



STUDY GUIDE FOR INTERVIEW

Information about Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc.

(30% of your interview score will be determined by your knowledge of the cooperative.)

1. **What is the proper name of your local electric cooperative?**
Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc.
2. **What year was the Cooperative formed?**
1938
3. **Who is the Chief Executive Officer of the Cooperative?**
Gary L. Stooksbury
4. **What kind of governing body oversees the operations of the cooperative?**
The Board of Trustees, who are elected by the members.
5. **How many members are on the Board of Trustees?**
Ten (10)
6. **Who is the President of the Board of Trustees?**
J. Strom Thurmond Jr.
7. **When and where is the Cooperative's Annual Meeting held?**
Every May at the Cooperative's headquarters in Aiken
8. **What is the difference between a cooperative and an investor-owned utility?**
The cooperative is owned by its members, and an investor-owned utility is owned by its stockholders or shareholders. Also, an investor-owned utility is operated for profit, a cooperative is not-for-profit.
9. **As a member-owner of a cooperative, a member is entitled to Capital Credits. What are Capital Credits?**
Capital Credits are the ultimate member benefit. At the end of each operating year, any excess revenue is proportionately allocated back to the members by check.

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- 10. Approximately how many members does Aiken Electric Cooperative serve? With how many miles of line service?**

Members – 50,000 Miles of line – 5,746

- 11. In which counties does Aiken Electric Cooperative serve?**

Nine counties. Aiken, Barnwell, Calhoun, Edgefield, Greenwood, Lexington, McCormick, Orangeburg and Saluda.

- 12. What are the major energy sources of power for Aiken Electric Cooperative?**

Coal and hydro power

- 13. What company generates this power?**

Santee Cooper

- 14. How does Aiken Electric Cooperative purchase this power?**

It is purchased from Central Electric Power Cooperative.

- 15. What State and National organizations of electric cooperatives does Aiken Electric Cooperative belong?**

*Statewide - The Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina, Inc., Columbia SC
National - National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Washington DC*