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# HANCOCK-WOOD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Years Ended March 31, 2022 and 2021

	Amount		Percent	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
NET MARGINS	\$ 5,222,080	\$ 5,734,113	9.6	11.6
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME				
Unrealized gain (loss) on postretirement benefit obligation	<u>143,854</u>	<u>24,387</u>	<u>0.3</u>	<u>0.0</u>
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	<u>\$ 5,365,934</u>	<u>\$ 5,758,500</u>	<u>9.9</u>	<u>11.6</u>

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## HANCOCK-WOOD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' EQUITY Years Ended March 31, 2022 and 2021

	Total	Patronage Capital Assigned	Patronage Capital Assignable	Donated Capital	Unallocated Margins	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Retained Earnings
BALANCE, March 31, 2020	\$ 68,734,009	\$ 70,027,852	\$ (10,453,057)	\$ 1,627,690	\$ 6,085,709	\$ (857,468)	\$ 2,303,283
Net margins	5,734,113	-	5,390,073	-	-	-	344,040
Transfers at 12/31/2020	-	5,641,317	(2,439,603)	-	(4,019,087)	-	817,373
General retirement of capital credits	(1,069,629)	(1,059,173)	-	-	-	-	(10,456)
Estates	(171,702)	(268,065)	-	96,363	-	-	-
Voided capital credit	103,248	-	85,999	17,249	-	-	-
Unrecognized postretirement benefit cost	24,387	-	-	-	-	24,387	-
BALANCE, March 31, 2021	\$ 73,354,426	\$ 74,341,931	\$ (7,416,588)	\$ 1,741,302	\$ 2,066,622	\$ (833,081)	\$ 3,454,240
Net margins	5,222,080	-	5,353,840	-	-	-	(131,760)
Transfers at 12/31/2021	-	3,184,777	(2,586,399)	-	(598,378)	-	-
Retirement of capital credits/dividends	(2,332,448)	(2,317,446)	-	-	-	-	(15,002)
Estates	(230,674)	(340,312)	-	109,638	-	-	-
Voided capital credits	203,490	-	192,990	10,500	-	-	-
Unrecognized postretirement benefit cost	143,854	-	-	-	-	143,854	-
BALANCE, March 31, 2022	\$ 76,360,728	\$ 74,868,950	\$ (4,456,157)	\$ 1,861,440	\$ 1,468,244	\$ (689,227)	\$ 3,307,478

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

# HANCOCK-WOOD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Years Ended March 31, 2022 and 2021

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Cash received from consumers	\$ 54,122,910	\$ 49,665,401
Cash paid to suppliers and vendors	(45,208,607)	(39,472,786)
Interest and dividends received	42,201	48,157
Interest paid	(1,964,086)	(2,018,618)
All other, net	<u>(18,855)</u>	<u>748,867</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>6,973,563</u>	<u>8,971,021</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Acquisition of utility plant in service, net	(5,613,659)	(7,189,854)
Proceeds from sale of utility plant in service	-	67,029
Purchase of deferred assets	(56,409)	(56,409)
Proceeds from sale/redemption of investments	<u>1,700,513</u>	<u>1,316,105</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	<u>(3,969,555)</u>	<u>(5,863,129)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Repayments on borrowings	(2,216,774)	(8,926,363)
Borrowings of long-term funds	5,000,000	6,564,595
Borrowings on line of credit	(2,300,000)	1,300,000
Borrowings on capital lease obligations	315,875	339,254
Repayments on capital lease obligations	(197,728)	(151,821)
Retirement of capital credits/dividends	<u>(2,359,632)</u>	<u>(1,138,083)</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u>(1,758,259)</u>	<u>(2,012,418)</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	1,245,749	1,095,474
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>1,840,210</u>	<u>744,736</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 3,085,959</u>	<u>\$ 1,840,210</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

# HANCOCK-WOOD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Years Ended March 31, 2022 and 2021

	2022	2021
RECONCILIATION OF NET MARGINS TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net margins	\$ 5,222,080	\$ 5,734,113
Non-cash items		
Depreciation	4,366,270	4,436,259
Amortization	153,788	341,785
Patronage revenue / non-cash revenue	(1,335,323)	(1,531,612)
(Gain) loss on sale or exchange of property and equipment	(96,158)	(71,147)
K-1 investment income	(21,034)	-
PPP loan forgiveness	(136,700)	-
Deferred tax benefit	(63,810)	50,220
Decrease (increase) in assets		
Accounts receivable, consumer	(337,022)	208,716
Materials and supplies	(798,043)	78,728
Prepaid expenses	(37,774)	166,218
Increase (decrease) in liabilities		
Accounts payable	126,434	(84,411)
Deferred credits	-	(510,553)
Customer deposits	(1,643)	(23,349)
Customer prepaid liabilities	78,963	(1,258)
Post retirement expense	33,331	33,925
Accrued expenses	(179,796)	143,387
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ 6,973,563	\$ 8,971,021

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# HANCOCK-WOOD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Years Ended March 31, 2022 and 2021

### 1. Summary of significant accounting policies

The significant accounting policies followed by Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary are summarized below.

Principles of consolidation – The accompanying consolidated financial statements reflect the consolidated accounts of the Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary (the “Cooperative” or “HWE”) and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Prism Solutions, Inc. (“Solutions”), collectively the “Company”. Solutions wholly owns Prism Propane Services of Ohio, LLC (“Propane”). All significant intercompany transactions have been eliminated.

Nature of operations – HWE is a not-for-profit rural electric membership cooperative, engaged principally in the distribution and sale of electricity in Hancock, Wood and nine surrounding counties in Northwest Ohio. The Subsidiary is a for-profit corporation engaged in the distribution of propane gas and related products.

Accounting records – HWE maintains its books and records in accordance with policies prescribed or permitted by the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Services (RUS). The applicable uniform system of accounts prescribed by these regulatory bodies conform in all material respects with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to rate regulated utilities.

Use of estimates – The preparation of these consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying disclosures. These estimates include, but are not limited to, allowance for doubtful accounts, long-lived asset impairment, unbilled revenue, the effects of regulation, and long-lived asset recovery. The estimates and assumptions used are based on management’s evaluation of the relevant facts and circumstances as of the date of the consolidated financial statements. Actual results could ultimately differ from those estimates.

Utility plant – Distribution plant is stated at original cost. Such cost includes materials and supplies, direct and indirect labor, allocable overhead, and asset retirement costs. Upon the partial sale or retirement of distribution plant assets, the original asset cost and current disposal costs less sales proceeds, if any, are charged or credited to accumulated depreciation. In accordance with industry practice, no profit or loss is recognized in connection with normal sales and retirements of property units. General plant is stated at fair market value at acquisition plus the original cost of property acquired or constructed since the acquisition, less disposals. Additions, major replacements and betterments are added to the plant accounts. Maintenance and repair costs are charged to expense as incurred. Both distribution and general plant do not include capitalized interest during construction. Although the capitalization of interest during construction is GAAP, the effect on the consolidated financial statements is immaterial.

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### **1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

Depreciation – Depreciation is recorded on the composite basis for distribution plant and the unit basis for general plant, and is charged to capital and operating accounts at rates adopted by the Board of Directors. HWE's straight-line depreciation rates are as follows: distribution plant, 2.7 - 3.2%; transmission plant, 2.75%; structures and improvements, 2.0 - 20.0%; transportation equipment, 12.5 - 14.28%; office furniture and fixtures, 6.66 - 33.33%; and other general plant, 3.6 – 6.0%.

Goodwill – In 1998, the acquisition of a 50% interest in Propane resulted in the recognition of goodwill in the amount of \$731,892. An annual assessment for impairments is performed as of the balance sheet dates. Based on this analysis, management determined that goodwill was not impaired as March 31, 2022 and 2021.

Cash and cash equivalents – HWE considers all short-term deposits and highly liquid investments with an original maturity date of three months or less to be cash and cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents consist of demand deposits and money market funds. At times such investments may be in excess of the FDIC insurance limits.

Accounts receivable customer – Customer accounts receivable include receivables from the sales to its electric and propane customers. Credit is extended based on evaluation of a customer's financial condition; sometimes a deposit is required based on these evaluations. Accounts receivable are due within 30 days and are stated net of an allowance for doubtful accounts. Accounts that are outstanding longer than the contractual payment terms are considered past due. Interest is not charged on delinquent account balances. Management determines its allowance by considering a number of factors, including previous loss history, the customer's current ability to pay its obligation and the condition of the general economy and industry as a whole. The Company writes-off accounts receivable when they become uncollectible, and payments are subsequently received on such receivables are credited to the allowance of doubtful accounts.

Investments in associated organizations – Investments in associated organizations are carried at cost plus the share of patronage capital credits allocated, reduced by distributions received.

Materials and supplies – Materials and supplies include items used in the distribution of energy to consumers and propane gas inventories. They are carried at average cost.

Deferred charges – Deferred charges represent costs incurred, which are chargeable to future periods. These costs are amortized to operations by the straight-line method over the period of benefit. See Note 7 for further information.

Patronage capital – HWE is operated on a cooperative not-for-profit basis for the mutual benefit of its members. Accordingly, annual operating revenues, in excess of the cost of providing service, are allocated in the form of capital credits to the member's capital accounts on the basis on patronage.

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### **1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

Revenue recognition – HWE has adopted Accounting Standards Codification Topic 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (“Contract Revenue”). Under Contract Revenue, a performance obligation is a promise within a contract to transfer a distinct good or service, or a series of distinct goods and services, to a customer. Revenue is recognized when performance obligations are satisfied and the customer obtains control of promised goods or services. The amount of revenue recognized reflects the consideration to which the HWE and subsidiary expects to be entitled to receive in exchange for goods or services. The adoption of the Contract Revenue standard did not result in any prior period adjustments. See Note 12 for further information on Contract Revenue

Taxes on revenue producing transactions – It is the Company’s policy to show revenues as net income on the Consolidated Statements of Revenue after sales tax payments to government entities.

Income taxes – HWE operates as a not-for-profit organization as provided for in Section 501(c)(12) of the Internal Revenue Code, and therefore, is exempt from income taxes. Solutions is a for profit corporation and as such, files a Form 1120 corporate income tax return annually. As such, a provision has been made for deferred income taxes for Solutions. See Note 11 for further information on income taxes.

Accounting for uncertain tax positions – The Company follows “Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes.” The generally accepted accounting principal provides detailed guidance for the consolidated financial statement recognition, measurement and disclosure of uncertain tax positions recognized in an enterprise’s financial statements. The accounting principal requires an entity to recognize the consolidated financial statement impact of a tax position when it is more likely than not that the position will be sustained upon examination. The adoption of this accounting principal does not have a material effect on its financial position, results of operations or cash flows as the Company does not believe they are taking any uncertain tax positions.

Subsequent events – Subsequent events have been evaluated through the date of the Independent Auditor’s Report, the date of which the consolidated financial statements were available for distribution.

