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Ms. Paula Pope,  
Director of Finance and Controller  
Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corp.  
1216 Blowing Rock Road  
P. O. Box 112  
Lenoir, NC 28645

RE: State Grants from the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety—  
State Fiscal Year 2005, \$655,944.00

Dear Ms. Pope:

We have completed certain limited procedures listed below at Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corp. related to its management of state grant funds. Our objective was to identify deficiencies in internal control; instances of noncompliance with laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts or grants agreements; and/or deficiencies in the management of financial resources based solely on the performance of these procedures.

These procedures do not constitute an audit, examination or a review as described in professional standards governing those types of services. Furthermore, our procedures were not agreed upon by you or any third party. Our procedures do not provide a basis for providing any level of assurance regarding internal control, compliance or financial management and should not be relied upon for that purpose.

Specifically, our procedures consisted of the following:

- Interviewing personnel;
- Examining accounting records for the purpose of identifying state grant transactions;
- Examining documentation supporting selected transactions and balances;
- Reviewing available policies and procedures;
- Reviewing available board minutes.

The results of these procedures conducted on February 20-21, 2007 did not disclose internal control deficiencies, instances of noncompliance and/or other matters of concern. Since no deficiencies, instances of noncompliance and/or other matters of concern were detected we do not require a response from your entity.

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This letter is intended solely for the information and use of the board of directors, management of the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, the Governor, the General Assembly, and grantor agency and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leslie W. Merritt, Jr." in a cursive script.

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Cc: Secretary Bryan E. Beatty  
Department of Crime Control and Public Safety  
Tom Newsome, Assistant State Budget Officer  
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