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2020 Operating Year

Next year is shaping up to be a busy one! I'm just about finished with the 2020 budget that I will present to the board for approval and want to give you some insight on what we have planned for 2020.

Metering system

I'm very pleased with the way the deployment of our new metering system is going. My best guess is we will be 100% deployed by February 1st, which is about four months ahead of schedule and in line with budget projections. This new system continues to meet our expectations and has solved our missed meter reading issues, which was our goal all along.

Transmission side additions

We will be heavily engaged with ONEOK to meet their construction deadlines of December 31, 2020, on our two new substations - located south of Fort Laramie and west of Meriden. We will also be working with Tri-State and

WAPA to build a new delivery point south of Fort Laramie, off the WAPA 115kV transmission line, to support the new ONEOK load. It is our goal to have the new Plains Pipeline and Bridger Pipeline loads energized right after the first of the year as well.

Distribution side replacements

As far as our distribution system goes, we will replace regulators, an oil circuit breaker, transformers, and high-side fusing at several of our distribution substations that are seriously dated. We will also be replacing some old line in the town of Hawk Springs.

We are in pretty good shape as far as general plant goes, but we will have to replace one digger truck in 2020 at a cost of \$300,000. The



truck that needs replaced is 16 years old and has paid its dues. Like I said, it's shaping up to be a busy new year, but I have no doubt that Wyrulec's employees are up to the task. Once again, we thank you for your support and look forward to meeting your needs in 2020.

Merry Christmas to you and yours
from Wyrulec Company

Our office will be closed
Tuesday, December 24 and
Wednesday, December 25
for the Christmas Holiday.

Deadline for Scholarship Applications

Wyrulec Company, along with Tri-State Generation & Transmission Assn. and Basin Electric Power Cooperative, offers a variety of scholarships to encourage continuing education or higher education.

To be eligible for these scholarships, the parent, legal guardian, or the applicant themselves must receive their electric power from Wyrulec Company.

The applicant must be enrolled, or intending to enroll, in an accredited

two-year college, four-year university, or vocational technical school.

Applications for all these scholarships can be picked up at our office, obtained from local high school or college guidance offices, or on our website at www.wyrulec.com, under the Youth Programs tab.

Basin Electric Power Cooperative

* One scholarship of \$1,000

Tri-State Generation & Transmission

* Two scholarships of \$500 each

Wyrulec Company

* Total of eight scholarships of \$1,000 each. Four of these scholarships will be awarded to students attending vocational or technical schools.

More information is available on our website. If you have any questions, please contact our office.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT WYRULEC COMPANY'S OFFICE BY 4:00 PM ON JANUARY 31, 2020.



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These are the 2019 scholarship recipients.

Tips for Staying Safe This Holiday Season

Gathering with family and friends during the holidays often means making great memories, reliving traditions, and sharing the spirit of the season. However, amid all the festivities, don't forget

about safety. Safe Electricity shares tips

to help ensure that your holiday season—whether

decorating, feasting, or traveling—remains a safe one.

Keep safety in mind when decorating the home.

★ Ensure that your tree is placed at least three

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feet away from heat sources, such as fireplaces or radiators, and on a stable platform.

★ Before hanging holiday lights, check for worn spots, fraying, and excessive kinking. Damaged strands of lights should not be used.

★ Consider investing in LED light strands. Although they are more expensive than traditional incandescent bulbs, LED lights last much longer and are also



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more efficient and durable.

Don't get burned in the kitchen

Clean your stovetop and oven often, especially before the large amount of baking and cooking that takes place for family gatherings. Doing so will help prevent fires in the kitchen, should a malfunction or accident in

the kitchen take place.

Do not leave combustible items, such as towels or potholders, near the stove top.

Keep all appliance cords away from heat. Never use appliances near the kitchen sink. Plug

appliances into ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) outlets. Unplug your appliances when they are not in use.

Travel plans

Whether you are leaving the home for a few hours or for a few weeks, turn off all lights when they are not in use.

Your neighbors can still enjoy your exterior Christmas lights while you are away if you put them on an automatic timer. This will remove the extra worry of an electrical accident while also reducing energy costs.

If you will be gone for an extended holiday trip, you can reduce the risk of a

power surge damaging equipment by unplugging unneeded electrical devices before leaving.

For more home electrical safety tips, visit SafeElectricity.org.

The Energy Education Council is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to promoting electrical safety and energy efficiency. Established in 1952, the Council serves as a forum for diverse utility and energy organizations to collaborate on the mutually vital issues of efficiency and safety. Learn more at: EnergyEdCouncil.org SafeElectricity.org



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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Let the sunshine in! For additional warmth, open drapes over windows that receive sunlight during the day. Close them at night, which can reduce heat loss from a warm room up to 10%.

Source: energy.gov



If your name is in these pages, call Wyrulec, 307-837-2225. You'll get a \$25 bill credit to spend any way you like on electricity from Wyrulec Company. It can be for your electric shaver, your holiday lights, the electric Santa, even your new keyboard!



"E Pete Carlson"

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The holidays can be a time for making beautiful memories and sharing special gifts. Give your family the gift of a safe celebration. As you prepare for this special time of year, take some time for safety. Follow manufacturer's instructions on all decorative items that use electricity, and be aware of overhead power lines as you work outdoors.

Give your family some TLC. Teach what you know, Learn what you need to, and Care enough to share it with those you love.



Visit SafeElectricity.org for help with making your home a safer place this season.

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