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# FREE ELECTRICITY!

You could be the lucky winner of our **GRAND PRIZE**, (\$1,000 in free electricity), at Farmers' Electric Cooperative's 74th Annual Membership Meeting

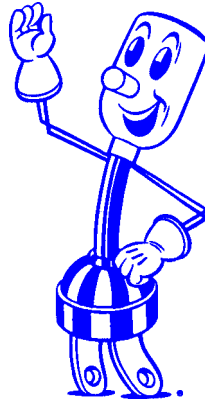
Registration:	9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Business Meeting:	10:30 a.m.
Lunch:	Following Business Meeting

Melrose School (Old Gym)  
100 Missouri Ave  
Melrose, New Mexico

Saturday, April 28, 2012

To take action upon the following matters:

- The reports of Officers, Trustees, and Committees
- The election 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
- Lunch, (provided by Farmers' Electric), catered by Tin Barn BBQ, will be served following the meeting by the Melrose High School student body.



## Why Not Go eBill?



What's an eBill? An eBill is an electronic version of a paper bill that you can view and pay online! An eBill saves time, labor, paper, and postage! If you opt for an eBill, you would not receive your paper bill normally sent through the mail.

After signing up for eBill billing, you can streamline your Farmers' Electric bill paying routine. Additionally, eBills can be printed or filed online for record-keeping purposes.

When you are ready to pay, all you need to do is go online and enter your payment amount and click to pay. Its that easy! Even if you opt for eBill and aren't quite ready to start paying online, you can still print your bill and send it in mail as you have in the past.

If you would like more information or you are ready to sign up for FEC eBills, contact our office today at 1-800-445-8541 and ask to speak to someone in the Billing department about eBills.



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*Manager's Message...***Spring Is Here - Like A Lion...**

Lance Adkins, GM

**W**ow, after several weeks of record warm weather, we are reminded that winter is not over in New Mexico until well into May. As I write, several of our neighboring Cooperatives, located to our north and northwest are shoveling out from under a heavy and wet blanket of snow. This heavy snow storm appears to be similar to a storm Farmers' Electric experienced back in the spring of 1997, in which the Cooperative suffered one of the most damaging storms in our history. In that storm, Farmers' Electric lost hundreds of poles and cross-arms and had some members out of power for well over a week. We too have not forgotten the many members

of Farmers' Electric who assisted with tractors and heavy equipment to help pull out trucks and clear roads, as well as our neighboring electric cooperatives and utilities who sent crews to help with restoration efforts.

Even now, we have a six-man team of volunteers from Farmers' Electric preparing equipment and materials and will leave for Springer this morning to assist our neighbor with repairs. While being out of electricity for an extended period of time can be a challenge, I'm certain many of the ranches currently without power are celebrating the moisture. Over the next week the snow and mud will push both man and equipment to the breaking point; and while the restoration should be largely complete by the time folks read this, we know and appreciate those of you who offer support and prayer for our folks working in these conditions, we could not do it without support from our members.

***“For members of Farmers' Electric and consumers across the nation, the goal must be about reaching a balance between good environmental stewardship and affordable energy.”***

In other news, I have written numerous times over the past few years about four specific greenhouse gas (GHG) regulations put in place by the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board (EIB). Just last month I reported that the EIB had repealed three of those regulations and would hold a hearing of the fourth in March. I am pleased to report that the EIB voted unanimously to repeal the final rule last month as well. One of the best summaries I have read on the proceeding was written by Keven Groenewold, Manager of our statewide association in Santa Fe, and published in the April issue of “enchantment”. In his article Groenewold gives deserved credit to the current EIB members, Governor Martinez, and most importantly, the consumers and cooperative members from across the state who took time to “get-involved” in the debate and appeals process. For members of Farmers' Electric and consumers across the nation, the goal must be about reaching a balance between good environmental stewardship and affordable energy.

On a final note, the Annual Membership meeting of the members of Farmers' Electric Cooperative is rapidly approaching. Officials from Melrose Municipal Schools have graciously offered to host the members of Farmers' Electric in their facilities on April 28, 2012. I hope you will make plans to attend.

Until next time,

**Board of Trustees:****Mike West***President***George Dodge, Jr.***Vice President***Ernest Riley***Secretary-Treasurer***Paul Quintana***Trustee***Pat Woods***Trustee***Billy Tate***Trustee***Donnie Bidegain***Trustee***General Manager:****Lance R. Adkins****POWER SOURCE**

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**Retrofits: \$150**  
**Electric Water Heaters**

Retrofits including conversions from gas or propane to an electric water heater with a .94 EF or higher. Also would include any upgrades from existing electric water heaters with an .88 EF or lower and/or more than 10 years old.

**Heat Pumps \$500**

Retrofits including conversions to dual-fuel heat pumps and electric heat pumps (air source with a SEER rating at least one point above Federal Government minimum standard). Also would include any upgrades from existing heat pumps with 8 SEER or lower and/or more than 15 years old.

