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MANAGER'S REPORT

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Reliable Service

As I write this article, we are experiencing the full effects of the COVID -19 virus on our way of life.

Because of the threat of the virus just about every meeting or gathering has been canceled, and the schools have announced they will be closed for three weeks.

By now you have received notice that our 84th annual meeting has been postponed. We usually have around 300 people in attendance at our meeting, so we felt it was prudent at

this time to postpone the meeting and follow the CDC recommendations.

Once the threat of the virus passes “and it will” we will notify all our members of our intention to move forward with the meeting and ballot procedures.

In addition to the corona virus the weather forecast is anticipating ice, snow and wind like we experienced around Thanksgiving of this past year.

I hope they are wrong or the outlook changes before we get to the end of the week. When you mix that kind of weather together it can cause severe damage to our infrastructure and cause prolonged outages.

This past Thanksgiving, the ice storm caused outages up to 16 hours and a lot of maintenance work had to be conducted after the storm.

I want to reassure you that no matter what is going on here or in the world, we will respond to your outages, we will repair our lines and we will restore your power!

If you have questions or comments or just want to talk about Wyrulec Company, please don't hesitate to contact me. To reach me at the office, call (307) 837-2225, toll free at (800) 628-5266, on my cell at (307) 575-2435 or via email at rschilreff@wyrulec.com.



Congratulations to Travis Gaukel for completing his apprenticeship at the end of 2019 and achieving his journeyman lineman certification



Pictured are most of the Wyrulec linemen and apprentices. From the left: Sawyer Rutt (apprentice), Hayden Fleming (apprentice), Ben Hager (lineman), DJ Duffield (lineman; foreman), Joe Gonzalez (lineman; meter tech), Doug Bremer (lineman), Miles Duffy (lineman, assistant operations manager), Travis Gaukel (lineman), and Deaver Arrants (lineman; line superintendent)

Remember to Thank a Lineworker on April 13

Lineworkers serve on the frontlines of our nation’s energy needs, and on April 13, 2020, Wyrulec Company, along with other electric cooperatives across the country, will honor the brave men and women who work hard to keep the lights on.

Line crews work around the clock, sometimes in difficult and dangerous conditions, to keep power flowing to our local communities. Whether they’re restoring power after a major storm or maintaining critical infrastructure to our electric system, lineworkers are at the heart of our co-op. * Shawn Watts *

When a storm hits, they set aside their personal priorities because Mother Nature doesn’t work around holidays, vacations and birthdays. A service-oriented mentality is one of the many admirable characteristics of an electric lineworker.

Wyrulec is proud to honor the lineworkers that maintain 2,019 miles of power lines in our service territory. We currently have nine journeymen linemen and three apprentices. In addition to that, we have three former linemen who now serve in other capacities.



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

Wyrulec invites all co-op members to take a moment and thank a lineworker for the important work they do. On April 13, you can use #ThankALineworker on social media to show your support for the brave men and women who power our lives.



Storm repair: Anthony Pontarolo



Working on energized lines: Travis Gaukel and DJ Duffield



Replacing a pole in the area of the Ft. Laramie canal breach:
DJ Duffield and Doug Bremer



New construction: DJ Duffield and Cody Gronewold



Substation work

Budget Billing

The Budget Billing Plan is offered to all members with residential service. This plan is designed to help eliminate the seasonal highs and lows of electric energy bills, allowing the member to receive a consistent or "budgeted" bill each month.

At the end of the period, the twelfth month is the "true-up" month. The true-up statement will be your billing statement dated May 10, 2020.

The deadline to enroll or re-enroll in the 2020-2021 budget billing plan is May 31, 2020.

Requirements to apply or renew an account in the Budget Billing Plan are:

1. The member must have received service at the same location for at least 12 consecutive months.
2. The member's account must be in good standing.
3. The member must sign the "Budget Billing Plan Agreement".

If you are currently on the Budget Billing Plan and are eligible for renewal, an application will automatically be mailed to you. All members with a budget billing plan must complete the application process on an annual basis.

If you have any questions or would like to apply for the Budget Billing Plan, please contact our office at (307) 837-2225 or (800) 628-5266.

Budget Billing enrollment deadline

May 31

LOOK OUT FOR POWER SOURCES

10' Do not get within 10 feet (in any direction) of a power line.

Be aware of power lines when working on the roof.

Do not trim branches or limbs near power lines.

Be careful when carrying long or tall objects such as ladders or poles. **Look up**

811 Before you dig, call 811 to have underground utilities marked.

DANGER HIGH VOLTAGE

Do not dig near padmount transformers or other utility equipment.

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