

INTERVIEW REFERENCE SHEET

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1. **Who is the governing body of Black River Electric Cooperative? How and where are they elected?** *Members elect a Board of Trustees to oversee the operations of the cooperative. The Board consists of 9 members representing the 9 districts in the Black River service area. The board is elected at the Annual Meeting held in April each year at the Sumter County Exhibition Center.*
2. **Who is the current chairman of the board?**
Ron Fountain, Bishopville, SC
3. **Who is Black River Electric Cooperative's CEO?**
C. H. Leaird
4. **How many accounts does Black River Electric Cooperative serve?**
32,000
5. **When was Black River Electric Cooperative first organized?**
May 4, 1938
6. **What is the energy source of power for Black River Cooperative?**
Coal, hydro power and methane gas
7. **What company generates this power?**
It is generated by Santee Cooper then purchased by Central Electric Power Cooperative and distributed to the 20 cooperatives in South Carolina.
8. **How many electric cooperatives are there in South Carolina?**
There are 20 electric cooperatives in SC
9. **What is NRECA? Is Black River a member?**
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, located in the Washington, DC area – a national service organization designed to coordinate activities, exchange information, solve problems, and share service opportunities on behalf of its member systems. Yes, Black River is a member.
10. **Which counties are served by Black River Electric Cooperative?**
Clarendon, Lee, Kershaw & Sumter

BONUS QUESTIONS

1. **What is the main difference in a cooperative and an investor-owned utility?**
2. **Electric Cooperatives are not-for-profit businesses because of capital credits. Explain what capital credits are.**
3. **Which President of the United States was most instrumental in the development of rural electrification?**
4. **Name the nine members of the Black River Board of Trustees.**
5. **What is an important National issue electric utilities are facing today?**

Further educational information may be obtained at www.blackriver.coop or www.nreca.org.