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Butler REC NEWS

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Butler REC Notice of Board of Trustees Meeting

Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-104d, please take notice that the Board of Trustees of Butler Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Inc., will meet on December 28th, 2009, at 7 p.m. at the Cooperative Headquarters, 216 S. Vine, El Dorado, Kansas, to discuss and vote on the adoption or modification of any or all of the following rules, regulations, rate schedules, riders, or terms of service:

The adoption of a net metering rider for member-owned renewable generation.

The Board will consider the adoption of a net metering rider applicable to certain member-owned renewable generation installations installed primarily to offset the member's own energy usage. The rider would enable members with qualified installations to offset the energy purchased from the cooperative with renewable energy generated by the customer over the length of each billing cycle.

Modifications to Cooperative rules, regulations, and terms of service governing the operation of parallel generation by members.

Under certain terms and conditions set forth in K.S.A. 66-1,184 and the rates, rules and regulations of the Cooperative, members may operate generation in parallel with that provided by the Cooperative. The Board of Trustees will consider amendments to the existing rates, rules and regulations to comply with legislative amendments to K.S.A. 66-1,184 and to establish consistency with the terms of other member-owned generation.

Modification of the Rural Domestic Service tariff to add a monthly electric heat rider.

The Board will consider the adoption of a rider applicable to certain members on the Rural Domestic Service tariff who qualify by using electricity as the primary source to heat their home. The proposed rider would adjust the unintended impact on the amount paid by those customers during the heating season.

The meeting is open to any member that wishes to attend. Any member with questions may contact

Dale Short,
General Manager/CEO

Butler REC Energy Efficiency Seminar December 14 at 1:30 p.m.

Butler REC would like to invite you to our third Energy Efficiency Seminar on December 14 at 1:30 p.m. at the Butler REC office (216 S. Vine, El Dorado).

Presenters will answer the following questions about your electric bill.

- ▶ What is demand and how does it relate to my electric bill?
- ▶ How can I manage my electric bill?
- ▶ How can I be more energy efficient?

To register call Barbara at 316-321-9600 or 800-464-0060. Please RSVP for the seminar by December 9. Don't miss out on this great learning opportunity.

Frequently Asked Questions About Our New Rates

Our new rate has been in effect now for a couple of months, and we wanted to share with you some of the questions that we have been hearing.

How can I save on my electric bill without making my home uncomfortable?

We never intended our members to shut down the heat or air-conditioning in their homes. We want you to be comfortable.

However save by simply rescheduling when you do things such as laundry or dish washing to a time outside of the peak usage times.

Where did the demand come from?

Demand has always been part of your electric bill. It just wasn't broken out so you could see it.

In the past, the metering required to measure demand on a house by house basis was not affordable. With the new metering technology that we now have, you can do as our commercial accounts have done for years and take advantage of reducing the demand during critical peak times and save on your own electric bill.

How was the \$5 for demand determined?

Your new bill shows you more of the components of your electric usage than it did in the past.

While you always paid for demand, you couldn't tell how much. The \$5 was determined by performing a cost-of-service study that looked at each aspect of providing you electricity and then determined the appropriate cost.

How do we read the demand?

Demand is the highest total kWh used during a one-hour period from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Why doesn't the demand coincide with my billing cycle?

Demand is based on the calendar month, because that is how our power supplier bills Butler REC. Demand is also higher during the summer months.

So, to be fair to everyone, we use the same demand time frame regardless of your billing cycle.

How can I monitor my hourly usage?

We now have available on our Web site a tool that lets you view your hourly usage data. With this tool you can look at your hourly usage over the past three months.

For more information and tools visit our Web site at www.butler.coop. There you will find our HomeEnergy Suite where you can analyze and learn more about your home energy use.

If you have any questions please feel free to call our office at 800-464-0060.

Operation Roundup a Way for You to Make a Big Impact on the Community

For less than \$1 a month, you can make a difference in someone's life. It may seem like small change, and it is, but when you multiply that by the thousands of Butler REC members who are or could be participating in Operation Round Up, it makes a big difference.

Operation Round Up (ORU) is when our members volunteer to round their electric bill up to the nearest dollar. That small amount of change is put into an account that is used to help our members.

In the month of October, Butler REC's ORU committee was able to provide 472 backpacks of food to children in our service territory through the Kansas Food Bank's HungerCare program. The backpacks of weekend food essentially give back the chance for at-risk kids to do as well as they can in school and in life. It ensures that those children who depend on free school-furnished meals on weekdays, don't go hungry on the weekends.

The ORU program also provided

funds to the Salvation Army to disburse to members needing help with winter heating bills and has provided safety coloring books to area fire departments to promote fire safety in our schools.

Employees of Butler REC and the ORU committee donated items for care packages to soldiers in Afghanistan and helped provide postage to get those care packages to our troops.

ORU is designed to help only our members or organizations that help our members. Some of those are mentioned above but also include things such as house fires, severe accidents, Toys for Tots, 4-H and many others. ORU committee is also looking for families to adopt for Christmas. If you know of any member's that would be good candidates, please let us know.

If you would like to contribute to a program that costs only pennies per month and helps benefit the lives of so many in need, please call the office today at 800-464-0060.

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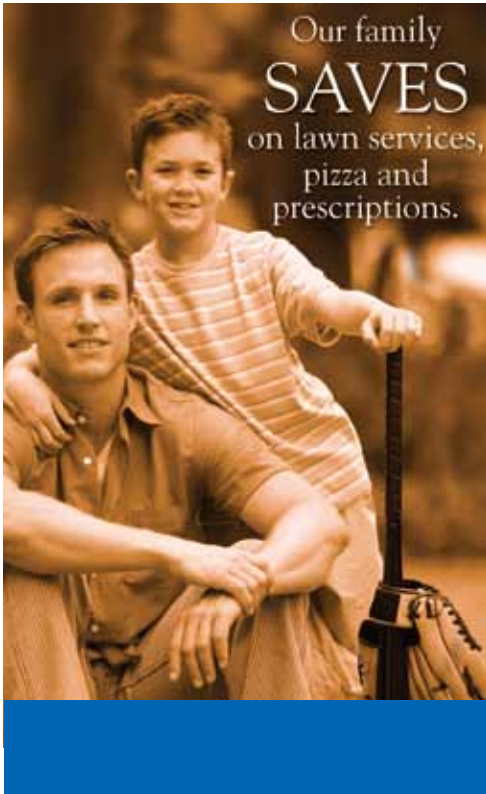
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