**Geothermal Heat Pumps \$4,000**

Retrofits or new construction using

equipment with a EER rating  $\geq 14.1$  on a closed loop, an EER rating  $\geq 16.2$  on an open loop, or an EER rating  $\geq 15$  on direct expansion.

**Adding Insulation \$500**

Retrofits to bring existing insulation R value to at least an R-30. *Example: If an existing home has an R-13 and 6" of fiberglass batting or 5" of blow cellulose is added, the new value would be approximately an R-30.*

**Hybrid Heat Pump Water Heater \$500**

Retrofits including conversions from gas or propane to an hybrid heat pump water heater with a 2.0 EF or higher. Also would include any upgrades from existing electric water heaters with an .88 EF or lower and/or more than 10 years old.

**New Construction:**

**New homes with heat pumps \$1,250**

Newly constructed homes meeting FEC energy efficient guidelines. Home shall have the following insulation values: R-49 (attic) R-38 (cathedral) R-19 (exterior walls) R-8 (slab edge) R-25 (pier and beam floor). The heat pump, both dual-fuel and electric shall have a SEER rating at least one point above Federal Government minimum standards. If utilizing electric water heating, the water heater shall carry a rating  $\geq$  a .94 EF. If hybrid heat pump water heater is utilized: **\$1,650**

**New homes with evaporative cooling \$750**

Newly constructed homes meeting FEC energy efficient guidelines for insulation, but utilizing evaporative cooling instead of refrigerated air conditioning.

Members registering at the Annual Meeting of Members on behalf of a partnership, organization, church, trust, corporation, partnership, governmental agency, limited liability company, or sole proprietorship should present documentation at registration denoting such. For convenience, a blank form below has been provided to accomplish this. This form or *affidavit* should be signed and notarized. The form can be delivered by the appointed individual at the time of registration at the Annual Meeting. No person may vote more than one time or receive more than one ballot. For more information, call: 800-445-8541 or 575-762-4466.

**FARMERS' ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. OF NEW MEXICO**

**Affidavit for use by a Non-Individual Member to Authorize a Voting Representative**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is the voting representative of \_\_\_\_\_ (name of entity) and is the duly authorized legal representative for such entity for the purpose of voting on any and all matters that may arise at the annual meeting of members of Farmers' Electric Cooperative, Inc. of New Mexico (hereinafter referred to as "Farmers' Electric") as held on April 28, 2012 in Melrose, New Mexico to vote on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (name of entity) on any and all matters that may arise at the annual meeting of members of Farmers' Electric. This affidavit shall remain in effect through said meeting date unless earlier cancelled by written notice received by Farmers' Electric.

Type of Entity: (please specify)

- Organization
- Church
- Trust
- Corporation
- Partnership
- Governmental Agency
- Limited Liability Company
- Sole Proprietorship

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
TITLE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO )  
 )  
 COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cooperative Member's Qualifying Telephone Number

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, personally appeared before me \_\_\_\_\_, being known to be the person and acknowledging the foregoing instrument.

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

Online Auction:

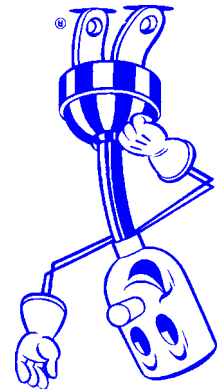
**1997 Ford Bucket Truck on the Auction Block!**

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Appx. Miles</u>	<u>Type of Vehicle</u>
23134	1997	139,996	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ford F800/Versalift - VST5000L Bucket Truck</li> <li>• Automatic Transmission, Cummins B 5.9 Diesel Engine, 210 HP</li> <li>• Single Axle, Line Body Mounted On A Ford 84" Cab Chassis</li> <li>• Telelect 360, 50" Bucket With 4 Outriggers, Small Winch</li> <li>• Rated For Line Voltage Of 46kV, Model IN01147</li> <li>• Side Boxes Illuminate For Night Work, Spot Lights</li> <li>• Auto Throttle For Operating Boom</li> </ul>
		<b><u>Appx. Hours</u></b>	
		2590	

- Vehicle(s) may be viewed for general inspection Monday, April 16 through Wenesday, May 9 at Farmers' Electric Cooperative, 3701 Thornton, Clovis, NM, during normal business hours, (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.).
- Online Auction bids are due by **9:00 a.m. (Mountain DST), Wednesday, May 9**. Winning bid will be notified by Big Iron Online Auctions.
- All bids must be placed on Big Iron Online Auction's website [www.bigiron.com](http://www.bigiron.com). There is also a link to the auction site on Farmers' Electric Co-op's website [www.fecnm.org](http://www.fecnm.org).
- All vehicles and merchandise are sold on an "AS IS" basis with **NO WARRANTY** or **FEC LIABILITY**. **THIS IS A "NO" RESERVE AUCTION!** Call Ed Thornsby at 800-445-8541 with any questions.



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