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### 2. Utility plant in service, net

Utility plant in service consists of the following:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Cost		
General plant	\$ 22,116,547	\$ 22,017,038
Transmission plant	414,062	412,104
Distribution plant	104,606,730	100,447,395
Propane property and equipment	9,299,677	8,921,203
Construction in progress	1,715,996	3,927,975
	<u>138,153,012</u>	<u>135,725,715</u>
Accumulated depreciation	<u>33,877,678</u>	<u>32,793,928</u>
UTILITY PLANT IN SERVICE, NET	<u>\$ 104,275,334</u>	<u>\$ 102,931,787</u>

The aggregate depreciation charged to operations was \$4,366,270 for 2022 and \$4,436,259 for 2021. The depreciation policies followed by the Company are described in Note 1.

Utility plant in service is pledged to secure long-term debt as described in Note 5.

### 3. Investments in associated organizations

Investments in associated organizations consist of the following:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Patronage capital		
Buckeye Power, Inc.	\$ 20,008,940	\$ 20,437,360
National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC)	248,947	254,311
Rural Electric Supply Cooperative	125,720	119,678
CoBank	583,040	538,450
Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange	251,684	238,633
Capital term certificates issued by CFC	630,548	632,530
All other	268,633	240,706
	<u>22,117,512</u>	<u>22,461,668</u>
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	<u>\$ 22,117,512</u>	<u>\$ 22,461,668</u>

The accounting policies for recognition of patronage revenue are described in Note 1.

Investments are pledged to secure long-term debt as described in Note 5.

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### 4. Fair value measurement

The Company follows generally accepting accounting principles relating to accounting for fair value measurements and disclosures. These principles define fair value, establish a framework for measuring fair value and expand disclosures on fair value measurements. Disclosure is required surrounding the various inputs that are used in determining the fair value of the Company's investments. These inputs are summarized into three broad levels listed below.

Level 1 - quoted prices in active markets for identical securities

Level 2 - other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risks, etc.)

Level 3 - significant unobservable inputs (including the Company's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments.)

Investments in other entities are unsecured and measured using level 3 inputs. Factors such as historical and project financial results economic conditions, financial conditions of investee, and other factors and events subject to change are considered in the determination of fair value. Because of the inherent uncertainty in level 3 inputs, the values of assets required to be valued in this manner are subject to a higher degree of uncertainty and variability.

Investments held at March 31, 2022 and 2021, valued at \$22,117,512 and \$22,461,668, respectively, are valued with level 3 inputs, due to the nature of the investment (investments in other cooperatives/associations). No gains or losses have been recognized for the period on the level 3 investments. Increases resulting from patronage totaled \$1,335,323 and \$1,531,612 for the years ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. Increases resulting from additional purchases totaled \$21,034 and \$0 for the years ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. Redemptions of level 3 investments totaled \$1,700,513 and \$1,316,105 for the years ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

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### 5. Long-term debt

Long-term debt consists of the following:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
1.753% - 5.22% notes, payable to RUS in quarterly installments of approximately \$530,000, including interest, with final maturities ranging from 2036 to 2052. Secured by all assets.	\$ 32,648,621	\$ 28,319,486
2.33% - 6.30% notes, payable to CoBank in quarterly and monthly installments of approximately \$46,000 and \$150,000, including interest, with final maturities ranging from 2023 to 2039. Secured by all assets.	18,372,494	19,801,732
6.60% note, payable to CFC in quarterly installments of approximately \$26,000, including interest, with final maturity in 2029. Secured by all assets.	399,539	516,210
1.00% note, issued by First Federal Bank of the Midwest in relation to the Paycheck Protection Program. Full amount of loan was forgiven on April 7, 2021 under the term of the agreement.	<u>-</u>	<u>136,700</u>
Total long-term debt	51,420,654	48,774,128
Less current portion	<u>2,539,523</u>	<u>2,620,973</u>
LONG-TERM DEBT, less current portion	<u>\$ 48,881,131</u>	<u>\$ 46,153,155</u>

The future maturities of long-term debt are as follows:

2022	\$ 2,539,523
2023	2,012,678
2024	2,067,020
2025	2,144,135
2026	1,860,448
Thereafter	40,796,850

The loan agreements require the Company to meet certain financial ratios, which have been met as of March 31, 2022. As of March 31, 2022 and 2021, HWE has funds invested with RUS in a cushion of credit account that is used to reduce the principal balance of the RUS debt. The balance at March 31, 2022 and 2021 was \$0 and 322,387, respectively. Funds earn interest at 4%.

Unadvanced long-term loan fund are available to HWE from RUS in the amount of \$14,400,000.

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### **5. Long-term debt (continued)**

In May 2020, Propane received loan proceeds in the amount of \$136,700 under the Paycheck Protection Program established by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act"). The loan was subject to a note dated May 4, 2020. Propane applied for and was notified on April 7, 2021 that \$136,700 in eligible expenditures for payroll and other expenses described in the CARES Act has been forgiven.

HWE maintains a perpetual line of credit with CFC in the amount of \$3,850,000 bearing an interest rate of 2.45%. There was no outstanding balance at March 31, 2022 and 2021. HWE also has a line of credit with CoBank with a maximum borrowing capacity of \$5,700,000. The outstanding balance was \$0 and \$2,300,000 at March 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. The interest rate was 2.78% and 2.41% at March 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. The CoBank line of credit matures on January 31, 2023.

Propane has a line of credit with CoBank up to \$1,700,000. The interest rate as of March 31, 2022 and 2021 was 2.78% and 2.41%, respectively. The line of credit expires on January 31, 2023. The balance was \$0 at both March 31, 2022 and 2021.

