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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

You can sure tell fall is here. Lots of harvest going on, the trees are turning bright yellow, and Turkey Day is just around the corner. In this article I want to bring you up-to-speed on a few things going on here at the cooperative and provide you with some good news as we head into the new year. From all of us at Wyrulec, we wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving!

Rates

Great news! We were notified by our wholesale power provider, Tri-State Generation and Transmission, that they would be holding their wholesale rates steady in 2025. Therefore, Wyrulec's rates will remain the same for our members in 2025 as well. We are currently in the process of a cost-of-service study to see how each rate class is performing as far as paying their fair share, and to see what changes we will have to make in the future to align with Tri-State's formulary rate. But for now, we will just enjoy the good news of no rate increase.



Ryan Schilreff
General Manager

Capital Credit Retirements

Wyrulec will once again be retiring capital credits back to the membership this year. We anticipate retiring Wyrulec's operating margins for the years of 2011, 2012 and part of 2014, and Tri-State's margins for 2002 and 2003. If you were a member of Wyrulec during any of these years you should be receiving a check around the second or third week of December.

Insurance Coverage

Insurance coverage for electric utilities is becoming more challenging and costly. We were notified by our insurance carrier that electric utilities will be seeing substantial price increases in our ARB (All Risk Blanket) and Umbrella coverages. The issue is the reinsurance companies that hold the majority of the risk are seeing wildfire losses and higher risk associated with electric utilities. One of the things Wyrulec must do over the next year to get adequate coverage is to implement what is called a Wildfire Mitigation Plan for our entire service territory. We have engaged an engineering service company to help with this tedious process, which is costly as well. Our biggest risk is grassland fire due to high winds and drought. The focus of our plan will be how we can mitigate that risk and protect our associated equipment and members.

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New Bucket Truck

Just complaining here for a minute, and I'm sure all of you that have machinery and equipment will not find this surprising, but the last bucket truck we bought was around \$212,000. The one we have coming in to replace our older bucket truck is now estimated at \$325,000, and it probably isn't made as well as the old one. The other sticking point is there are only about two companies to bid these types of trucks through for competition. Those prices are challenging for a small co-op, so rather than expending that type of cash, we are looking into leasing as an option rather than buying.

If you have questions about any of these topics or about your cooperative in general, please feel free to reach out to me at 877-WYRULEC.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

If you're planning to purchase electronic gifts this holiday season, look for the ENERGY STAR® label, which indicates higher energy efficiency performance. Electronics that receive the ENERGY STAR® rating are up to 25% more efficient than standard products. This holiday season, give the gift of energy savings with ENERGY STAR®-rated electronics and equipment.

Source: energystar.gov



KNOW WHAT TO DO



if in an Auto Accident with Power Lines



If the car you are in hits a utility pole, your vehicle and the surrounding area can become energized.

Even if you do not touch lines or equipment, you can still be killed or seriously injured.



1. Do **NOT** leave the car, and warn others to stay away.

2. Call 911 to have the utility notified.



3. Wait until a utility professional has told you it is safe.



The **only** reason to exit the vehicle is if it's on fire.

If the car is on fire, jump clear of the vehicle: **with feet together, and without touching the car and the ground at the same time.**



Continue to **hop away** with your feet together as far as you can.



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2025 ANNUAL MEETING

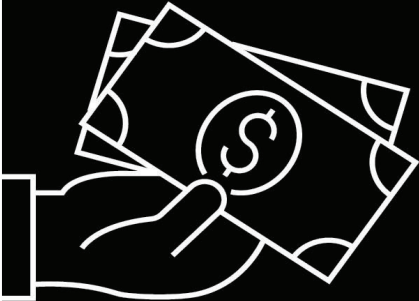
The Board Seat for Districts #1 and #2 will be up for re-election at the 2025 Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for March 27th. Ben Scott currently represents District #1, and Dewey Hageman currently represents District #2. Both plan to run for their Board Seats as incumbents. If you currently live in one of these districts and are interested in running or would like further information, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee:

District #1:	Jay Cross	307-575-3109
District #2:	Douglas Frederick	307-532-0302
District #3:	Kent Hunter	307-534-5721
District #4:	Jack Revelle	308-631-8026
District #5:	Curtis Grandstaff	307-575-2459

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


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 forty-five (45) 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.

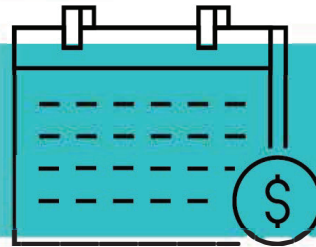


HOW CAPITAL CREDITS WORK


Electric co-ops are not-for-profit and operate at cost. Capital credits are a financial benefit of co-op membership.




- 1.** Members pay their electric bills, and we track their business with us each month.



- 2.** The co-op pays operating expenses throughout the year and allocates any leftover operating revenue as capital credits.



- 3.** When financial conditions permit, the co-op board votes to retire (pay) capital credits to the members.



- 4.** We send members a check for their share of capital credits.

The following names have been drawn for a \$25 bill credit. Contact Wyrulec Company at 877-WYRULEC to claim your credit!

T. Rex Trumbull
Scott Nelson
Tonya Redmond
Connie Glenn
Jody Gulley



Safety Tip

When decorating outside, look up and look out. Never throw holiday lights or other decorations into trees near power lines. Be especially careful when working near power lines attached to your house. Keep ladders, equipment and yourself at least 10 feet from power lines.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Wyrulec holiday closures are:

Tuesday, December 24

Wednesday, December 25

Wednesday, January 1

**Account payments will be honored through December 26th before late charges are assessed.*