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PowerLines

Some Excellent News

In the past, I have written about the cooperative's arrangements to get electric generation for your use. We just received some excellent news regarding our generation supply that I'd like to share with you.

As you know, Central is a member of Allegheny Electric Cooperative. Allegheny is a generation and transmission cooperative, owned and controlled by the distribution cooperatives in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. It is Allegheny's responsibility to meet the electric generation needs of its members. Allegheny accomplishes this through generation ownership and purchases. Allegheny owns enough generation to meet about 65 percent of our needs. They purchase the remaining 35 percent off the wholesale electric generation market through a variety of purchase arrangements. The cost of our owned generation is fairly stable because the initial investment has been made. The price for electric generation



Larry Adams
CEO & General Manager

on the wholesale market is less stable because of many factors, which include the cost of new generation entering the market. The good news that we received is related to one of our own generating plants.

Susquehanna Steam Electric Station

The largest generation asset that Allegheny owns is the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station (SSES). Allegheny has a 10 percent interest in the plant, which runs on nuclear fuel.

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The majority owner is PPL Corporation. The plant began operation in the early '80s. Our ownership interest in SSES meets about half of our generation needs. It was recently announced that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has granted a 20-year license renewal for SSES. This is excellent news.

The license renewal extends the operation of Unit One of the plant until 2042 and Unit Two until 2044. That means it will be part of our generation supply for another 34 years. Today the electricity generated by the plant is very competitively priced compared to the wholesale market. So for the next 34 years cooperative members will have a reliable, favorably priced source of generation that meets a significant portion of our needs. This is why the license renewal is such good news.

In addition, because the plant runs on nuclear fuel it does not contribute greenhouse gases to the atmosphere. This should keep it, and the cost of the electricity generated, from being affected by climate change legislation.

So, in SSES, we have a reliable, favorably priced generation asset that will be in service for many more years. This generation will blend in with Allegheny's other generation resources, including market purchases, helping to moderate increases in generation costs for cooperative members well into the future.

A Bright Future

I have said in the past that the cooperative and its members were in a favorable position for the future relative to the retail rates of other electric utilities in Pennsylvania. The license renewal for SSES extends that period of rate stability further into the future. I'm not saying there won't be increases in the cost of our electric generation supply; there will. However, because we own a significant portion of our generation, the cooperative and its members are in a very favorable position.

It's a good time to be a member of the cooperative.

To become a CEC director you must meet the minimum qualifications and:

- *Submit a petition consisting of 20 signatures*
- *Submit a written request including full name, address, telephone number, county of residence and account number*
- *Return to CEC's Nominating Committee, PO Box 329, Parker, PA 16049*

Linemen Lend a Helping Hand

On Dec. 23, 2009, CEC linemen arrived in West Virginia to assist in restoring electricity to Allegheny Power customers. The linemen traveled to Weston and Gainesville, W. Va. before returning home on Christmas Eve. Great job guys!



Scott Best, Bill Betros, Terry Kriebel, Ezra Grunick and Brice Stewart. Not pictured Greg Bly.

CEC Launches New Web Site

Central Electric Cooperative is pleased to announce our new Web site. The Web site went live on Dec. 22, 2009 and the official launch took place on Jan. 4, 2010. The domain name remains www.central.coop.

What's New?

Our new home page features updated press releases, a 24-hour account center, the Power Lines quiz, Twitter and much more. "The Web site is designed to make life easier for our members. Information is easy-to-find and timely. It allows members to pay bills conveniently online anytime, save money on energy bills, take advantage of

energy rebates, learn about new products and apply for scholarships," said CEC's Director of Communication and Marketing Chris O'Donnell.



Above is a screen shot of CEC's new Web site. Visit www.central.coop to see more.

Are You Interested in a CEC Director's Seat?

Central Electric Cooperative will elect two members to serve on the board of directors at the 73rd Annual Meeting in August of 2010.

The following information will help you understand the full election process. Cooperative bylaws require the annual appointment of a nominating committee consisting of no less than one member from each of the five counties. The cooperative's board of directors selected a five-member nominating committee at the December 2009 board meeting.

The committee provides a list of qualified nominees for director, which may include a greater number of candidates than available seats. The committee posts the list of nominees at the cooperative's office.

Names of each nominee, along with a photo and background information are presented to the members in the July issue of Power Lines. At the Annual Meeting in August, there will be one director elected from Armstrong County and one

director elected from Butler County. Each director will serve until the next regular board of director's meeting following the 2013 Annual Meeting.

Members who receive service from Central Electric Cooperative at their permanent residence, in the counties listed previously, are eligible for consideration as prospective director nominees. However, before nomination by the committee, prospective nominees must meet all necessary qualifications as described in Article IV, Section 4 of the bylaws. The bylaws also require that any individual desiring nomination for candidacy submit a petition (signed by 20 cooperative members) to the nominating committee.