### **6. Capital lease obligations**

HWE and Propane has leased certain equipment with CoBank, which is being accounted for as capital leases. The present value of future minimum lease payments under the leases and the corresponding liability has been recorded in the financial statements under utility plant and capital obligation, respectively. Amortization of the lease property is included in depreciation expense.

Total cost of the equipment financed was approximately \$1,029,352 and \$881,704 as of March 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. Accumulated depreciation was \$434,245 and \$406,915 as of March 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

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### **6. Capital lease obligations (continued)**

The future minimum lease payments under capital lease together with the present value of the net minimum lease payments as of March 31, 2022 are as follows:

Year Ended March 31,		
2023	\$	143,324
2024		112,164
2025		107,882
2026		80,606
2027		75,591
Thereafter		<u>45,509</u>
Total future minimum lease payments		565,076
Less amounts representing interest		<u>38,677</u>
Present value of net minimum lease payments		526,399
Less current portion of capital lease obligations		<u>131,379</u>
Long-term capital lease obligations	\$	<u><u>395,020</u></u>

### **7. Deferred charges and credits**

The following is a summary of deferred charges and credits as of March 31:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Prepaid pension	\$ 125,100	\$ 290,257
Work plan and system studies	<u>214,612</u>	<u>146,834</u>
TOTAL DEFERRED CHARGES	<u>\$ 339,712</u>	<u>\$ 437,091</u>

The prepaid pension is being amortized over ten years on the straight-line method. Work plan and system studies are being amortized over the life of the plan, from four years to ten years. Deferred charges are amortized to operations.

### **8. Retirement plans**

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Retirement Security Plan (RS Plan) is a defined benefit pension plan qualified under Section 401 and tax-exempt under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. It is a multiemployer plan under the accounting standards. The plan sponsor's Employer Identification Number is 53-0116145 and the Plan Number is 333.

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### **8. Retirement plans (continued)**

A unique characteristic of a multiemployer plan compared to a single employer plan is that all plan assets are available to pay benefits of any plan participant. Separate asset accounts are not maintained for participating employers. This means that assets contributed by one employer may be used to provide benefits to employees of other participating employers.

HWE and Propane contributions to the RS Plan in 2022 and in 2021 represented less than 5 percent of the total contributions made to the plan by all participating employers. HWE and Propane made contributions to the plan of approximately \$737,000 in 2022 and \$710,000 in 2021.

In the RS Plan, a “zone status” determination is not required, and therefore not determined, under the Pension Protection Act (PPA) of 2006. In addition, the accumulated benefit obligations and plan assets are not determined or allocated separately by individual employer. In total, the Retirement Security Plan was over 80% funded on both January 1, 2022 and 2021 based on the PPA funding target and PPA actuarial value of assets on those dates.

Because the provisions of the PPA do not apply to the RS Plan, funding improvement plans and surcharges are not applicable. Future contribution requirements are determined each year as part of the actuarial valuation of the plan and may change as a result of plan experience.

At the December 2012 meeting of the I&FS Committee of the NRECA Board of Directors, the Committee approved an option to allow participants in the RS Plan to make a contribution prepayment and reduce future required contributions. The prepayment amount is a company’s share, as of January 1, 2013, of future contributions required to fund the RS Plan's unfunded value of benefits earned to date using RS Plan actuarial valuation assumptions. The prepayment amount will typically equal approximately 2.5 times a company’s annual RS Plan required contribution as of January 1, 2013. After making the prepayment, for most companies the billing rate is reduced approximately 25%, retroactive to January 1, 2013. The 25% differential in billing rates is expected to continue for approximately 15 years. However changes in interest rates, asset returns and other plan experience different from expected, plan assumption changes and other factors may have an impact on the differential in billing rates and the 15 year period.

In addition, HWE also participates in the NRECA 401(k) plan, a multi-employer defined contribution plan. All employees who have been employed in excess of six full months are eligible to participate in the contributory plan. HWE makes matching contributions up to 5% for all eligible employees hired prior to June 1, 2007. HWE also makes matching contributions up to 6% for all eligible employees hired on or after June 1, 2007. HWE’s contribution expense was \$173,079 and \$160,142 for 2022 and 2021, respectively.

### **9. Postretirement benefits other than pensions**

HWE sponsors an unfunded defined benefit postretirement medical insurance plan, which covers substantially all employees retiring from HWE who were hired prior to January 1, 2004. The accounting for the health care plan anticipates future cost-sharing equal to 30% of the premium cost paid by the employee. A study was last prepared as of March 31, 2022.

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### 9. Postretirement benefits other than pensions (continued)

The accumulated postretirement benefit obligation was \$2,890,716 and \$3,001,239 at March 31, 2022 and 2021. The accumulated other comprehensive income was (\$689,227) and (\$833,081) at March 31, 2022 and 2021. The accrued benefit cost of \$2,057,635 and \$2,168,158 as of March 31, 2022 and 2021. The plan assets were \$0 for 2022 and 2021. The following table details the net periodic benefit cost for 2022 and 2021.

