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Farmers' Electric Cooperative, Inc. is an equal opportunity provider and employer

FEC® FREE ELECTRICITY!

You could be the lucky winner of our **GRAND PRIZE**, (\$1,000 in free electricity), at Farmers' Electric Cooperative's 83rd Annual Membership Meeting

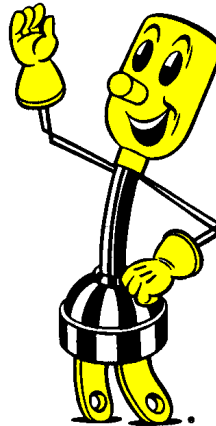
Registration: 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
 Business Meeting: 10:30 a.m.
 Lunch: Following Business Meeting

Santa Rosa High School - Gym
344 S. 4th Street
Santa Rosa, New Mexico

Saturday, July 24, 2021

To take action upon the following matters:

- The reports of Officers, Trustees, and Committees
- The elections of Trustees from:
 District 1 (Clovis)
 District 4 (Santa Rosa)
 District 6 (Broadview/Grady)
- All other business which may come before the meeting or any adjournments thereof
- Door prizes for adults and children
- Grand Prize Drawing (\$1,000 in FREE ELECTRICITY!)
- Two special drawings (\$50 Energy Certificates for "First-Time attendance
- Traditional BBQ lunch will be served following Business Meeting, catered by Joseph's Restaurant of Santa Rosa



Well, they're at it again... We have just learned that there is an active scam going on with calls being made to members of Farmers' Electric Cooperative (FEC). These scammers are demanding payment of electrical accounts and threatening disconnection of electric service if immediate payment by credit card is not made. Again, this is a SCAM!



If you receive such a call, hang up immediately and call FEC at (800) 445-8541. These scammers want you to make an immediate payment or they are trying to get your credit card information or bank information. Do not give them anything!

Again, if you get a call and someone is claiming to be a representative of FEC and you have your doubts, contact the office immediately for verification. Call FEC at (800) 445-8541.

Also, if you are contacted by these scammers and would like to file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), you can, by calling (877) 382-4357.

Manager's Message...



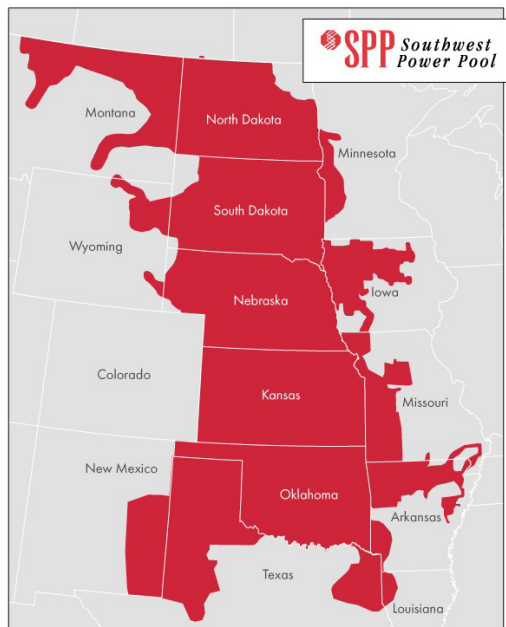
Lance Adkins, GM

What is Load Forecasting and Why Do We Do it?

Over the past few weeks, we have been working on “load forecasting” and formal long-range construction Work Plan development, a process we use to determine the future needs of the Farmers’ Electric Cooperative’s (FEC) transmission and distribution system capacity and reliability requirements. In addition to the needs of FEC, load forecasts developed by FEC are combined with other distribution members of our wholesale power supplier, Western Farmers Electric Cooperative (WFEC), and are used in their planning process for bulk transmission system capacity needs as well as the need for and development of additional generation resources.

In addition, WFEC’s forecasts are combined with other Southwest Power Pool (SPP) market participants as part of the annual SPP planning process. As stated on the SPP website, SPP.org, the SPP is a regional transmission organization (RTO): a nonprofit corporation mandated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to ensure reliable supplies of power, adequate transmission infrastructure and competitive wholesale electricity prices on behalf of its members. This basic statement encompasses a myriad of continual study and planning processes.

For FEC, load forecasting has certain challenges including growth or decline in the number of active accounts in each class of service we provide; growth or decline in kilowatt-hour consumption based on changes in how consumers use electricity and annual variations in weather events. Rainfall during the summer crop growing season has significant impact for FEC as crop irrigation can range from 15 to 30 percent of annual energy requirements depending on total annual precipitation. While FEC’s annual energy needs fluctuate from year-to-year based largely on rainfall, over the long term FEC historically has slow and steady growth in both the number of active services and in total energy sales. FEC also actively participates in area economic development organizations to grow local economies through development and expansion of industry complimentary to our area. Large prospective loads, with a high degree of certainty for development, must be included in long-range



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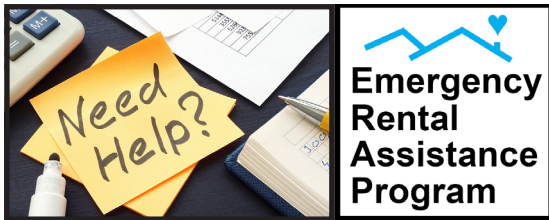
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To Report an Outage Call:

- Clovis**
 (575) 762-4466
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 (575) 355-2291
Santa Rosa
 (575) 472-3971
Toll Free
 (800) 445-8541

The moratorium on disconnects associated with the New Mexico Health order has ended. If you have an **outstanding balance** with FEC, contact us today to make arrangements to pay. We will be happy to work with you. Call 1-800-445-8541 and ask to speak to someone in the Billing Department.

Attn: Renters!



There is additional “Utility Payment” aid available through the state’s Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). Under ERAP, New Mexico residents (those that are renters) can apply, with good success, for assistance with delinquent or past due utility payments. The process is fairly “user friendly.” Simply contact FEC and we can walk you through the it. Please contact us at **1-800-445-8541** and ask to speak to someone about **Renter Utility Assistance**.

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Cool Down Refrigerator Costs

As warm temperatures have settled in for the summer, refrigerators are set to get a workout keeping food and drinks cool for hot and thirsty friends and family members. Follow these tips to reduce the amount of energy your refrigerator uses.

Minimize the number of times you open your refrigerator. Plan accordingly so you don’t have to leave the door open for prolonged periods of time. An open door allows warm, moist air



to enter, which makes the compressor work harder and longer.

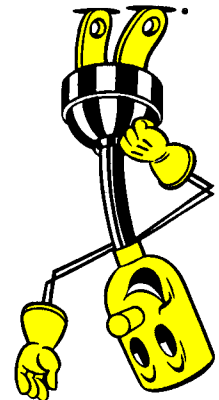
Set the appropriate temperature. Keep your refrigerator set at 35 to 38 degrees Fahrenheit.

Place your refrigerator in a cool place. Position the refrigerator away from heat sources such as an oven, a dishwasher, or direct sunlight from a window.

Allow air circulation behind the refrigerator. Leave a few inches between the wall and the refrigerator and keep the condenser coils clean if you have an older model. Read the user’s manual to learn how to clean the condenser coils properly and safely.

Check the door seals. Make sure the refrigerator seals around the door are airtight and snug. If not, replace them.

If you buy a new refrigerator, be sure to recycle your old one. Many appliance retailers will pick-up and recycle your old refrigerator when you purchase a new one. Putting your old frig in the garage or shop will defeat your purpose and add to your electric bill.



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