All members who are interested in receiving a qualifications list and petition should submit the coupon on Page 3 no later than April 1, 2010. The qualifications list and petition form will be sent back immediately upon receipt.

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If a member meets the qualifications as described in the bylaws, he or she then submits a written request, along with the completed petition consisting of 20 signatures, for consideration as a director nominee. The written request should include full name, address, telephone number, county of residence and account number and must be returned to the nominating committee at the address listed below by May 3, 2010.

The nominating committee is responsible for selecting at least two candidates for each board seat up for re-election. The committee will meet early May 2010 to review all written requests and petitions. During the committee's second and final meeting each prospective nominee is interviewed. The nominating committee will select director nominees after the interviews.

Your board of directors has appointed a five-member nominating committee to review prospective candidates who wish to run for director this year. The 2010 committee members are listed on the right.

Armstrong County

Harvey W. Loose
East Brady, Pa.

Butler County

Donald F. Christy
Saxonburg, Pa.

Clarion County

Charles R. Shreffler
Emlenton, Pa.

Forest County

Dennis Lamb
Tionesta, Pa.

Venango County

Carl E. Gadsby
Grove City, Pa.

If you are interested in being considered as a director nominee please complete this coupon and return it by April 1, 2010 to: Central Electric Cooperative, Nominating Committee, PO Box 329, Parker, PA 16049.

Please send me a qualification list and petition requirements for being a director nominee to Central Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

County: _____ Account: _____

Ken's Low Watt Corner



www.central.coop
Check it out!
By Ken Maleski
CEC Consumer
Marketing Representative



Winter Savings

It's February and there is little work to do outside. So why not accomplish some energy-saving tips inside your home. Here are some penny-pinching ideas to help you save energy and money.

Heating

- Set back your thermostat at night or when you are not home (6 degrees lower for eight consecutive hours)
- Change or update furnace filters monthly

Clothes Dryer

- Clean lint trap after every load
- Dry full loads but don't over pack
- Hang wet clothes on indoor clothes lines

Humidification

- Purchase a room-unit humidifier and locate air stream near a register for the feeling of added warmth without raising the thermostat
- A permanently mounted humidifier can be added to the furnace by a qualified contractor

Lighting

- Replace incandescent lights with compact fluorescent bulbs for a 400 percent energy savings per light bulb

Saving energy is similar to saving up for next years' Christmas shopping. You have to start sometime. Why not this month? For more energy-saving tips, log onto www.central.coop and click on our Home Energy Calculator and learn more ways to save.

Coloring Contest Winner

Laura Ashley Gutauskas, a fourth grader at Slippery Rock Area Elementary school is the winner of our Christmas coloring contest. Laura is now the proud owner of a Nintendo Wii™ system. Great job Laura!



Recipe of the Month

Brunch Bread Pudding

Ingredients

- 6 cups French bread cubes
- 1 package (6-ounce) white chocolate baking bar, coarsely chopped
- 1 cup of fat-free egg product
- 3/4 cup warm water
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 can (14-ounce) sweetened condensed milk (not evaporated)



Directions:

1. Spray the inside of a 3-to-4 quart slow cooker with cooking spray. Place bread cubes in slow cooker. Sprinkle with baking bar.
2. In small bowl, mix remaining ingredients; pour over bread cubes and baking bar.
3. Cover and cook on low heat for 3 to 4 hours or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Serve warm.

For more great recipes visit: www.bettycrocker.com

Send Recipes to:

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**Congratulations to Gary W. Blausler
for winning CEC's E-Member drawing!**

Read **Power Lines** and

Last Issue's Winner:



Jamie Myers of Parker

Read your issue of Central Electric Cooperative's Power Lines and win! It's simple — you can win a \$50 credit on your monthly electric bill by reading Power Lines and completing the quiz below.

Contest Rules

1. The contest is open to all Central Electric Cooperative members with active accounts as of the drawing date.
2. Only one entry per member is permitted.
3. Employees and directors of Central Electric, along with members of their immediate families, are not eligible.
4. The winning entry will appear as a credit on the member's bill and may not be redeemed for cash.

Complete, clip and enclose the quiz and personal information below and return it with your monthly payment. For a faster entry you may complete the survey online at www.central.coop.

1. True or False: Allegheny owns enough generation to meet about 60 percent of our needs.

Answer: _____

2. True or False: CEC's new Web site kept the same domain name.

Answer: _____

3. True or False: Replace incandescent lights with compact fluorescent bulbs for a 400 percent energy savings per light bulb.

Answer: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No: _____ **Account No:** _____



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