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Service cost	\$ 81,497	\$ 77,997
Interest cost	100,124	100,253
Net prior service cost amortization	(121,100)	(121,100)
Net loss / (gain) amortization	<u>113,353</u>	<u>110,861</u>
Net periodic benefit cost	<u>\$ 173,874</u>	<u>\$ 168,011</u>

Amounts recognized in the current period as comprehensive income include the following:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Net actuarial gain / (loss)	\$ 151,601	\$ 34,626
Amortization of gain / (loss)	113,353	110,861
Prior service amortization	<u>(121,100)</u>	<u>(121,100)</u>
Net periodic benefit cost	<u>\$ 143,854</u>	<u>\$ 24,387</u>

Amounts recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income include the following:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Net actuarial loss / (gain)	\$ 1,146,027	\$ 1,410,981
Net prior service cost / (credit)	<u>(456,800)</u>	<u>(577,900)</u>
Net periodic benefit cost	<u>\$ 689,227</u>	<u>\$ 833,081</u>

The estimated net loss that will be amortized from accumulated other comprehensive income into net periodic benefit cost of the next year is \$96,071. The estimated prior service cost that will be amortized from accumulated other comprehensive income into net periodic benefit cost over the next year is (\$121,100).

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### 9. Postretirement benefits other than pensions (continued)

The study used a weighted average discount rate of 4.00% at March 31, 2022 and 3.50% at March 31, 2021. For measurement purposes, a 6.40% annual rate of increase in the per capita cost of covered health care benefits was assumed for 2022. The rate was assumed to gradually decrease to 5.00% in the year 2028 and remain at that level thereafter.

The following benefit payments, which reflect expected future service, are expected to be paid to the plan participants: 2023 - \$175,693; 2024 - \$178,559; 2025 - \$190,242; 2026 - \$150,325; 2027 - \$184,635; 2028-2032 - \$874,061.

Mortality rates used in the study were: Healthy - Pri-2012 (headcount-weighted) tables, projected generationally with Scale MP-2021 and Disabled - Pri-2012 disabled annuitant tables, projected generationally with Scale MP-2021.

### 10. Commitments

At times, Propane may enter into various propane supply agreements requiring purchase of specified quantities of propane. At March 31, 2022, Propane had two contracts to purchase propane, which require the purchase of 400,000 gallons of propane at prices ranging from \$0.95 per gallon to \$1.03 per gallon. At March 31, 2021, Propane had no contracts requiring purchases of propane. These contracts also required a deposit of \$0.10 to \$0.15 per gallon to be purchased, which Propane recorded as a prepaid asset in the balance sheet.

HWE is committed to purchase its electric power and energy requirements from Buckeye Power, Inc. under a wholesale power supply contract expiring in year 2057. The rates paid for such purchases are subject to review annually.

### 11. Income taxes

Solutions operates as a for profit corporation. The net deferred tax liabilities recorded at March 31, 2022 and 2021 are comprised of temporary timing differences resulting from differences between book and tax depreciation and the allowance for doubtful accounts.

The deferred tax assets (liabilities) are as follows at March 31:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Property and equipment	\$ (321,601)	\$ (365,415)
Net operating loss carryforward	133,321	-
Allowance for doubtful accounts	<u>8,739</u>	<u>122,064</u>
DEFERRED TAX LIABILITY	<u>\$ (179,541)</u>	<u>\$ (243,351)</u>

HWE and Solutions have open tax years for 2021, 2020, and 2019 for income tax filings. No interest or penalties related to income tax are included in these financial statements.

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### 12. Revenue recognition

Customer payments for contracts are generally due within 30 days of billing and none of the contracts with customers have payment terms that exceed one year; therefore, the Company has elected to apply the significant financing component practical expedient and no amount of consideration has been allocated as a financing component.

#### *Nature of products and services*

Revenue for HWE is generated primarily from electric services delivered to customers. These contracts contain a single performance obligation, the delivery of electricity, as the promise to transfer the individual good or service is not separately identifiable from other promises within the contracts and, therefore, is not distinct. Revenues are recognized over time, as services are provided. There are generally no significant financing components or variable consideration.

Propane earns revenues primarily through the sale of propane to residential and commercial customers and propane cylinders used in industrial applications. Additionally, Propane earns revenue through ancillary activities including line locating, maintenance charges, part sales, and similar services. Revenues are recognized at a point-in-time based on management's best depiction of when title, ownership and risk of loss pass to the customer. For propane and propane cylinder sales this generally occurs upon delivery of the product to the customer's on-site storage location. Revenues from any miscellaneous activities are recognized upon completion of the job or delivery of the product.

#### *Contract Balances*

Timing of revenue recognition may differ from the timing of invoicing to customers. HWE records unbilled receivables when revenue is recognized prior to invoicing and are included in accounts receivable. As of March 31, 2022 and 2021, HWE had unbilled revenues of \$2,028,059 and \$1,821,528, included in accounts receivable, respectively.

Propane customers may participate in the Company's "pre-buy" program which provides for the prepayment, at a fixed price, for future deliveries of propane. The Company does not consider this to take the form of a significant financing component given that the timing for future deliveries of propane are generally not in excess of one year from the time of the prepayment. Upon receipt of the prepayment from customers participating in the "pre-buy" program, the Company recognizes a corresponding liability for future deliveries. As of March 31, 2022 and 2021, the contract liability associated with the "pre-buy" program and prepaid propane are \$324,521 and \$245,558, respectively.

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### 12. Revenue recognition (continued)

The following table provides operating revenues disaggregated for the years ended March 31, 2022 and 2021.

