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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Annual Meeting

Be sure to save the date for Wyrulec's 89th annual meeting, which will be held on Thursday, March 27th. All members of the cooperative will receive a 2024 Annual Report in the mail in March. Please make sure you **return the Absentee Ballot** you receive with your report. This will help us establish the required quorum for the Director election. We will draw one name from the absentee ballots returned who will receive a \$100 bill credit!



Ryan Schilreff
General Manager

The Nominating Committee, which is comprised of one member from each of the five districts, met in the office of the Cooperative on January 20th. They officially nominated the incumbents for District #1 – Ben Scott, and District #2 – Dewey Hageman, for the 2025 Director election.

Tri-State Contract Committee

The Tri-State Contract Committee meetings and negotiations are ongoing, with the purpose of implementing a new Wholesale Electric Service Contract (WESC) between Tri-State and its 41 distribution members, which includes Wyrulec. We anticipate that Tri-State will ask its members to execute a new WESC in April of this year. The new contract would extend our current contract date from 2050 to 2066. The extension of the contract brings more flexibility for the cooperatives to own or control a portion of their own generating resources or to enter into a Purchase Power Agreement (PPA) with another entity to provide a portion of the cooperative's power outside the all-requirements contract. In addition, it also gives Tri-State the ability to maximize the \$2.1B worth of Investment Reduction Act funds that have been committed to them to build renewables and lower the cost of the coal-based stranded assets. The financial institutions will only loan to the expiration date of the WESC, since that is Tri-State's primary source of debt repayment. Extending the contract from 2050 to 2066 should be financial benefit for the Tri-State membership. I will have a good update on this topic for you at the annual meeting.

Your cooperative is a proud member of these fine organizations



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Legislative Bills

Through the Wyoming Rural Electric Association (WREA), we have three bills that we have submitted for consideration this legislative session that will directly affect the co-ops. They are as follows:

SF 87 - Prescriptive Easements for Electricity Delivery

– This bill would allow the cooperatives to continue to replace and maintain our infrastructure if it has been in place and in service for a period of not less than 10 years, and there was no formal easement recorded at the time of construction.

HB 184 – Utilities Point of Consumption and Allocation Agreements

– This bill would protect the cooperative’s certificated territory from other entities violating our territory or wanting to serve large industrial loads in our territory. At the very least it will require individuals or companies to come to the table to negotiate an agreement with the cooperative before any construction can commence. Since inception, Wyrulec’s members have invested approximately \$70M in utility plant to serve our members now and into the future, and that investment must be protected and not eroded.

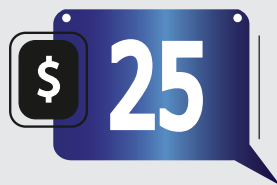
Wildfire Liability - At this time, this bill is still awaiting a number, but the intention is to implement some type of liability safeguard for the electric cooperatives in case of a fire started from our infrastructure. Portions of our insurance coverage went up 60% this year alone for the same coverage we had previously. This is due to the nature of our business and the risks associated with delivery of safe electricity. The cooperative would be required to put a Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) into place, and have it approved by the Wyoming Public Service Commission. Then we must execute the plan as written in order to receive protection. Wyrulec is already working on a formal WMP, in conjunction with local stakeholders, to mitigate our risk of fires and the potential for catastrophic lawsuits. Our insurance provider has encouraged us to implement a WMP whether this legislation is passed or not.

If you are interested in the full text of one of these bills you can view them on www.wyoleg.gov. Feel free to contact us at 877-WYRULEC if you have any questions about these issues or your cooperative in general.

The following names have been drawn for a **\$25** bill credit.

Contact Wyrulec Company at **877-WYRULEC** to claim your credit!

- Barbie Van Pelt
- Barbara Holiday
- Shad Shimic
- Robert J. Gifford
- Tanner Hort



ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

If you have a home office, look for opportunities to save energy in your workspace. Use ENERGY STAR®-rated equipment, which consumes up to 50% less energy than standard models. Set equipment like printers and scanners to automatically switch to sleep or energy-saver mode when not in use. In addition to saving energy, the equipment will stay cooler, which will help extend its life. Another way to save energy in your home office is to use efficient lamps for task lighting. Replace any older bulbs with energy-saving LEDs.

