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Come to the ~~Improved~~ Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting Coming March 18, 2017

The theme for this year's meeting is "Building Foundations for the Future". Registration for the Annual Meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. There will be displays featuring new and innovative energy products. Members will be able to visit with directors, employees and one another until the business session begins at 10:30 a.m. The business session will include information on the cooperative's financial status, speeches from director candidates and a presentation from our wholesale power supplier Tri-State Generation & Transmission. We will be giving away a grand prize of a \$500 energy bill credit.

You spoke...We listened...
It worked!!!

Registration

9:00 am to 10:30 am

Shorter Meeting

10:30 am to 12:00 noon

Everyone Wins

Every member that registers will receive a \$50 bill credit

Have lunch on us

Lunch served at noon

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QUIZ

Presidents' Day Pop Quiz!
Which Commander in Chief established the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) paving the way for electric co-ops and an emPOWERED rural America?

Answer Page 3

CLOSED

Big Horn REA offices will be closed Monday, February 20th in observance of Presidents' Day.



The POWER of Co-op Membership

What You're Missing At The Annual Meeting

Did you know every cooperative is required to conduct an annual meeting of the membership? The purpose is to hold the election for the board of directors, share important financial information, occasionally vote on other matters such as by-law changes and of course—the great grand prize!

Big Horn REA's annual meeting is a community gathering where neighbors can meet new neighbors—or catch up with old acquaintances. As our lives get busier with the "errands of life" and more of our interactions with others are online (via social media), we must renew the value of face-to-face human connections. Very few organizations are uniquely positioned like Big Horn REA to bring together all members of our local communities.

While rural Americans probably do a better job of staying connected to our neighbors (in

part because we need too), it is not something we should take for granted. The simple act of smiling, saying hello and shaking someone's hand truly lifts both parties.

Our country and community face many challenges. Our economy feels like it has been stagnant for years. Wyoming has seen the loss of many jobs and budget cuts are an everyday occurrence. Overcoming these challenges will only happen if we come together.

Big Horn's annual meeting is designed to take care of the important business of your co-op and the equally important business of building a real sense of community. All cooperatives serve both an economic and social purpose. While safe, reliable and affordable electric pow-

Have you ever wondered why your electric co-op hosts an annual meeting? The annual meeting is a time to elect new board members and share important financial information - but it's also a time to connect with your fellow co-op members.

If you've never attended our annual meeting, join us to find out what you've been missing!

er is crucial to our mission, improving the quality of life for all members is at the core of what we do every day.

If you have not attended the annual meeting in the past or if it has been a few years, we urge you to take the time to be with your fellow co-op members.

We get out of life what we put into it. Big Horn is connected to you by more than just powerlines. We are your neighbors, and we look forward to seeing you at your annual meeting on March 18th!

NOTICE OF ADJUSTMENT TO RETAIL RATES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017

