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May 16, 2017

Dear Valued Member,

We are excited about the upcoming vote on the merger between River Region Cooperative (RRC), Sleepy Eye, Minn. and South Central Grain and Energy (SCGE), Fairfax, Minn. As a reminder, voting packets on this vote will be sent to all eligible voting members on May 30, 2017 with a special meeting called to tally the results of the vote on June 16, 2017.

Before you cast your vote, please join us at one of the information meetings listed below to review the results of the study, discuss the positive impacts of this merger, and ask questions to the board and management.

- **Thursday, June 1st, 6:30 pm, Cosmos City Center, Cosmos**
- **Monday, June 5th, 6:30 pm, Fairfax Community Center, Fairfax**
- **Tuesday, June 6th, 6:30 pm, Hector Community Center, Hector**
- **Wednesday, June 7th, 6:30 pm, Gibbon Community Center, Gibbon**

Some initial questions were originally answered in the FAQ sent out in the previous communication. This FAQ document can also be found under “Merger Information” on our website. To maintain transparency about this vote and encourage an open dialogue between the cooperative and our members, we also invite you to submit questions that have not yet been answered on the enclosed postcard. Simply write any question you may have about the merger in the space provided, place it in the mail, drop it off at one of our locations or bring it to any of the informational meetings. We will address all questions submitted at the upcoming member information meetings and add them to the FAQ listed on our website.

We understand this is a busy time of year for you and our employees. However, this decision will greatly impact the future of our cooperative and remains a priority for your board. We hope one of the times above will work in your busy schedule to engage in a discussion about this merger with us. Please do not hesitate to reach out to any of us or our general manager if you have questions on the upcoming information sessions and pending vote.

Sincerely,

SCGE Board of Directors and General Manager

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