




Co-op News from Wyrulec Company

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From your manager



Miller

75th Annual Meeting

The 75th Annual Meeting will be held again this year at the Rendezvous Center on the fairgrounds in Torrington, March 29, 2011, beginning at 4:00 pm. This is a very exciting time for us. Seventy-five years in business is a very long time and we want to celebrate the date in a special way.

As part of the 75th annual meeting we will be handing out a very special member gift and enjoying a good meal. Please plan to attend the meeting. The annual meeting booklets will be mailed out to the membership in early March.

Also during the annual meeting you will hear officer reports and vote on director candidates for Districts 3 and 4. These two district areas are the southwest part of our service territory basically west of Hwy 85 (District #3) and the Nebraska service territory (District #4).

Currently, those two districts are represented by Mr. Wally Wolski in District 3, and Mr. Jack Preston in District 4. The board has appointed five members, representing each of the five director districts, to the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee consists of Mr. Doug Frederick from District 1, Mr. John Patrick from District 2, Ms. Diana Guest from District 3, Mr. Jack Revelle from District 4, and Mr. Robert Ward from District 5.

Any member wishing to run for the board and residing in Districts 3 or 4 may contact any of the Nominating Committee members and be placed on the ballot for election at the annual meeting. Both Mr. Preston and Mr. Wolski have indicated a willingness to continue to represent their respective districts on the board. The Nominating Committee will be meeting on January 18 to finalize the candidates for those two board seats.

No rate changes for 2011

I am very pleased to inform you that the board approved the 2011 capital and operating budget which included no changes in rates for 2011. The current rates are planned to provide adequate revenue to not only pay for the power itself—which currently accounts for approximately 66 percent of the revenue requirements—but also to reliably and safely keep the lights on.

The approved budget includes \$5.9 million in capital expenditures for transmission, distribution, and general plant for the coming year. The load profiles in all rate classes continue to grow slightly which helps the overall bottom line. We are in a very strong financial position and, with the additional capital expenditures, we plan to keep it that way well into the future.

Oil load expansion

I am going to assume that everybody is aware of the oil activity in our areas. We

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From your manager

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 have been approached about serving the sites that have recently been explored near Veteran. These loads, if they develop at the current pace, will be very beneficial for the cooperative.

Significant additional plant expansions will be necessary, but we are expecting the oil developers to provide the capital to fund the expansions that are directly related to the oil development.

Developers are still in the

exploration stages and they don't know for sure how the development of the oil field will take place.

When we have additional information, we will properly plan for any necessary plant and load additions.

Celebrate 75 years of cooperative service at the Wyrulec Company Annual Meeting March 29, 2011 ♣ Rendezvous Center ♣ Torrington ♣ 4 p.m.

Nominating Committee members

- Doug Frederick, District 1
Guernsey, 307-836-2250
- John Patrick, District 2
Jay Em, 307-837-2393
- Diana Guest, District 3
Hawk Springs, 307-532-4341
- Jack Revelle, District 4
Gering, 308-436-4275
- Robert Ward, District 5
LaGrange, 307-834-2203

Excerpt from Wyrulec Co. Bylaws

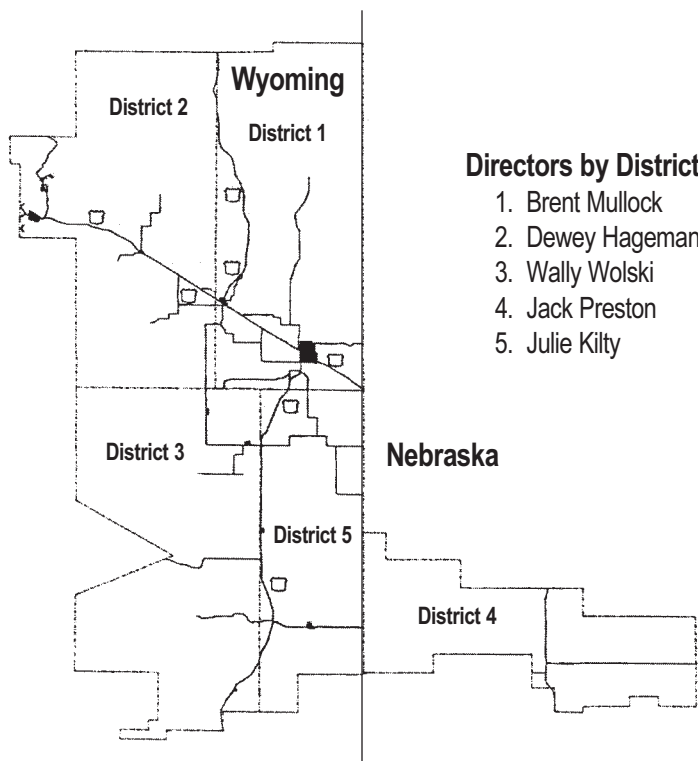
It shall be the duty of the board to appoint not less than ninety days before the date of the meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a committee on nominations consisting of one member from each directorate district referred to in Article IV, Section 2 of the Bylaws. No officer or member of the board shall be appointed a member of such committee.

1. The committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least sixty days before the meeting, a list of candidates for each directorship to be elected.

2. Any fifteen (15) or more members may make other nominations in writing over their signatures not less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting, and the secretary shall post the same at the same place where the list of candidates selected by the committee is posted.