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Residential electric	\$ 23,705,229	\$ 22,467,758
Commerical electric	25,186,835	22,338,835
Residential propane	3,705,321	3,036,219
Commercial propane	565,867	514,677
Propane cylinder	766,829	552,501
Other revenues	<u>529,851</u>	<u>546,695</u>
 TOTAL REVENUES	 <u>\$ 54,459,932</u>	 <u>\$ 49,456,685</u>

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**HANCOCK-WOOD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY**  
**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – 2022 CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**

	Consolidated Balance	Consolidating Entries	Cooperative	Solutions	Propane
UTILITY PLANT IN SERVICE, NET	\$ 104,275,334	-	\$ 100,372,719	-	\$ 3,902,615
INVESTMENTS	22,117,512	(4,283,169)	24,785,231	1,594,944	20,506
DEFERRED ASSETS	339,712	-	326,633	-	13,079
GOODWILL	731,892	-	-	731,892	-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	3,085,959	-	2,285,976	7,010	792,973
Accounts receivable, consumers	4,080,951	-	3,571,941	22,608	486,402
Materials, supplies and inventories	1,671,043	-	1,396,199	-	274,844
Prepaid expenses	386,295	-	292,959	-	93,336
Income tax receivable	-	(44,540)	-	44,540	-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	9,224,248	(44,540)	7,547,075	74,158	1,647,555
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 136,688,698	\$ (4,327,709)	\$ 133,031,658	\$ 2,400,994	\$ 5,583,755

See independent auditors' report.

**HANCOCK-WOOD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY**  
**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – 2022 CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**

	Consolidated Balance	Consolidating Entries	Cooperative	Solutions	Propane
LONG-TERM DEBT, less current portion	\$ 48,881,131	\$ -	\$ 47,644,366	\$ -	\$ 1,236,765
CAPITAL LEASE OBLIGATIONS, less current portion	395,020	-	81,631	-	313,389
RETIREMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS	2,890,716	-	2,890,716	-	-
DEFERRED TAX	179,541	-	-	179,541	-
PATRONAGE CAPITAL AND OTHER EQUITIES	76,360,728	(4,283,169)	75,115,945	2,175,543	3,352,409
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
Accounts payable	2,791,916	(44,540)	2,711,295	44,540	80,621
Accrued expenses	559,573	-	496,506	1,370	61,697
Customer prepaid liabilities	324,521	-	-	-	324,521
Current portion of long-term debt	2,539,523	-	2,484,904	-	54,619
Current portion of capital lease obligations	131,379	-	42,585	-	88,794
Accrued taxes	1,415,474	-	1,415,474	-	-
Customer deposits	219,176	-	148,236	-	70,940
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>7,981,562</b>	<b>(44,540)</b>	<b>7,299,000</b>	<b>45,910</b>	<b>681,192</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITIES AND LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 136,688,698</b>	<b>\$ (4,327,709)</b>	<b>\$ 133,031,658</b>	<b>\$ 2,400,994</b>	<b>\$ 5,583,755</b>

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**HANCOCK-WOOD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY**  
**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – 2022 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF REVENUE**

	<u>Consolidated Balance</u>	<u>Consolidating Entries</u>	<u>Cooperative</u>	<u>Solutions</u>	<u>Propane</u>
OPERATING REVENUES	\$ 54,459,932	\$ -	\$ 49,405,419	\$ -	\$ 5,054,513
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Purchased power/cost of sales	32,945,885	-	29,516,951	-	3,428,934
Operations	2,461,105	-	2,461,105	-	-
Maintenance	1,414,404	-	1,414,404	-	-
Customer account expense	484,498	-	484,498	-	-
Administrative and general	5,802,708	(15,001)	4,361,091	15,001	1,441,617
Depreciation	4,366,270	-	3,869,539	-	496,731
Taxes other than income taxes	1,475,267	-	1,468,970	-	6,297
Income taxes					
Deferred	(63,810)	-	-	(63,810)	-
Currently payable	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>48,886,327</u>	<u>(15,001)</u>	<u>43,576,558</u>	<u>(48,809)</u>	<u>5,373,579</u>
OPERATING MARGINS BEFORE OTHER ITEMS	<u>5,573,605</u>	<u>15,001</u>	<u>5,828,861</u>	<u>48,809</u>	<u>(319,066)</u>
OTHER OPERATING ITEMS, NET					
Patronage revenue	1,335,323	-	1,334,909	-	414
Interest expense	<u>(1,964,086)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,923,721)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(40,365)</u>
TOTAL OTHER OPERATING ITEMS, NET	<u>(628,763)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(588,812)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(39,951)</u>
OPERATING MARGINS	<u>4,944,842</u>	<u>15,001</u>	<u>5,240,049</u>	<u>48,809</u>	<u>(359,017)</u>
NON-OPERATING ITEMS, NET					
Gain (loss) on disposition and exchange of property and equipment	-	-	73,908	-	22,250
Interest and dividend revenue	43,073	-	41,330	3	1,740
All other, net	<u>138,007</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,447)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>139,454</u>
TOTAL NON-OPERATING ITEMS, NET	<u>277,238</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>113,791</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>163,444</u>
NET MARGINS	<u>\$ 5,222,080</u>	<u>\$ 15,001</u>	<u>\$ 5,353,840</u>	<u>\$ 48,812</u>	<u>\$ (195,573)</u>

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**HANCOCK-WOOD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY**  
**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – 2021 CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**

	<u>Consolidated Balance</u>	<u>Consolidating Entries</u>	<u>Cooperative</u>	<u>Solutions</u>	<u>Propane</u>
UTILITY PLANT IN SERVICE, NET	\$ 102,931,787	\$ -	\$ 99,088,057	\$ -	\$ 3,843,730
INVESTMENTS	22,461,668	(4,298,170)	25,124,032	1,609,945	25,861
DEFERRED ASSETS	437,091	-	413,550	-	23,541
GOODWILL	731,892	-	-	731,892	-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	1,840,210	-	416,249	7,007	1,416,954
Accounts receivable, consumers	3,743,929	(28,526)	3,366,680	22,608	383,167
Materials, supplies and inventories	873,000	-	770,995	-	102,005
Prepaid expenses	348,521	-	298,405	-	50,116
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	6,805,660	(28,526)	4,852,329	29,615	1,952,242
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 133,368,098	\$ (4,326,696)	\$ 129,477,968	\$ 2,371,452	\$ 5,845,374

