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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Directors

Jefferson Energy Cooperative, an Electric Membership Corporation

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **Jefferson Energy Cooperative, an Electric Membership Corporation** (the Corporation), which comprise the balance sheets as of May 31, 2018 and 2017 and the related statements of operations, changes in members' equity and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Corporation's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 the Corporation's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Jefferson Energy Cooperative, an Electric Membership Corporation as of May 31, 2018 and 2017 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Change in Accounting Principle

As discussed in Note 2 to the financial statements, management has elected to change its accounting treatment utilized in accounting for investments in cooperatives organizations which were organized under the Georgia Electric Membership Corporation Act. Patronage capital allocated by these organizations was previously accounted under *Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 905*. The Corporation's management has elected to account for these investments as contingent assets under the guidance of *ASC 450* and the change has been retrospectively applied. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 24, 2018 on our consideration of Jefferson Energy Cooperative, an Electric Membership Corporation's 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. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Jefferson Energy Cooperative, an Electric Membership Corporation's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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