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73rd Annual Meeting of Members!



Farmers' Electric Cooperative held its 73rd annual meeting of members Saturday, April 30, 2011 at the Grady High School gym, Grady, New Mexico with 208 members and their guests present. Board President, Michael West, called the business meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Mike West, (District 3 - Ft. Sumner) was re-elected by acclamation, and Paul Quintana, (District 5 - Tucumcari/Ragland) was also re-elected by acclamation. Both Mike West and Paul Quintana will serve additional three year terms as FEC Trustees.

Thanks go out to all those in attendance and all the employees who worked to help make the annual meeting a huge success. Employees who worked, (not eligible for annual meeting door prizes), did participate in a separate drawing. The winner, Calvin White, lineman, from Grady, will receive a dinner-for-two certificate to Chili's Restaurant of Clovis, courtesy of Farmers' Electric. Congratulations Calvin!



FEC General Manager, Lance Adkins gives his Annual Manager's Report



Thom Moore awards Aaron Jones with his prize for winning the Safety Poster Coloring Contest

Congratulations also go out to Jerry and Vandean Isler of Grady for winning this year's grand prize of \$1,000 in free electricity! Two "first-time" attendee prizes, (\$50 energy certificates), were also awarded. Also, a child's grand prize of a Sylvania portable DVD player with the DVD *Harry Potter - Deathly Hallows Part I* was awarded to a very lucky young lady. There were a total of 97 prizes awarded to adults and children.

A special "thank you" goes out to Mr. Trice and Mrs. Kneipp of Grady High School, and all the student volunteers who served lunch to approximately 400 people. Also, thanks to Bigham's BBQ, Joe and his staff for an outstanding plate of southwestern barbeque with all the fixins. (See Annual Meeting pictures on page 2).

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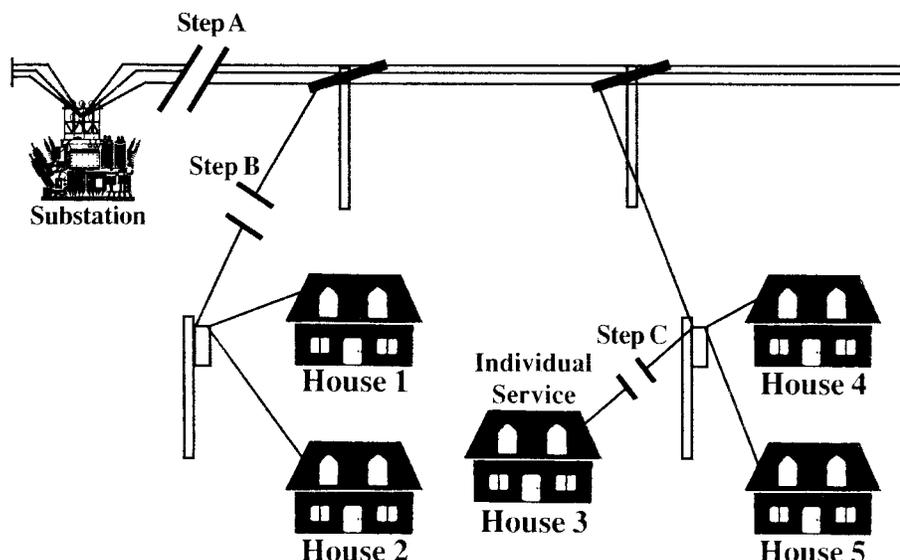
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How Does Farmers' Electric Decide Which Electric Lines To Fix First?

When an outage occurs, restoring electrical power is often a complicated process. Damage done by wind, ice or other bad weather usually occurs at several points in the distribution system. The idea is to get the power back on for everyone in the most efficient manner.

When a wide-spread outage occurs, the first location the repair crew checks is the substation. Linemen then work their way out on the main distribution line, restoring service to the main feeder lines, then lines serving groups of homes, and finally individual consumers.

Fixing the power at an individual home first is useless if the main line is dead. No electricity would flow into the home anyway. By repairing the main line first, many more people would have their power restored. In other words, just because you don't see a Farmers' service truck right after you call-in an outage, doesn't mean that they are not hard at work fixing the problem. Farmers' goal is to restore power as quickly and as *safely* as possible for all co-op members.



The diagram shows that Step A would be repairing the main distribution line. Since there is no damage leading to house 4 and 5, this would automatically restore their power. Next, (Step B), the problem with the tap line leading off the main line would be cleared-up. This would restore power to house 1 and 2. After the high voltage lines are repaired, power to individual members, (house 3 in the diagram), would be restored, (Step C). The entire system would then be in good working order.

Ask Willie!



Q. Hey Willie, I've heard that we won't be able to buy any of the standard incandescent light bulbs anymore? Is there any truth to that? What is our alternative?

A. Yes, you've heard right... By this time next year, the federal government will have turned the lights out on the familiar A-shaped incandescent bulb.

Starting January 1, 2012, the traditional 100-watt and 150-watt A19 incandescent lightbulbs will not be sold anymore. The following year, the familiar 75-watt incandescent will also

be history. And in 2014, Americans will wave goodbye to their beloved – albeit energy-inefficient 60 and 40-watt A-shaped incandescents.

The result: Most people will switch to more efficient compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFL), LED, or to the brand new, high-efficiency halogen bulbs that manufacturers have introduced in response to the “lightbulb law” in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.

You might grumble about the considerably steeper price of the alternative bulbs – in the \$2 per bulb range versus the 50-cent incandescent. But you could notice a difference on your electric bill once

you make the switch: CFL's last around five years and use 75 percent less energy than traditional incandescents, which burn out after about seven months of normal use.

A heads-up: Starting in July, lightbulb packages will carry a Lighting Facts Label, which will explain how bright the bulb is, how long it will last, and how much energy it will use. Instead of saying how many watts the bulb is, it will give its lumens – a measure of light output.

Ask Willie
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Sealed Bid Auction...

Chevrolet Silverado LS Pick-up on the Auction Block!

<u>Item#</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Type of Vehicle</u>	<u>Appx. Miles</u>
1	2008	Chevrolet Silverado LS 1/2 ton, 4x4 4.8 Liter - 8 cylinder, auto transmission 40/20/40 split front bench seat/cloth A/C, cruise, tilt, am/fm/cd player Tow package	122,850



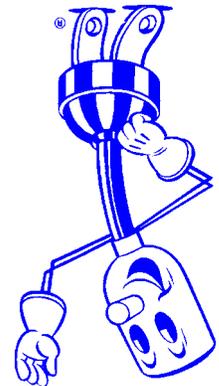
- Vehicle may be viewed for general inspection Wednesday, May 18 through Thursday, May 26 at Farmers' Electric Cooperative, 3701 Thornton, Clovis, NM, during normal office hours, (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.).
- Sealed bids are due by **1:00 p.m., Thursday, May 26**. Bids will be opened at 1:30 p.m. and will 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!***



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