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**HANCOCK-WOOD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY**  
**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – 2021 CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**

	<u>Consolidated Balance</u>	<u>Consolidating Entries</u>	<u>Cooperative</u>	<u>Solutions</u>	<u>Propane</u>
LONG-TERM DEBT, less current portion	\$ 46,153,155	\$ -	\$ 44,862,047	\$ -	\$ 1,291,108
CAPITAL LEASE OBLIGATIONS, less current portion	268,142	-	112,343	-	155,799
RETIREMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS	3,001,239	-	3,001,239	-	-
DEFERRED TAX	243,351	-	-	243,351	-
PATRONAGE CAPITAL AND OTHER EQUITIES	73,354,426	(4,298,170)	71,962,881	2,126,731	3,562,984
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
Accounts payable	2,665,482	(5,918)	2,515,874	-	155,526
Accrued expenses	817,696	(22,608)	739,134	1,370	99,800
Line of credit	2,300,000	-	2,300,000	-	-
Customer prepaid liabilities	245,558	-	-	-	245,558
Current portion of long-term debt	2,620,973	-	2,431,061	-	189,912
Current portion of capital lease obligations	140,110	-	66,442	-	73,668
Accrued taxes	1,337,147	-	1,337,147	-	-
Customer deposits	220,819	-	149,800	-	71,019
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<u>10,347,785</u>	<u>(28,526)</u>	<u>9,539,458</u>	<u>1,370</u>	<u>835,483</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITIES AND LIABILITIES</b>	<u>\$ 133,368,098</u>	<u>\$ (4,326,696)</u>	<u>\$ 129,477,968</u>	<u>\$ 2,371,452</u>	<u>\$ 5,845,374</u>

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**HANCOCK-WOOD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY**  
**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – 2021 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF REVENUE**

	Consolidated Balance	Consolidating Entries	Cooperative	Solutions	Propane
OPERATING REVENUES	\$ 49,456,685	\$ -	\$ 45,316,471	-	\$ 4,140,214
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Purchased power/cost of sales	28,807,156	-	26,752,113	-	2,055,043
Operations	2,300,312	-	2,300,312	-	-
Maintenance	1,418,078	-	1,418,078	-	-
Customer account expense	519,854	-	519,854	-	-
Administrative and general	5,071,624	(10,456)	3,853,139	10,456	1,218,485
Depreciation	4,436,259	-	4,018,665	-	417,594
Taxes other than income taxes	1,462,715	-	1,461,067	-	1,648
Income taxes					
Deferred	27,612	-	-	27,612	-
Currently payable	60,127	-	-	-	60,127
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	44,103,737	(10,456)	40,323,228	38,068	3,752,897
OPERATING MARGINS BEFORE OTHER ITEMS	5,352,948	10,456	4,993,243	(38,068)	387,317
OTHER OPERATING ITEMS, NET					
Patronage revenue	1,531,612	-	1,531,612	-	-
Interest expense	(2,018,618)	-	(1,974,908)	-	(43,710)
TOTAL OTHER OPERATING ITEMS, NET	(487,006)	-	(443,296)	-	(43,710)
OPERATING MARGINS	4,865,942	10,456	4,549,947	(38,068)	343,607
NON-OPERATING ITEMS, NET					
Gain (loss) on disposition and exchange of property and equipment	71,147	-	46,000	-	25,147
Interest and dividend revenue	48,157	-	46,007	3	2,147
All other, net	748,867	-	748,119	-	748
TOTAL NON-OPERATING ITEMS, NET	868,171	-	840,126	3	28,042
NET MARGINS	\$ 5,734,113	\$ 10,456	\$ 5,390,073	\$ (38,065)	\$ 371,649

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## REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH ASPECTS OF CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

Board of Directors  
Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary  
1399 Business Park Drive South  
North Baltimore, Ohio 45872

### Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary, which comprise the balance sheet as of March 31, 2022, and the related statements of revenue, comprehensive income, changes in members equity, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 24, 2022. In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 24, 2022, on our consideration of Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary' internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. No reports other than the reports referred to above and our schedule of findings and recommendations related to our audit have been furnished to management.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary failed to comply with the terms, covenants, provisions, or conditions of their loan, grant, and security instruments as set forth in 7 CFR Part 1773, *Policy on Audits of Rural Utilities Service Borrowers*, §1773.33 and clarified in the RUS policy memorandum dated February 7, 2014, insofar as they relate to accounting matters as enumerated below. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary' noncompliance with the above-referenced terms, covenants, provisions, or conditions of the contractual agreements and regulatory requirements, insofar as they relate to accounting matters. In connection with our audit, we noted no matters regarding Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary' accounting and records to indicate that Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary did not:

Maintain adequate and effective accounting procedures;

Utilize adequate and fair methods for accumulating and recording labor, material, and overhead costs, and the distribution of these costs to construction, retirement, and maintenance or other expense accounts;

Reconcile continuing property records to the controlling general ledger plant accounts;

Clear construction accounts and accrue depreciation on completed construction;

Record and properly price the retirement of plant;

Seek approval of the sale, lease or transfer of capital assets and disposition of proceeds for the sale or lease of plant, material, or scrap;

Maintain adequate control over materials and supplies;

Prepare accurate and timely Financial and Operating Reports;

Obtain written RUS approval to enter into any contract for the management, operation, or maintenance of the borrower's system if the contract covers all or substantially all of the electric system;

Disclose material related party transactions in the financial statements, in accordance with requirements for related parties in generally accepted accounting principles;

Record depreciation in accordance with RUS requirements (See RUS Bulletin 183-1, Depreciation Rates and Procedures);

Comply with the requirements for the detailed schedule of deferred debits and deferred credits; and

Comply with the requirements for the detailed schedule of investments, attached.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the board of directors, management, and the RUS and supplemental lenders and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.



