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2011 Energy Efficient Rebate Program



As of January, 2011, guidelines for energy efficient rebates available for members of Farmers' Electric Cooperative for all retrofits and new construction are as follows:

Hybrid Heat Pump Water Heater

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.

Retrofits:

Electric Water Heaters

\$150

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 ≥ 14.1 on a closed loop, an EER rating ≥ 16.2 on an open loop, or an EER rating ≥ 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.

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, **\$1650**

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.

*These rebates are based on energy efficiency. There are also limits to the number of rebates per category paid within a calendar year. Rebates are paid on a first-come first-served basis. All equipment and rebates are subject to FEC verification. Please call FEC, toll-free at 1-800-445-8541 with any questions or for more energy saving ideas.

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Manager's Message...

Lance Adkins, GM

Martinez Reins-In Big Government

T rue to her word, Governor Susana Martinez has begun to take a close look at various departments, boards, and committees within state government that negatively impact consumers, business, and economic development through the regulatory process. One particular department, the Environment Department (NMED); and one specific board, the Environmental Improvement Board (EIB), received attention from numerous candidates prior to the November elections due to the EIB's consideration of two controversial rulemaking proceedings related to reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from various sources including electric

generation.

Just four days into her administration, Governor Martinez removed all seven members of the EIB over concerns about the board's recent approval of two controversial regulations. One of the new regulations establishes a GHG cap-and-trade program as proposed by the NMED and a second regulation that implements GHG cap measure, proposed by the New Energy Economy (NEE), should the cap-and-trade program fail to develop as planned. A number of individuals and groups opposed to GHG regulations have alleged that some of EIB members were closely aligned with environmental interests, and had in fact worked as paid-lobbyists for environmental groups, creating an obvious conflict of interest.

According to information from the EIB's website, the EIB consists of seven members appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the State Senate. Members of the board are appointed for overlapping terms, with no term exceeding five years. No more than four members are appointed from any one political party. At a minimum, a majority of the membership of the board are individuals who represent the public interest and do not derive any significant portion of their income from persons subject to or who appear before the board on issues related to the federal Clean Air Act or the Air Quality Control Act. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the board will be filled by appointment by the governor for the unexpired term.

Hot on the heels of removing members of the EIB, Governor Martinez directed the NMED acting Secretary, Raj Soloman, to cancel planned publication of the GHG cap measure, approved by the EIB in December, in the state register. While the EIB had approved the new rule, to become effective the rule must also be published in the state register. Unfortunately, the cap-and-trade rule has already completed that process and became effective on January 1.

Cooperatives in New Mexico remain united in an effort to stop full implementation of the new GHG cap-and-trade regulation. Governor Martinez has taken a decisive first-step in restoring a "common-sense" approach to environmental regulations that harm both consumers and business while providing little or no actual environmental benefit. We look forward to see how Governor Martinez will address the GHG cap-and-trade rule.

In addition, it will be interesting to see how the legislature responds to this, and other energy related issues, during the upcoming sixty-day session. Farmers' Electric appreciates the continuing efforts of the membership in voicing their concern to elected officials and the EIB.

Unitl Next Time,



Governor Martinez

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SCHOLARSHIPS!

*All Members and Their Dependents
are Eligible to Apply!*

Farmers' Electric Cooperative will be awarding scholarships again this year through the Farmers' Electric Education Foundation. Scholarship applications may be obtained from area high school guidance counselors or from cooperative office locations in Clovis, Fort Sumner, or Santa Rosa. Scholarship applications can also be requested by calling the Clovis office at 762-4466 or 1-800-445-8541. All cooperative members and their dependants are eligible to apply for these scholarships.

**Don't Delay! Deadline For Applications Is
February 1, 2010! Contact Your Guidance
Counselor Or Our Office Today!**

This year there are two different scholarship forms. Be sure when requesting a form that you specify either the "*Graduating High School Student Application*" or the "*Returning College Student - Non-Traditional Student Application*." Both forms are available from any FEC office or are available to download or in fillable form from the FEC website at www.fecnm.org

The Farmers' Electric Education Foundation was established by the members of the cooperative in 1986 and is funded through donated and unclaimed patronage capital refunds and donations by private individuals. Only the interest earned on donations is used for scholarships, ensuring that the Education Foundation will continue to support higher education for our members for many years to come. Through 2010, the foundation has awarded 773 scholarships totaling \$498,050.00.

