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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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November Activities

Thank You for Your Service

November 11th is Veteran's Day, and I want to make sure those who have served and are currently serving in uniform know how much we appreciate their sacrifices in serving our country and defending the freedoms we enjoy every day. I also want to thank the families of the service members for the many sacrifices you make in being miles away from your loved ones, especially during the holidays.



No Change in Rates for 2020

Tri-State finalized their budget in October, which reflected no wholesale rate increase for 2020. This is extremely good news, as Wyrulec's retail rates will remain the same for 2020 as well!



* David Mecklem III *

Capital Credit Retirements Approved

I'm happy to report that your Board of Directors approved \$953,000 worth of capital credit retirements at the October board meeting. These capital credit payments will retire half of Wyrulec's 2008 operating margins, all of Tri-State's 1997 operating margins, and part of Tri-State's 1998 operating margins. If you were a member of Wyrulec during 1997, 1998, or 2008, you should see a capital credit check in the mail the first part of December.

Construction Projects

We have been working with ONEOK to serve electricity to the new Elk Creek Pipeline. ONEOK has requested an additional eight megawatts at our Ft. Laramie delivery point, and eight megawatts at our LaGrange delivery point.

Each of these requests will require new substations and new sub-transmission lines to be built to serve the additional load.

We anticipate construction to start right after the first of the year on the LaGrange project with a completion date around

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 the 4th quarter of 2020.

We will also start construction of our Ft. Laramie project right after the first of the year, but due to capacity restraints at that delivery point, our completion date for the full eight megawatts is unknown.

We are looking at putting a new delivery point right off the high-voltage lines located just south of those two pumping stations.

To construct a new delivery point we must work with WAPA (Western Area Power Administration) and Tri-State. This will take some time.

We are also going to energize an additional four megawatts for Bridger Pipeline at our Ft. Laramie tap by the end of the year.

Just across the highway from Bridger, we have engaged a contractor to expand our substation in support of an additional 1.3 megawatts requested by Plains Pipeline. We hope to have that project completed by the end of the year or the first part of January.

What does all this mean? It means we are super busy, and we have the

potential to increase our total load by 45 percent, which is a big deal!

If you have any questions about your cooperative, you can reach me via email at rschilreff@wyrulec.com or on my cell phone at 307-575-2435.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Trim your holiday energy costs by choosing energy efficient LED lights! LED holiday lights use less energy and can last up to 40 seasons. They're also easier to install - you can connect up to 25 LED strings without overloading a wall socket!

Source: energy.gov
 Ronald Zavorka



Plans Underway for 2020 Annual Meeting

The Board Seat for Districts #3 and #4 will be up for re-election. Kenda Knudsen currently represents District #3 and Mark Knaub represents District #4. Both these members plan to run for their Board Seat as incumbents. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, or would like any further information, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee.

Nominating Committee

District #1: Art Davis	307-532-7726
District #2: Douglas Frederick	307-532-0302
District #3: Kent Hunter	307-532-3926
District #4: Jack Revelle	308-631-8026
District #5: Curtis Grandstaff	307-834-2459

Article IV, Section 3 of Wyrulec Company By-Laws:

It shall be the duty of the board to appoint, not less than ninety days before the date of the meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a committee on nominations consisting of one member from each directorate district referred to in Article IV, Section 2 of these By-laws. No officer or member of the board shall be appointed a member of such committee.

1. The committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least sixty days before the meeting, a list of candidates for each directorship to be elected.
2. Any fifteen (15) or more members may make other nominations in writing over their signatures not less than (30) days prior to the meeting, and the secretary shall post the same at the same place where the list of candidates selected by the committee is posted.



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Safety Training



Wyrulec lineman Cody Gronewold is completing “Pole Top Rescue” training. The linemen are required to complete this training every year — it simulates the procedures they would use if one of them made electrical contact with a power line and needed assistance. They’re required to climb a pole, and safely lower a dummy to the ground, as quickly as possible.