	Current Approved Rate	General Rate Adjustment 1/1/17	Rates Effective 1/1/17 TOTAL
SMALL GENERAL SERVICE (SGS)			
Basic Charge 1-Phase	\$34.00	\$10.00	\$44.00
Basic Charge 3-Phase	\$44.00	\$10.00	\$54.00
Additional kVA, per kVA	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00
First 1,000 kWh/Month	\$.10107	(\$0.00430)	\$0.09677
Over 1,000 kWh/Month	\$.09107	(\$0.00430)	\$0.08677
SMALL TIME OF USE (STU)			
Basic Charge 1-Phase	\$36.50	\$10.00	\$46.50
Basic Charge 15kVA	\$46.50	\$10.00	\$56.50
Additional kVA, per kVA	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00
Energy Charge May - Aug:			
First 1,000 kWh/Month	\$.10107	(\$0.00430)	\$0.09677
Over 1,000 kWh/Month	\$.09107	(\$0.00430)	\$0.08677
Energy Charge Sep - Apr:			
On-Peak kWh	\$.15105	\$0.00310	\$0.15415
Off-Peak kWh	\$.06497	(\$0.00845)	\$0.05652
MEDIUM GENERAL SERVICE (MGS)			
Basic Charge	\$54.00	\$10.00	\$64.00
Additional kVA, per kVA	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00
First 200 kWh/kW/Month	\$.11729	\$0.01042	\$0.12771
Next 200 kWh/kW/Month	\$.09730	\$0.00541	\$0.10271
Over 400 kWh/kW/Month	\$.07480	\$0.00291	\$0.07771
LARGE GENERAL SERVICE (LGS)			
Basic Charge	\$54.00	\$10.00	\$64.00
Billing kW	\$6.10	\$1.40	\$7.50
Additional kVA, per kVA	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00
First 200 kWh/kW/Month	\$.09398	\$0.00593	\$0.09991
Next 200 kWh/kW/Month	\$.07632	\$0.00359	\$0.07991
Over 400 kWh/kW/Month	\$.05882	\$0.00109	\$0.05991
IRRIGATION (IRR)			
Annual HP Charge	\$21.00	\$5.00	\$26.00
First 150 kWh/HP/Month	\$.10977	\$0.00795	\$0.11772
Next 150 kWh/HP/Month	\$.08941	\$0.00331	\$0.09272
Over 300 kWh/HP/Month	\$.07191	(\$0.00491)	\$0.06772
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL/LARGE POWER (CI)			
Basic Charge	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$125.00
Billing kW	\$6.10	\$0.65	\$6.75
Additional kVA, per kVA	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00
First 200 kWh/kW/Month	\$.09927	\$0.00192	\$0.10119
Next 200 kWh/kW/Month	\$.07787	(\$0.00168)	\$0.07619
Over 400 kWh/kW/Month	\$.05787	(\$0.00668)	\$0.05119
LIGHTING			
SECURITY LIGHT RENTAL (RSL)			
175 Watt MVL - 80kWh	\$10.03	\$0.41	\$10.44
100 Watt HPS - 40 kWh	\$10.47	(\$0.03)	\$10.44
STREET & HIGHWAY LIGHTING (SL)			
75 Watt Mercury Vapor	\$7.25	\$0.29	\$7.54
175 Watt Mercury Vapor	\$10.03	\$0.41	\$10.44
250 Watt Mercury Vapor	\$15.28	\$0.61	\$15.89
400 Watt Mercury Vapor	\$20.74	\$0.83	\$21.57
150 Watt Incandescent	\$6.96	\$0.28	\$7.24
200 Watt Incandescent	\$9.92	\$0.39	\$10.31
100 Watt High Pressure Sodium	\$10.47	(\$0.03)	\$10.44
250 Watt High Pressure Sodium	\$21.62	(\$0.05)	\$21.57

Presidents' Day Pop Quiz!

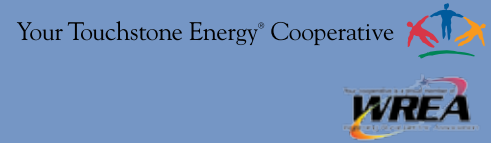
Franklin Delano Roosevelt
- May 11, 1935



WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU!



Manager's Message



It is the new year of 2017 and Big Horn is making plans for a busy year. One item that is always part of our plans is our commitment and promise every day to provide reliable electric energy with quality service to our member/owners. If you ever feel that you are not getting exceptional member service please contact myself or a board member. Your board of directors are committed to ensuring that Big Horn is serving its mission and is a financially sound cooperative.

The board recently approved the 2017 budget. In 2017 Big Horn will be: building/upgrading lines to meet new service requests which primarily seem to be for new irrigation services; right of way management/tree removal; pole testing; capital credit refunds; and construction of a new office building.

In the last several years, there have been several public contacts with Big Horn's energized lines. We have had track hoes, tractor with spray boom, and crane hit energized lines. We have had vehicles hit and break power poles which leave energized lines either on the ground or near the ground. Any one of these instances are life threatening. In 2017 Big Horn will be initiating a public awareness safety campaign to inform and educate the public to recognize the dangers of power lines and facilities.

I also want to thank everyone who took the time to complete the 2017 Member Satisfaction and Renewable

Energy Survey. Your board will be analyzing the results to provide direction and objectives to make Big Horn REA a positive relationship with the public and especially with its member/owners.

To learn more about your cooperative, please plan on attending the annual meeting on March 18, 2017. Your involvement is important.

Be Safe.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



A crackling fire in the hearth warms the house, but don't let it heat up your electric bill! Caulk around the fireplace hearth and keep the damper closed when a fire is not burning.

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