

Western's Payment Options



Western's members can now make payments through our Web site or by phone using a credit card or electronic funds transfer (ACH).

To pay by phone, call our automated service at 800-330-1025, or call our main office to speak with a Western employee.

Through our Web site, you can also view your account, or enter your meter reading. You will have to set up a login and password the first time you do the online services. You will be prompted to enter your base account number and meter number.

All of these services are available at our Web site www.westerncoop.com.

Western Board to Consider Net Metering at January Board Meeting

On January 21, the Board of Trustees of Western Cooperative Electric will consider the adoption of a service rider for the cooperative to implement "net metering." The net metering rider will be available to members operating their own renewable generation resource, such as a small wind turbine. Members must enter into an interconnection agreement with Western to qualify for the rider.

Net metering, as the name implies, is a metering process designed to determine the net amount of energy provided to the member by Western and the energy provided to Western by the member. Net metering service is designed primarily to allow a member to offset some or all of their electrical requirements with their own generation each billing period.

At the end of the billing period, a member who has used more energy than he supplied pays Western for that usage under his normal rate schedule; however, a member who supplies more energy than he uses during the billing period contributes the excess energy supplied under net metering to the cooperative as a contribution to fixed costs associated with service to the customer.

Members desiring to be com-

Western Member Meeting Notice

The Board of Trustees for Western Cooperative Electric Assn., Inc., will hold an open member meeting on Thursday, January 21, 2010, at 10 a.m. at the Western office at 635 S. 13th St. WaKeeney.

At the meeting, the Board will discuss and vote on the adoption of a service rider regarding net metering. All members interested in net metering are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Members desiring to be compensated for excess generation may prefer interconnection under Western's parallel generation riders. Under parallel generation, the purchase rate for excess energy from a renewable resource is 150 percent of Western's avoided costs (its monthly average cost of the energy component billed by Western's wholesale provider) determined in each billing period and calculated from Western's most recent wholesale power bill. In either case, the member must pay the standard monthly customer charge required of all members and any demand or other minimum charges.

For more details on member-owned generation, net metering, or to determine which option might be best for you, contact Western Cooperative Electric at 800-456-6720 or 785-743-5561.



Attention High School Juniors

Western will send **FOUR** students on a **FREE** summer trip!



Danielle Weber, Ellis, (left) and Brianne Plante, Plainville, pose in front of the U.S. Supreme Court while on the "Government in Action" Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.



Colton McNinch, Arnold, (left) and Dal Schultz, Grainfield, enjoy the view on top of Mt. Werner in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, while at Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp.

Western Cooperative Electric will be offering free trips for up to four children of Western Cooperative Electric members.

High school juniors, whose parents/guardians are Western members, are eligible to enter this contest.

Western is offering four all-expense-paid trips, two students to the Washington, D.C., "Government in Action" Youth Tour, June 10-17, 2010,

and two students to the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs, CO, July 10-16, 2010.

In addition to the trips, each winner will receive a \$250 scholarship. An additional \$250 scholarship is being offered as a memorial by the family of past Board Trustee, Darrell J. Brown.

To apply, students submit an application and résumé, take an open

book quiz, and write a short essay on a topic to be announced. Based on these items, finalists will be selected for interviews and prize distribution at a time and place to be determined.

Since Western first sponsored the youth program in 1964, we have sponsored 55 students to Washington, D.C., and also two winners each year to the Steamboat Springs camp for the last 34 years.

Youth Tour Contest Coupon

For an eligible high school junior to enter the competition, the cooperative office should receive this coupon by January 31, 2010.

Mail or bring to: Western Cooperative Electric Association, Inc. 635 S. 13th St., P.O. Box 278, WaKeeney, KS 67672.

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

Birth Date _____ Grade _____ School _____

Name of Parents/Guardian _____ Parents' Phone # _____

Electric Account # _____

I agree that all information supplied in this application is accurate and true. _____
(Signature of Applicant)

I hereby grant permission for _____ to enter the 2010 Youth Tour competition sponsored by

Western Cooperative Electric, Inc. _____
(Name of Applicant)

(Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian)