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Farmers' Electric Board of Trustees Appoints Nominating Committees



The Board of Trustees in the January 25, 2012 meeting appointed the 2012 Trustee Candidate Nominating Committees as follows:

District No. 1 (Clovis), will meet at FEC Headquarters, Clovis, NM, on February 20, 2012, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Committee Members:

- Gerald Whitener**
- Danny Fish**
- Ricky Lockmiller**

District No. 4 (Santa Rosa), will meet at FEC's Santa Rosa office, Santa Rosa, NM, on February 21, 2012, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Committee Members:

- Andy Madrid**
- David Sanchez**
- Alfredo Flores**

District No. 6 (Boradview/Grady), will meet at FEC Headquarters, Clovis, NM, on February 22, 2012, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Committee Members:

- Wesley Grau**
- Tommy Lofton**
- Jerry Sours**

The Cooperative's Bylaws state, "A nominating committee consisting of three members from each district from which a trustee is to be elected shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees not less than 60 days (February 28, 2012) or more than 120 days (December 30, 2011) before the Annual Meeting. Each committee shall meet no less than 45 days (March 14, 2012) before the annual meeting and select one nominee for trustee from their district. The nomination shall be posted at the principal office of the Cooperative immediately following the committee meeting."

In order to be eligible to become or remain a trustee, a person must:

- (a) Be a member of the Cooperative.
- (b) Be a bona fide resident of his trustee district and a permanent occupant receiving electrical service from the Cooperative at his primary residential abode.
- (c) Not be in any way employed by a major supplier of electric energy or merchandise to the Cooperative.
- (d) Not be employed by or have a close relative employed by the Cooperative in any position.

These Positions Are For Three-Year Terms

Furthermore, in accordance with the Bylaws of the Cooperative, any qualified member of the Cooperative residing in Districts 1, 4, or 6 wishing to be on the Annual Meeting ballot as a candidate, may do so by petition. Article IV, Section 3(c) reads: "Any fifty (50) members, in good standing with the Cooperative, residing in a district from which a trustee is to be elected may make nominations by petition for a trustee from that district, providing such nominating petition is filed in the principal office of the Cooperative not less than 20 days prior to the annual meeting."

The filing deadline this year is April 6, 2012. If you have any questions, call Lance R. Adkins at 1-800-445-8541 or 762-4466 in Clovis.

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Hybrid Water Heater Give-A-Way!

In an effort to promote the advantages of the hybrid water heater, Farmers' Electric Cooperative is having a contest to give away a Ruud/Rheem air-source heat pump water heater!

The Ruud hybrid water heater has over TWICE the efficiency of standard electric water heaters! It has the same connections as standard electric models, making installation fast and easy. The Ruud hybrid water heater works much like a refrigerator in reverse. The heat pump extracts the heat from warm air, intensifies the heat with a compressor, delivers the heat to the water, and exhausts the cooler air.

For best heat pump operation, the temperature in the location where the water heater is to be installed should average 40 degrees or above. Choose a warm installation site like an attic, garage, or basement.

Because a heat pump tends to cool the area where it is located, any type of air-source heat pump will work more efficiently in a warm location. These water heaters will need 1,000 cubic feet of air space around it (approximately 10x10x10 ft. room or larger).

Because it is over twice as efficient as standard electric water heaters and carries a 2.0 Energy Factor (EF), the Ruud can heat your water for as little as \$286 per year. The user-friendly touch

pad allows the homeowner to select the water temperature range and choose the highest efficiency setting for their hot water demand. The Ruud hybrid is ENERGY STAR® rated.

Ok, enough about the Ruud hybrid! Now let's talk contest! If you are a homeowner and living within the FEC service area, and want a chance at winning one of the coolest water heaters ever, sharpen your pencil and put on your thinking cap! We know it's been a while for some of you, but it's time to write a theme! In 300-500 words, write a paper entitled, "What Electricity Means to Me and My Family." These papers will be judged in-house by a panel of FEC employees. The winner gets a Ruud/Rheem hybrid water heater valued at \$1500! Second and third place will receive Energy Certificates valued at \$200 and \$125

respectively.

FEC carries the Ruud/Rheem hybrids to sell to our members for \$1500. However, they qualify for a \$500 cash-back rebate! FEC also carries a line of Rheem/Marathon water heaters with special pricing. These qualify for a \$150 cash-back rebate!

Good luck on the contest!

