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## Farmers' Electric Board of Trustees Appoints Nominating Committees

The Board of Trustees in the January 22, 2013 meeting appointed the 2013 Trustee Candidate Nominating Committees as follows:

**District No. 2** (Melrose), will meet at FEC Headquarters, Clovis, NM, on February 22, 2013, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Committee Members:

- A. B. Jones**
- Marshall Bradley**
- Johnny Beevers**

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 26, 2013) or more than 120 days (December 28, 2012) before the Annual Meeting. Each committee shall meet no less than 45 days (March 13, 2013) 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

**District No. 7** (San Jon/Logan), will meet at Del's Restaurant, Tucumcari, NM, on February 25, 2013, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Committee Members:

- Del Choate**
- Benton Cain**
- Steve Kent**

Furthermore, in accordance with the Bylaws of the Cooperative, any qualified member of the Cooperative residing in Districts 2 or 7 wishing to be on the Annual Meeting ballot as a candidate, may do so by petition. Article IV, Section 3(d) 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 5, 2013. If you have any questions, call Lance R. Adkins at 1-800-445-8541 or 762-4466 in Clovis.

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*Manager's Message...*

Lance Adkins, GM

## Gross Receipts Tax Relief for Manufacturers

**L**ast year the New Mexico Legislature passed legislation under HB 184/256 which gradually removes the Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) charged on electricity, gas, and water used in the manufacturing process. At the close of 2012 the New Mexico State Taxation and Revenue Department (NMTR) finalized the application and implementation process. There is a 20% reduction starting January 1, 2013, 40% in 2014,

and so on until it is completely removed by January, 2017. This deduction applies to both state and local GRT tax collected by Farmers' Electric. It does not apply to local franchise fees that may be imposed by municipal authorities.

Farmers' Electric Cooperative will not determine who or which member(s) are eligible for this deduction; that will be between manufacturers and the NMTR. However, we would encourage you to contact your CPA and/or NMTR at your earliest convenience in order to start the process and start taking advantage of this valuable deduction.

The forms needed to complete the process have been released and can be found online at the NMTR website: [www.tax.newmexico.gov/Businesses/Pages/Manufacturers-Consumables-GRT-Deduction.aspx](http://www.tax.newmexico.gov/Businesses/Pages/Manufacturers-Consumables-GRT-Deduction.aspx).

Farmers' Electric **does not** have the authority to stop collecting the GRT until the proper forms have been submitted to NMTR and a Nontaxable Transaction Certificate (NTTC) has been issued by the State and delivered to Farmers' Electric by our member.

For additional information on this GRT deduction available to manufacturers, we encourage you to go to the above referenced web page, contact your CPA/accountant, or for specific eligibility and other questions, contact an office of NMTR:

Roswell: (575) 624-6065    Albuquerque: (505) 841-6200

Until next time,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lance Adkins".

**Board of Trustees:****Mike West***President***George Dodge***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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## 75th Annual Meeting Date Set: Plan Now To Attend!

We look forward to visiting with you on Saturday, April 27, 2013, at the Cooperative's 75th Annual Meeting of Members. The meeting will be held in Santa Rosa, New Mexico, at Santa Rosa High School. 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 2 and 7
- Door Prizes for Adults and Children

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

### Attention

Protection from winter shut-off begins November 15, 2012. 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, 2012, through March 15, 2013, 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 2012. 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 2012, por el 15 de marzo de 2013, si califica para LIHEAP y tiene no cantidad debida pasada ni hace el aceptó pagos.

## Ask Willie!

**Q.** Willie, what can you tell us about the advantages of task lighting? How should we use it?

**A.** Great questions! Thanks for asking! You may be lighting your whole kitchen, home office, or family room every time you do the dishes, or sit down to read a book. If so, you're wasting energy.

If you're just occupying a small portion of a room, light your spot up with task lighting. That allows you to reduce lighting costs while adding character and ambiance to a room.