Source: energy.gov

Wyrulec Company's 89th Annual Meeting

Thursday, March 27, 2025

Goshen County Fairgrounds
Rendezvous Center
4740 US Hwy 26/85
Torrington, WY 82240

5:00 pm - Doors Open
6:00 pm - Dinner & Guest Speaker
7:00 pm - Business Meeting

*Join us for food,
fun, and prizes!*



ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

Who We Are



At-cost
electric service



Locally
governed



Return excess
revenue



Community
builders

WHAT IS backfeed?

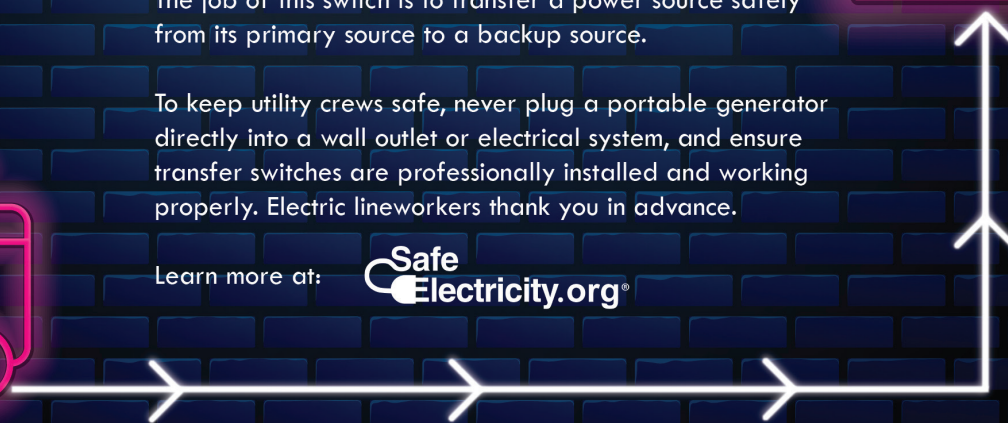
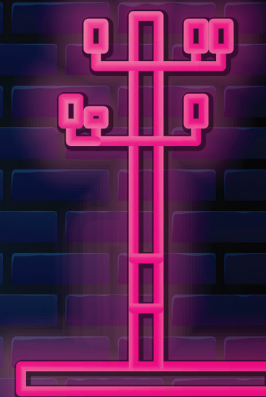
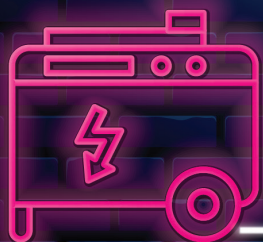
**Avoid deadly backfeed and
help keep lineworkers safe.**

Backfeed happens when a person connects their portable generator to a wall outlet, which allows power to flow in reverse – that is, the alternate power source feeds energy back through their home's electrical system, their meter and back into the power lines.

Potentially deadly backfeed can also happen with permanently installed generators that are not used or installed correctly. They should be wired into your home by a qualified electrician, who will install either an automatic or manual transfer switch, depending on the generator. The job of this switch is to transfer a power source safely from its primary source to a backup source.

To keep utility crews safe, never plug a portable generator directly into a wall outlet or electrical system, and ensure transfer switches are professionally installed and working properly. Electric lineworkers thank you in advance.

Learn more at:



Feeling chilled? HEAT your SPACE safely



Before you dust off your space heater and plug it in, consider that most home heating fire deaths (86%) involve space heaters, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). In fact, heating equipment is the second-leading cause of U.S. home fires (cooking is the leading cause).

More than half of the heating-related home fires start when flammable items are too close to the heat source, according to the NFPA. Those items include upholstered furniture, clothing, a mattress or bedding.

Nearly half of all home heating fires occur in December, January and February.



Here are some space heater safety tips:

- ☛ Only use them as the manufacturer recommends
- ☛ Do not leave them unattended
- ☛ Give them space: remove any flammable items within 3 feet
- ☛ Plug them directly into outlets; don't use an extension cord
- ☛ Consider using a dedicated circuit to avoid overload
- ☛ Keep children and pets away from space heaters at all times
- ☛ Turn them off before you leave the room or go to sleep

Learn more at:

**Safe
Electricity.org**[®]