The secretary shall be responsible for mailing with the notice of the meeting or separately a statement of the number of directors to be elected and showing sepa-

rately the nominations made by the committee on nominations and the nominations made by petition, if any. Notwithstanding anything in this section contained, failure to comply with any of the provisions of this section shall not affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any election of directors.



Directors by District

1. Brent Mullock
2. Dewey Hageman
3. Wally Wolski
4. Jack Preston
5. Julie Kilty

Monument to drudgery

A "Monument to Drudgery"—a display of 150 water pails—dramatizes the role of the electric water system. The pails, stacked up 10 high, represent only one-fourth of the buckets of water carried in one month by a typical farm family.

The family actually walked 10 1/2 miles, carrying 9,660 pounds of water in 465 pails each month. In contrast, when an electric water system was installed, it delivered an equal amount (five tons) of water to the farm for 4.5¢ of electricity.

From the December 1957 issue of the
Wyoming Rural Electric News
William E Anderson



If you have photographs or historical information about the early years of Wyrulec Company or the greater Goshen County community in the 1930s and 1940s which you are willing to share, please call the Wyrulec Company office 307-837-2225.

Ponder some additional New Year's Resolutions

Member: "I wish to save energy around the house in 2011, both to minimize load growth for the generation and transmission co-op that serves my distribution co-op and to help manage costs into the future.

"Toward this end, I'll

- * "Install a programmable thermostat for myself and my extended family wherever possible (homes, offices, shops...)

- * "Check for drafts in heated buildings and work to plug or minimize them (around outlets, foundations, windows, etc.)

- * "See if I can turn down the temperature on my water heater without the family noticing and/or complaining

- * "Hire an electrician to

install more circuits in my house so I can stop using extension cords in every room where electronics live

- * "Close off rooms I don't use *Lee Carpenter*

- * "Pay attention to my windows and roof and ponder replacements if they aren't performing as efficiently as they could

- * "Toss old appliances and replace them with the highest Energy Star-rated ones available

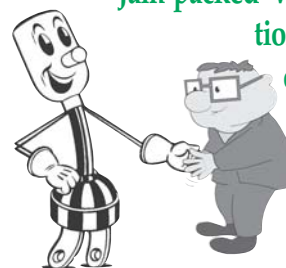
- * "Size electric motors properly (since I know that

undersized motors burn out too soon and oversized motors draw too much start-up power)."

So many winners!

We've remodeled our website

www.wyrulec.com



Jam-packed with interesting information, you'll want to check it out for rate information, safety tips, fun activities to help kids learn about electricity, and lots more.

If you print the puzzle, fill it out correctly, and are among the 1st 10 to bring it to the office, we'll give you a CFL. Free!

Efficiency, maintenance, growth keep Wyrulec Company strong

LINGLE, WYO.—The board of directors of Wyrulec Company has approved the 2011 capital and operating budget and determined that a rate increase for 2011 is not necessary. The board of Tri-State Generation and Transmission Assn., Wyrulec's power supplier, has similarly judged that a wholesale rate increase for 2011 is not necessary.

Thomas E Bruce

Attending to details

Expenses have been held in check both through prudent management and careful husbanding of resources. Load growth has helped offset some maintenance expenses. Plus, there were a minimal number of damaging wind days, irrigation usage was consistent, and carbon taxes were not levied against power producers by the federal government.

Stable outlook with incremental growth

"Wyrulec Company continues to be financially strong," says General Manager Rollie Miller. "A small but steady increase in kilowatt-hour sales helps offset the cost of keeping the system well-maintained. *Lily Faith* Our maintenance schedules are on target and that's a key factor in keeping outages to a minimum throughout the course of the year.

"Our automatic meter reading system is paying its way and other technological tools help us to manage the system in an efficient manner," notes Miller.

Energy efficiency measures employed by co-op members also continue to help guard the co-op against wholesale rate increases. Additional efficiency efforts are always welcome. Members are urged to plug air leaks, install programmable thermostats, and assess existing insulation in attics and crawlspaces so as to take maximum advantage of heating efforts.

Member involvement is an important part of rate management

Wyrulec Company member attention to safety and maintenance issues helps minimize distribution rate increases. Report any damaged poles or wires immediately. Stay away from downed power lines, galloping lines, and icy poles and wires. When moving large equipment, be especially cautious not to come within arcing distance of energized power lines. Overhead power lines are generally not insulated.

Members are encouraged to devote time every month to cooperative issues. Without the active involvement of co-op members, Wyrulec Company cannot keep costs down and maintain good *Larry A Monsees* customer service. The greatest asset Wyrulec Company has is its membership. Members contribute ideas, report problems, pay the operating expenses, buy the power, and ensure the health and longevity of a safe, productive community.

In partnership with the membership, the board and staff of Wyrulec Company continually strive to improve service while keeping costs as low as is prudent. The co-op is deeply committed to fighting the increasing costs of regulation and federal oversight but is financially strong and well-prepared to meet future needs.

❁ Put a shine on your resolutions ❁

We have CFLs in stock that are 100-watt replacements. They will fit into any light fixture rated over 23 watts (anywhere a 60- to 100-watt incandescent bulb is now). They operate at 23 watts but provide New Year's illumination equal to a 100-watt incandescent. They are \$1.00 each.

Father Time says...

Each month, we hide the names of five members in this newsletter. If you see your name this month, please call and we'll christen your New Year with a \$25 bill credit.