LWG CPAs & Advisors  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
May 24, 2022



**Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters  
Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With Government Auditing  
Standards**

To the Board of Directors of  
Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary (the "Company") as of and for the years ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Company's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 24, 2022.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Company's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and recommendations that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

There is an absence of appropriate segregation of duties in certain accounting areas consistent with control objectives. The Company's response to the findings is the hiring of additional employees in order to segregate the duties may not be economically practical for the benefit to be derived. The Company's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Company's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **Purpose of This Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



LWG CPAs & Advisors  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
May 24, 2022



May 24, 2022

To the Board of Directors of  
Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary

We have audited the financial statements of Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary as of and for the year ended March 31, 2022, and have issued our report thereon, dated May 24, 2022. As part of our reporting requirements, the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) has requested that we make the following certification regarding loan fund expenditures:

Loan Funds - During the period of our audit, Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary received no long-term loan fund advances from CFC on loans controlled by the 100% CFC Electric Mortgage and Loan Agreement.

This letter supplements the information included in the financial statements and notes. It is intended solely for the use of management, the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation, and supplemental lenders and should not be used for any other purposes.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'LWG CPAs &amp; Advisors'.

LWG CPAs & Advisors  
Indianapolis, Indiana



May 24, 2022

Board of Directors  
Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary  
1399 Business Park Drive South  
North Baltimore, Ohio 45872

We have audited the financial statements of Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary as of and for the year ended March 31, 2022, and have issued our report thereon dated May 24, 2022. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

#### **Our Responsibility in Relation to the Financial Statement Audit**

As communicated in our engagement letter dated December 2, 2020, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to form and express an opinion about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of its respective responsibilities.

Our responsibility, as prescribed by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit of financial statements includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, as part of our audit, we considered the internal control of Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

We are also responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to communicate to you.

We have provided our comments regarding significant control and other matters noted during our audit in a separate letter to you dated May 24, 2022.

## **Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit**

We conducted our audit consistent with the planned scope and timing we previously communicated to you.

## **Compliance with All Ethics Requirements Regarding Independence**

The engagement team, others in our firm, as appropriate, and our firm have complied with all relevant ethical requirements regarding independence.

## **Significant Risks Identified**

We have identified the following significant risks:

Management override of controls – Due to the size of the Company and the limited accounting staff there is a significant risk of management override of controls.

Cash – The company receives cash and other forms of payment from customers and pays invoices to vendors. We consider this a significant risk, specifically related to misappropriation of assets.

Revenue recognition – Under AU-C Section 240, recognizing revenue is a presumed significant risk. We are required to identify if the Company properly recognized revenue based on Accounting Standards Codification Top 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers.

## **Qualitative Aspects of the Entity's Significant Accounting Practices**

### *Significant Accounting Policies*

Management has the responsibility to select and use appropriate accounting policies. A summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary is included in Note 1 to the financial statements. There have been no initial selection of accounting policies and no changes in significant accounting policies or their application during 2022. No matters have come to our attention that would require us, under professional standards, to inform you about (1) the methods used to account for significant unusual transactions and (2) the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

### *Significant Accounting Estimates*

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's current judgments. Those judgments are normally based on knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management's current judgments.

### *Financial Statement Disclosures*

Certain financial statement disclosures involve significant judgment and are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the Company's financial statements relate to: Contracts with Customers.

### **Significant Difficulties Encountered during the Audit**

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management relating to the performance of the audit.

### **Uncorrected and Corrected Misstatements**

For purposes of this communication, professional standards also require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that we believe are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Further, professional standards require us to also communicate the effect of uncorrected misstatements related to prior periods on the relevant classes of transactions, account balances or disclosures, and the financial statements as a whole. The attached schedule summarizes uncorrected financial statement misstatements whose effects in the current and prior periods, as determined by management, are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole. Uncorrected misstatements or matters underlying those uncorrected misstatements could potentially cause future-period financial statements to be materially misstated, even though the uncorrected misstatements are immaterial to the financial statements currently under audit.

In addition, professional standards require us to communicate to you all material, corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures. The attached schedule summarizes misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures that were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

### **Disagreements with Management**

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, which could be significant to Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary's financial statements or the auditor's report. No such disagreements arose during the course of the audit.

### **Representations Requested from Management**

We have requested certain written representations from management that are included in the attached letter dated May 24, 2022.

### **Management's Consultations with Other Accountants**

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters. Management informed us that, and to our knowledge, there were no consultation with other accountants regarding auditing and accounting matters.

### **Other Significant Matters, Findings, or Issues**

In the normal course of our professional association with the Company, we generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, significant events or transactions that occurred during the year, business conditions affecting the entity, and business plans and strategies that may affect the risks of material misstatement. None of the matters discussed resulted in a condition to our retention as the Company's auditors.

This information is intended solely for the use of the board of directors and management of Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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