

Transparency

Due to REC's status as a U.S. corporation that is a recipient of loan funds from the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Cooperative must meet multiple auditing standards. REC's independent auditors, Adams, Jenkins & Cheatham, must audit the Cooperative in accordance with both the <u>Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS)</u> applicable to most businesses, as well as the <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Compliance with these dual standards requires significant due diligence, thorough records, and accuracy. As a Commonwealth of Virginia regulated utility, the Cooperative is subject to State Corporation Commission oversight requiring numerous approvals and disclosures.