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Dear Central Region Cooperative Employees and Patrons,

It is with sadness and excitement that we inform you that David Peters will be retiring as CEO/General Manager of Central Region Cooperative on December 31, 2018.

We are so grateful for the contributions he has made to our cooperative. David started at South Central Grain and Energy in January 2016. Since then, he has led our successful merger into Central Region Cooperative, unified the cultures from individual locations to one company enterprise, and made positive changes to our internal processes and procedures. His 39+ year career influence on the cooperative marketplace cannot be understated and the lessons he has taught each of us will be carried into the future, making our cooperative stronger, smarter, and better able to serve our patrons.

We are also excited to announce that Nathan Gieseke, Chief Operating Officer, Central Region Cooperative, was unanimously endorsed by the CRC board of directors as the next CEO/General Manager and has accepted the position effective January 1, 2019. Nathan is a long-time cooperative system employee who will bring a new set of skills to the role of CEO/General Manager while also seamlessly continuing to operate our business. In his two years at Central Region Cooperative, he has become a valuable resource for the board, a behind-the-scenes leader amongst our employees, and a visible face to our patrons. We are thrilled he has accepted the position and look forward to continuing our work with him.

David will continue to work with our cooperative, employees, patrons, and board up until his retirement date. Please help us in congratulating him and his family on this new phase of his life and thanking him for the outstanding work he has contributed to Central Region Cooperative.

Sincerely,

Central Region Cooperative Board of Directors