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## Wake EMC Achieves \$665k Benefits with MultiSpeak®

Distribution optimization is a key role of America's Electric Cooperative that relies on data interoperability. MultiSpeak® is a time-tested interoperability standard that allows utilities to exchange data with software systems or applications commonly used by a distribution utility. A new advisory reviews the implementation of MultiSpeak® by Wake EMC and the impressive \$665,000 annual savings that they achieved. This case study is part of [a series](#) to show how cooperatives are applying MultiSpeak® to gain effective data system integration. Also read about how MultiSpeak is enabling the electric utility of the future in a new RE Magazine article.

- [Wake EMC Case Study](#)
- [MultiSpeak: An 'Ecosystem of Solutions'](#)
- Contacts for Questions: [Alvin Razon](#) and [Tony Thomas](#)

## Partnering with the Military Workshop – February 25

Join us this Sunday, **February 25, 12 pm-5 pm in Nashville, TN** to learn how America's Electric Cooperatives can leverage existing contracts and/or compete for new contracts for work with the Department of Defense (DoD), one of the largest energy consumers worldwide and the single largest energy consumer in the United States. Several cooperatives work closely with U.S. military installations, providing electricity and partnering on projects. With the release of the Request for Information from the Defense Logistics Agency/United States Air Force earlier this year, now is a perfect time to discuss new opportunities for collaboration with the military.

- [Registration](#)
- Contact for Questions: [Lauren Khair](#)

## Growing EV Market Can Benefit Co-op Nation

Improvements in electric vehicle technology and an increase in model options is causing an increase in electric vehicle sales. This presents potential costs and benefits to electric cooperatives. If managed properly,

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- [Partnering with the Military](#) – February 25, Nashville, TN
- [TechAdvantage® Conference](#) – February 25-28, Nashville, TN
- [Safety Leadership Summit](#) – April 25-27, Atlanta, GA
- [AREGC Conference](#) – June 24-27, Lanier Islands, GA

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growth in the electric vehicle market can present a financial win for both vehicle owners and cooperatives.

- [Advisory](#)
- Contact for Questions: [Brian Sloboda](#)

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### Case Study: Leveraging Data to Advance Pole Attachment Policies

Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative (NOVEC), one of the nation's largest distribution cooperatives, has experienced major challenges in dealing with telecommunications firms' attachments on their distribution poles. These include technical problems due to improper attachments, as well as frequent attempts by these firms to reduce NOVEC's ability to recover its costs through attachment rates. In meeting these challenges both in the field, in the legislature, and with regulators, the cooperative has leveraged solid asset data to stand up to some of the largest companies in the state of Virginia.

- [Advisory](#)
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### Opportunity to Participate in ARPA-E Open Grid Data Project

The advanced research group at the U.S. Department of Energy (ARPA-E) has created a project known as "GRID DATA" to improve the number of open access distribution and transmission models that are available to researchers. As part of this effort, NRECA is looking for cooperatives who are willing to anonymize and share samples of their distribution circuit models with the end goal of encouraging researchers to test their work against cooperative systems.

- [Opportunity Details](#)
- Contact for Questions: [David Pinney](#)

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### AREGC Conference Registration Opens

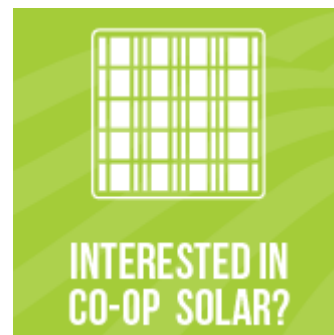
The Association of Rural Electric Generating Cooperatives (AREGC) Conference is a national program specifically designed to provide electric cooperative power plant operations, maintenance, and engineering personnel with the skills and education needed to enhance the effectiveness of electric generating cooperatives nationwide. The conference offers you an opportunity to meet with top experts and collaborate with peers on smart ways to proactively direct the future of your cooperative. Join us June 24-27 in Lanier Islands, Georgia.

- [Conference Information](#)
- Contact for Questions: [Dan Walsh](#)

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### Coming Soon: SANS Cybersecurity Course Vouchers

NRECA's Rural Cooperative Cybersecurity Capabilities Program (RC3) will soon be offering cooperatives an opportunity to participate in a SANS Voucher Program,



through which co-ops can take up to three SANS online cybersecurity courses. [SANS](#) is a world-renowned cybersecurity training, certification and research company, and the available courses can benefit any co-op, regardless of size or IT resources. Stay tuned... more information will be announced in our next TechUpdate newsletter.

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