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Dear NineStar Member,

As a cooperative, we're always thinking about new ways to bring value to our members. And as an electric utility, we're regularly upgrading and replacing equipment to ensure reliable service and safety. Usually when we buy new equipment, we go to a lender and borrow from them, and they get the interest on the amount financed.

Then we had an idea: what if we could pay YOU that interest, instead of the lender? If we offer our members the opportunity to finance our next equipment purchase, we could pay interest back to our members and keep more of our money local.

NineStar is truly a grassroots success story. Throughout history, our unwavering commitment has been to ensure that rural residents have access to comparable services that are available to residents in towns and cities. We've always had the courage to be among the first to do things in our industry. Because of this, we decided to give this a try.

It's time for NineStar to invest in a new bucket truck and we are asking if you would like to help us finance it! This is an opportunity to grow our cooperative economically and serve you by paying you the interest! **We are seeking to raise \$250,000 in loans of \$1,000 and up by December 8, 2021.** This money will earn 3% interest and will be paid back in 3 years. This opportunity is only available to members of NineStar who are bona fide residents of Indiana. You can read more about the truck and our loan program on our website, www.ninestarconnect.com/extending-our-reach. **If you are an Indiana resident and are ready to make your loan or have questions, please fill out our online form or call 317.326.3131.**

We would love to put your money to work in our community and pay you the interest.

This is a new idea for us and it may be a big challenge. It will take a number of members who are ready to earn a return and support a more cooperative economy. We are truly grateful for the generosity and support of our membership. And maybe, the next time you see one of our bucket trucks, you'll think "that's the truck I helped buy!"

Yours in cooperation,

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Chief Financial Officer

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