Don't let old Electrical Wiring Pose a Problem

People who love older homes usually get drawn in by their grandeur. They fall in love with a stately staircase or intricate architectural features. Once they sign on the dotted line, they painstakingly restore it and tend to other repairs. One of the top priorities on their “To Do” list should be to get the electrical system inspected by a qualified electrician.

‘Old’ doesn’t automatically mean there’s a problem, but there could be. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), outdated wiring often can’t handle the electrical load of today’s modern appliances. And it could pose a fire hazard.

Frequent overheating can damage insulation

As electrical components age or become overloaded, the system can overheat and wear out insulation. This can lead to arcs (electrical discharge) and short circuits — the two main causes of home electrical wiring fires, according to the CPSC. In addition, old rubber wire insulation can become brittle and easily flake, leaving wires exposed.

Older wiring called knob and tube can be found in homes built around 1950 or earlier. If your electrical system was not thoroughly inspected when you bought it, or if it was inspected but it has been several years, have it inspected by an electrician to make sure it is safe and that it adequately meets the electrical needs of your home.



Tubes from knob & tube

The date your home was built matters

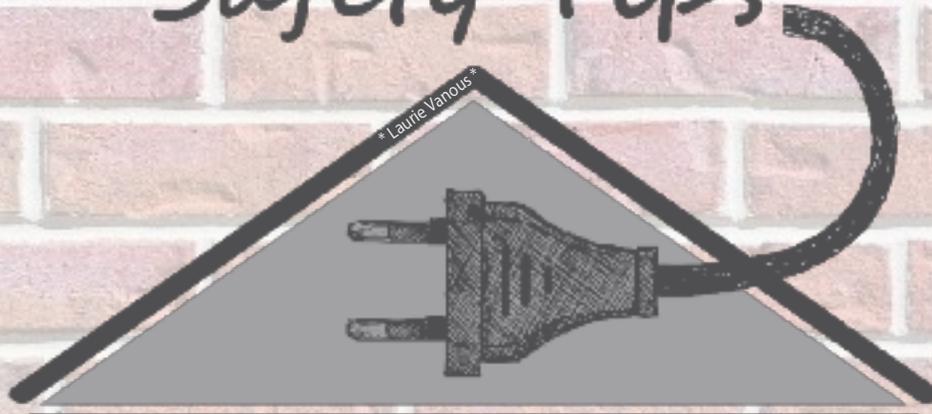
If your house was built between 1965 and 1973, it could be dangerous for another reason. Aluminum can overheat. Unfortunately, it was used in 2 million homes that were built during that time period.

Regardless of the age of your home, be sure to get any potentially dangerous wiring issues checked out by a professional, especially if:

- * Your circuit breaker keeps tripping or fuses blow often
- * You notice unusual power draws or dimming or flickering lights
- * You see discolored (dark colored) outlets or switch plates or they are warm to the touch
- * You notice unusual odors like a burning smell but can’t find a source
- * Your outlets only allow you to plug in a two-pronged plug (and not a three-pronged plug), which means they are not grounded
- * You don’t have ground-fault circuit interrupters near faucets or other sources of water in your home
- * Your house was built more than 40 years ago

For more information about electrical safety, visit SafeElectricity.org.

Top 10 Home Electrical Safety Tips



 <p>use a qualified electrician for repair work</p>	 <p>repair loose outlets; replace cracked, worn electric cords</p>	<p>watch for hot or discolored switch plates, flickering lights, or buzzing sounds.</p> 
 <p>get regular check-ups for older homes</p>	<p>use bulbs with correct wattage for the fixtures</p> 	<p>if children are present install tamper resistant outlets to protect against shock</p> 
<p>use extension cords temporarily, not as permanent wiring</p> 	<p>unplug electrics if you smell something burning</p> 	<p>keep cords out of walkways and high traffic areas</p> 
<p>educate the household on electrical safety</p> 		

Learn more about home electrical safety at