**Heat pump water heater underwritten by: Gorman Distributing Co., Inc. of Albuquerque (a Ruud/Rheem distributor)*



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See **OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES** on **PAGE 3**

Official Contest Rules

- No fee or purchase required to enter.
- The contest is open to members of Farmers' Electric Cooperative, Inc. (FEC)
- Entrants must be legal adults and legal residents of the state of New Mexico.
- Entrants must be homeowners and fully empowered to make purchases and home improvement decisions regarding their residence.
- Home must be receiving electric service from FEC.
- Area where water heater located must have at least 1,000 cubic feet of moveable air (approximately a 10x10x10 ft. room or larger). Ideally it would be located in a garage, basement, or attic.
- The winning entry agrees to allow FEC to install separate meter to monitor operating costs for a period of one year from the date of installation.
- FEC will allocate up to \$300 to install the water heater in the winning member's home.
- Entrants must submit an essay, 300-500 words, entitled, "What electricity means to me and my family."
- Entries must be received by midnight, February 29, 2012.
- Entries may be turned in at FEC's headquarters office in Clovis, or at branch offices in Santa Rosa or Fort Sumner. Entries may also be mailed to: Water Heater Contest, PO Box 550, Clovis, NM, 88102-0550, or may be emailed to: contest@fecnm.org
- The winning entry will be selected by an FEC employee panel by March 15, 2012.
- All decisions are final.
- The winning member will be posted online at www.fecnm.org and will be announced in the *Power Source* newsletter and the *enchantment* magazine.
- Winning entry will receive a Ruud/Rheem 50 gallon air-source heat pump electric water heater valued at \$1500.
- The winning entry will be responsible for installation of water heater, any hazardous material removal and abatement (e.g., asbestos), and any improvements needed to bring the installation in compliance with existing building and mechanical codes, above \$300.
- The winning entry will agree to allow FEC to use images and likenesses of the old and new water heaters, homeowners, and homeowner's name in promotional material and newsletters.
- Entrants agree to hold FEC, its officers, agents, employees, and board members harmless for any injuries, loss, or damages related to the contest.
- Prize is non-transferable and may not be redeemed for cash.
- Employees of FEC, board members, and their family members are not eligible to participate.

Attention

Protection from winter shut-off begins November 15, 2011. To avoid potential disconnection of services please contact the Human Services Department for eligibility information for the Low Income Heating Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) at 800-283-4465. Your service will not be disconnected from November 15, 2011, through March 15, 2012, if you qualify for LIHEAP and have no past due amount or are making the agreed upon payments.

Atención

La protección del interruptor de invierno empieza el 15 de noviembre de 2011. Para evitar desconexión potencial de servicios contacta por favor al Humano Atiende al Departamento para la información de elegibilidad para los Ingresos Bajos que Calientan Programa de Ayuda de Energía (LIHEAP) en 800-283-4465. Su servicio no será desconectado del 15 de noviembre de 2011, por el 15 de marzo de 2012, si califica para LIHEAP y tiene no cantidad debida pasada ni hace el aceptó pagos.

Light up your life – naturally

As the days get longer, take advantage of the extra sunlight to save on your lighting bill. Here are some tips:

- Open your shades or put your reading chair next to a window and leave the table lamp off until the sunlight fades.
- Clean your light fixtures and globes often. Bugs and dust can dull the light.
- Add lighting to your home's stairways to prevent accidents.
- Install light switches at the top and bottom of the staircase.
- Switch to three-way, adjustable light bulbs in areas where your family reads to allow each person to decide how bright to make the light. Those who require less light will use less energy.
- Plug in a few nightlights. They allow you to turn off lamps that use more energy when all you need is a glimpse of light.



74th Annual Meeting Date Set: Plan Now To Attend!

We look forward to visiting with you on Saturday, April 28, 2012, at the Cooperative's 74th Annual Meeting of Members. The meeting will be held in Clovis, New Mexico, at the Clovis High School cafeteria. Door prizes will be awarded and lunch will be served following the meeting.



Because Farmers' Electric is locally owned and operated, your involvement is crucial. Mark your calendar today and plan to attend the Annual Meeting of *your* electric cooperative.

-Registration: 9:30 to 10:30 am

-Business Meeting: 10:30 am

- Reports of Officers, Trustees, and Committees
- Election of Trustees from Districts 1, 4, and 6
- Door Prizes for Adults and Children

*Lunch will be served, following the business meeting,
(approximately 11:30 am)*

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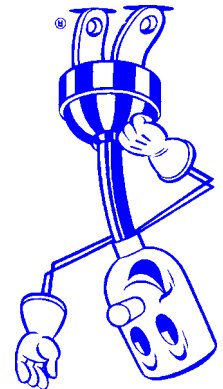
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