Both track lights and recessed lights offer a streamlined look that can make a room feel bigger, add more light or highlight certain areas of a room.

Track lighting and recessed lighting were once restricted to incandescent and halogen bulbs – which use a lot of energy and produce heat along with light, which can make a room hotter in the summer and actually make your A/C work harder than necessary. Today, you have energy-efficient options in the form of compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) and light emitting diodes (LEDs).

You can buy track lighting fixtures designed especially for these energy saving options. You can also replace old incandescent bulbs with CFLs or LEDs. For recessed lighting, choose a CFL that's marked especially for recessed lighting, with a reflector to push light out into the room. Specially designed LEDs will also work in recessed fixtures.

Follow these tips for effective task lighting:

- For a reading or desk area, place the light directly above where you sit so your head and shoulders won't block the light.
- Task lighting can increase visibility and safety above kitchen counters. Place lighting directly above kitchen islands, but center them over the edge of countertops with cabinets.
- When creating a row of lights, place the first light about three feet from the wall to avoid making the corners look dark.
- Recessed lighting will typically light an area of floor space equal to the height of the ceiling. To brighten the room, space the bulbs so the area of each halo of light overlaps. A spacing of six to eight feet typically distributes the light evenly.
- Give yourself some lighting options by having your electrician wire different sets of lights to multiple switches so you can turn only one set on for specific tasks, or turn them all on to illuminate the entire room.

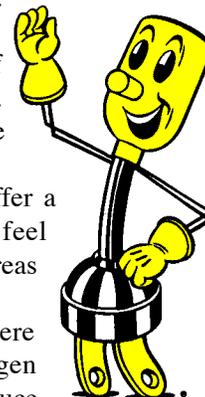
Send your questions to:

**Ask Willie**

**c/o Farmers Electric Co-op**

**PO Box 550**

**Clovis, NM 88102-0550**



## How to Operate a Stand-by Generator SAFELY

**Y**ou can use a portable generator to supply electricity to your appliances if an emergency exists during a power outage. But if used improperly, they can kill you and the people who are working to restore power to your home or business. They also can damage the appliances you connect. Generator sizes vary: Common units can be from 8 to 14 horsepower and capable of handling from 4,000 to 8,400 watts (including starting surge requirements). Prices may range from \$800 to \$3,000. Connecting a generator to the main electrical supply for your house requires the services of a qualified, licensed electrician. Installing the connection and switch can cost \$600 to \$1,000. Before connecting the generator to your household circuit, notify Farmers' Electric.

**Never exceed the rated capacity of your generator.** Overloading can cause serious damage to the generator or appliances. Before operating a generator, list all of the appliances that are going to operate at the same time. After that, determine the starting wattage requirements and the running wattage requirements. The starting load lasts only for a few seconds, but is very important when figuring your total wattage to be used. Your generator must be rated to handle the total wattage. Wattage requirements vary with different brands and types of appliances. Be sure to check the name plate on the appliances you plan to use. Always start your largest electric motor first, then plug in other items one at time.

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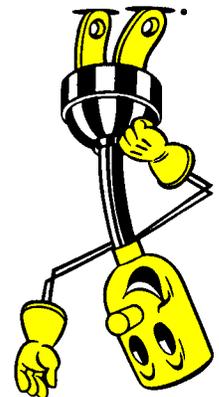
**WARNING:**

If you connect an electric generator to the main electrical supply coming into the house, the electrical generator could feed back into Farmers' Electric's system and electrocute workers who are repairing the electrical lines.

To avoid this type of back-feeding onto the system, you must have a qualified, licensed electrician install a double-pole, double-throw transfer switch between the generator and utility power in compliance with all state and local electrical codes. (A minimum of 10-gauge wiring must be used.)

Your generator might not be large enough to handle the load of all the lights, appliances, TV, etc. at one time. To prevent dangerous overloading, calculate wattage requirements correctly.

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