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**Co-op 101**

Florida’s electric cooperatives are not-for-profit electric utilities governed by the consumer-members we serve. For more than 75 years, the electric cooperatives have provided safe, reliable, affordable electricity to Floridians in 57 counties.

As Florida’s 18 electric cooperatives work to meet the changing demands of our communities and consumer-members, prioritizing affordability and reliability is paramount.

**Key Points to Hit:**

* Not-for-profit electric utilities
* Established to provide safe, reliable, and affordable electricity
* Governed by a Board of Trustees elected from and by the membership

**Reliable and Affordable Electricity**

Florida families and businesses expect the lights to stay on at a price they can afford. Our energy policies must continue to embrace this fundamental promise of safe, reliable, and affordable electricity to all.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Energy Information Administration (2021), Florida’s electric grid maintains a reliability rate of 99.9%. Florida is number two nationally in system average interruption duration (SAIDI) and customer average interruption duration (CAIDI). This calculation is for all events, including major events. We want to maintain these great ratings. <https://www.eia.gov/electricity/annual/html/epa_11_03.html>

As Florida and the nation move towards a future more reliant on electricity to power the economy, today’s energy decisions will determine if there are enough resources to meet tomorrow’s need of safe, reliable, and affordable energy.

**Key Points to Hit:**

* Floridians need power to stay ON, at a price they can AFFORD
* Energy decisions/policies must account for safe, reliable, and affordable electricity. Now and tomorrow.
* Keep Florida’s #2 status on reliability (see SAIDI and CAIDI stats above)