Attention

Protection from winter shut-off begins November 15, 2010. 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, 2010, through March 15, 2011, if you qualify for LIHEAP and have no past due amount or are making the agreed upon payments.

Atención

El 15 de noviembre del 2010 empezara la protección de desconexión del invierno. Para prevenir una posible desconexión de servicios, por favor de contactar al Departamento de Servicios Humanos para información sobre elegibilidad para el programa de bajos recursos de energía, (LIHEAP) al 800-283-4465. Su servicios no serán desconectado durante el 15 de noviembre hasta el 15 de marzo del 2011 si usted califica para el programa de bajos recursos de energía, (LIHEAP) y si usted continua al corriente en los pagos que usted deba bajo un plan de pago o hasta el 15 de noviembre del 2010 y no tenga ningún pago atrasado.

Ask Willie!

Q. Willie, I've been hearing a lot about power saving devices that can cut our electric bills. Any merit to these?

A. The concept seems plausible and lures us in for a closer look at the little gray box. It is a metal box professing to magically produce savings of 8-25 percent on our electric bills. What's the catch? Simply invest \$200-\$300 for a quick-fix device, guaranteed to make a short-term return on your investment and then start paying you back. If it sounds too good to be true, well, you can finish the phrase...



Many reputable testing entities have conducted comprehensive reports about power saver devices. Universities, consumer protections testing labs, and electric utilities and "all" conclude, from those reports, that power saver devices do not produce any measurable kilowatt-hour reduction nor dollar savings.

The power saver device is nothing more than two inexpensive capacitors, a couple of resistors, and a neon light packaged in a metallic gray box and then sold at an exorbitant cost.

So, my advise would be to hold on to your hard-earned money. Invest in proven energy efficiency measures (\$200-\$300 would buy a lot of attic insulation).

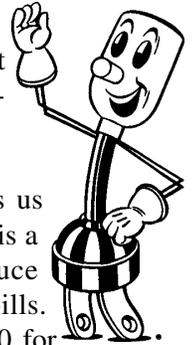
If you have a question for Willie, write to him today! We may even use your question in our "Ask Willie" column.

Willie

c/o Farmers Electric Cooperative

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Youth Tour 2011!



In 2011, FEC will again sponsor two area high school Juniors on the Government in Action Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. Please call 1-800-445-8541 for more details on this exciting opportunity!

Sealed Bid Auction...

2006 Ford F-350 XL w/Utility Bed

Item#	Year	Type of Vehicle	Appx. Miles
1	2006	Ford F-350 XL 6.8 liter V-10 4x4 10,700 GVWR Auto Trans. A/C, cruise, tilt, am/fm/cd Electric windows and door locks Utility bed with custom front grill guard	120,210



- Vehicle(s) may be viewed for general inspection Tuesday, January 18 through Thursday, January 27 at Farmers' Electric Cooperative, 3701 Thornton, Clovis, NM, during normal office hours, (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.).
- Sealed bids are due by **1:00 p.m., Thursday, January 27**. Bids will be opened at 1:30 p.m. and will be announced by 2:30 p.m. on the same day.
- All bids must include the bidder's name, telephone number, mailing address, item number, and bid amount.
- High bidder will have 5 business days after high bid announcements to complete payment and redeem their merchandise. If payment is not received, in-full, within this timeframe, the merchandise will be offered to the next highest bidder. High bidders must pay by cash or certified check.
- All vehicles and merchandise will be sold on an "AS IS" basis with **NO WARRANTY** or **FEC LIABILITY**. FEC reserves the right to refuse any or all bids - **THIS IS A RESERVE AUCTION!** Call Ed Thornsby at 575-760-5994 with any questions.



**Vehicle Bid - Attn: Ed Thornsby
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