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**NEWS**

**Fuqua named new Engineering IT Specialist at LPEA**  
*Former Milsoft Director of OMS, Fuqua helped install LPEA OMS*

Brad Fuqua has been named Engineering IT Specialist at La Plata Electric Association (LPEA), joining the technology team and filling the position formerly held by Mindy Potter, who relocated to Texas.

Fuqua comes to LPEA after 11 years at Milsoft Utility Solutions, the maker of engineering, operations and customer service software. Based in Abilene, Tex., Fuqua first handled all aspects of marketing for Milsoft, but moved into technical support working with utilities across the country on the company's Outage Management System (OMS).

"I first worked with LPEA in 2009 when we installed the outage management system," said Fuqua. "Over the past five years, I've enjoyed a positive working relationship with Mindy Potter and other LPEA employees, and I am thrilled to now join the LPEA team."

In his new position with LPEA, Fuqua assists the Engineering Department with the variety of technology tools utilized to plan, design and maintain the reliability of the electrical distribution system, including on-going enhancements to the OMS system, which facilitates the restoration of power in the event of an outage.

Born and raised in Paducah, Ky., Fuqua originally moved to Abilene to attend Abilene Christian University. After completing his BA, his focus changed and he earned a Master's in digital media, which unlocked his interest in all aspects of technology.

"It's great here," he said of LPEA. "I'm thankful for the opportunity to serve our members while facing the exciting challenge of learning new technologies."

Fuqua and his family currently reside in Durango.

LPEA, a Touchstone Energy Cooperative celebrating 75 years in 2014, provides to its more than 30,000 members, with nearly 41,000 meters, safe, reliable electricity at the lowest reasonable cost, while being environmentally responsible. For further information, contact LPEA at 970.247.5786 or visit [www.lpea.coop](http://www.lpea.coop).

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