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Nominating Committees To Be Announced

The 2008 Western Cooperative Electric Association Annual Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14, 2008.

Prior to the meeting, the Western Trustees will appoint Nominating Committees. The Committees' responsibility is to prepare a list of nominations for Trustees in the districts which have terms expiring and present these nominations for election by members at the Annual Meeting. Article IV, Section 4.06 of Western's Bylaws states the following concerning nominations:

"At least 60 days prior to the annual meeting, the President shall with the approval of the Board of Trustees, appoint a nominating committee of three Members from each of said three Trustee districts, and each of said nominating committees shall nominate one or more Members from its respective district for each trustee to be elected from the district, and within 30 days from the date of their appointment said nominating committees shall report their nominations to the Secretary of the Cooperative who shall cause the list of nominees to be mailed to the Members of the Cooperative at the time the notice of annual meeting is mailed.

Any 15 or more Members of the Cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in writing over their signatures, in like manner showing clearly which Committee-nominated candidate(s) are

The Trustee Positions For Election Are Currently Served By:



Terry Hobbs

District 1:
*Graham, Osborne,
Rooks, and
Sheridan counties*



**Richard
Schaus**

District 2: *Ellis,
Lincoln, Russell,
and Trego counties*



Bob Abell

District 3: *Barton,
Ellsworth, Gove,
Ness, and Rush
counties*

being opposed, not less than 20 days prior to the meeting, and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the Committee is posted.

The Secretary shall mail to the Members with the notice of the meeting, or separately, but no less than 10 days prior to the date of the meeting, a statement of the Trustees to be elected from specific Trustee Districts, and the names and addresses of all nominees, showing separately those nominated by the Committee and those nominated by petition, if any.

The chairman, or the chairman's appointee, at such meeting, after all nominations so made have been duly announced, shall call for additional nominations from the floor, and shall ascertain and announce, after any nominations made from the floor, the particular Trustee District from or with respect to which any additional candidates have been nominated. The Member making a nomination or nominations shall designate the nominee(s) of the Committee and/or the nominee(s) by petition, if any, and/or other

nominee(s) nominated from the floor, if any, against whom his nominee(s) shall run.

Notwithstanding the provision contained in this Section, failure to comply with any of such provisions shall not affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken by the Board of Trustees after the election of Trustees."

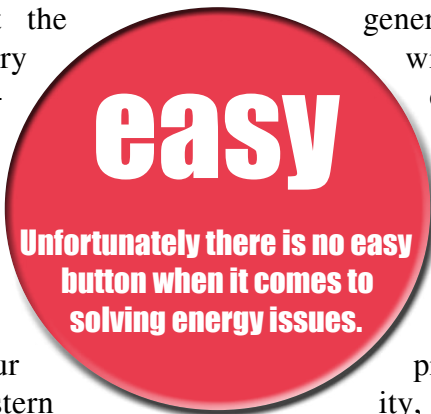
Sense Makes Dollars

Energy is at the forefront of every topic, every discussion, be it local, regional, national, or international. To be more specific, electrical energy is certainly at our forefront at Western

Cooperative Electric. As electrical demand increases and production costs increase, what can we do to meet our electrical needs and still afford this wonderful commodity called electricity?

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, demand for electricity nationally will increase by 40 percent during the next 22 years – even with an optimistic projection of a 9 percent reduction in electricity use due to increased efficiency factored in. As studies are completed, and projections are made, it will not be long before the amount of electricity needed can no longer be met.

As Western Cooperative Electric continues to experience 3 percent overall load growth (above the national average), we at Western take our responsibility of maintaining a safe, reliable, and affordable supply of power seriously. Western's Board of Trustees, and employees are working hard to implement a strategy that meets our member's needs with the right mix of energy efficiency, renewable energy, and new technologies for electricity



generation involving wind power, clean coal, and natural gas.

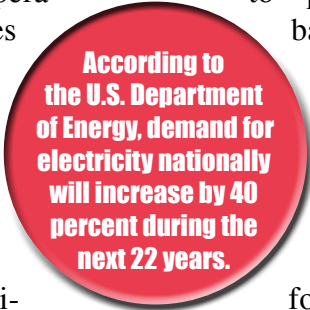
Renewable energy, such as wind and solar power, holds great promise in providing electric-

ity, but it has some limits. Both wind and solar power necessitate the need for construction of additional high-voltage transmission lines and the wind only blows 30 percent to 40 percent of the time, and generally not during times of peak electricity use on hot, humid summer weekday afternoons. So until storage is a technology breakthrough, baseload energy from coal, gas, or nuclear power is necessary to meet our growing demand for electricity.

So at the end of the day, Western Cooperative Electric also needs to plan for the future. Unfortunately costs have skyrocketed in recent years, including costs for new power plants to provide the needed baseload energy.

Western Cooperative Electric has no “easy button” in finding a solution – only hard work and a commitment to and for you, the member owner.

With all the challenges of increased costs, increased demand, and climate change concerns, it would seem to be more practical to conserve electricity and use it efficiently. This could save us all cents. Make sense?



Just a Reminder

- When submitting payments to Western:
- Include the payment voucher with payment
 - Please do not staple or tape check to payment voucher
 - Please notify us if you update or change your phone number

Energy Myth or Fact?

Myth: When leaving a room for a short period, it's better to leave lights on than to turn them off.

Fact: For incandescent bulbs, it's always better to turn the lights off. For fluorescent lights, there are some trade-offs. Fluorescent lights use slightly more energy on start-up, but the light needs to be off for only about a second to make up for that surge. The life of a fluorescent light is also shortened by frequent on-and-off switching.

The actual break even point depends on the cost of the lamp and the local electricity costs and is typically five to 15 minutes. However, a good guideline for fluorescent lighting is as follows; unless you're switching the lights on or off every few minutes, it is generally cost-effective to turn the lights off whenever you leave the room.

