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A Changing Energy Environment

Generally, the world we live in changes slowly, gradually, without us taking much notice of the change. Then one day, we realize that something has changed in a big way. For example, I remember the day we took our son to check in for his freshman year of college. We drove home without him, wondering how this had happened. It seemed that I was just coaching him in little league. Today, he is married, lives in another state, works at a demanding job, and they own their own home. I feel like it was yesterday that I took the training wheels off his bicycle.

Then, there are some things that quickly and dramatically change the world in which we live. Our world changed quickly following the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. When you travel by air, enduring the heightened levels of security that are not part of our lives, you remember exactly when the world changed to make it necessary. No need to wonder how this happened. Not many events change our lives in significant ways in a matter of days, or even a few years. However, I believe we have begun a period of significant change in the way we



Larry Adams
CEO & General Manager

live our lives, and that it will evolve quickly over the next few years with implications for all of us.

Cheap, Abundant Energy, No More!

While you may argue that energy has not been cheap for some time, the increases we are experiencing today, may make 2004 look like the good old days. The cost of all forms of energy is increasing: oil, natural gas, electricity, propane, gasoline, etc. When you consider how much energy our country imports from unstable parts of the

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world, having enough energy, regardless of price, also becomes an issue. Add to that the impact the burning of fossil fuels has on our environment, and you have a number of factors all leading to the desire to use less energy, and produce more of it with clean, domestic resources. The proposed solutions range from hybrid vehicles to windmill generators.

Government Action

Last August the federal government enacted the Energy Policy Act of 2005. In 2004, the Pennsylvania legislature enacted the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act of 2004 (Act 213). Other states have similar legislation. The purpose of the state legislation is to increase the amount of electricity produced by renewable sources. While the Energy Policy Act of 2005 is very broad, portions of it, along with other federal legislation, support renewable generation. Both federal and state legislation supports small renewable applications available to residential electric consumers, including wind and solar, and the interconnection of those small systems with the electric utility distribution systems. The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) is in the process of developing the detailed regulations to implement Act 213 with the utilities the PUC regulates in Pennsylvania.

At the Cooperative, we are working on policies to govern how the Cooperative will treat renewable generation that Co-op members may install. Will all this save the member or the Cooperative money? In my opinion, even with the tax and funding incentives that are included in the federal and state initiatives, we all need to be very careful when making these decisions. Are gasoline prices high enough yet to justify the extra cost of purchasing a hybrid car? From what I read, not yet, but perhaps soon. Are electric prices high enough to justify a member putting in a small windmill? In my opinion, no and not soon. I believe members who consider small wind or solar electric generation

installations need to be very careful to research the impact such a system will have on them. These installations are much more complicated than they appear on the surface. While I fully support the development of renewable energy sources to reduce our dependence on foreign energy sources, reduce environmental concerns, and longer term, reduce costs, I am not convinced that small residential systems will provide benefits for consumers in the foreseeable future.

Looking Ahead

I am convinced, however, that the world of abundant, cheap energy we have enjoyed for so long is coming to an abrupt end, and that this will create significant changes for all of us. Some of the solutions we implement today will work; some will not. As we participate in this process, we all individually and as a society need to do our homework to keep our mistakes to a minimum.

The Cooperative has some proven solutions in place. Central has operated a load management system for more than 20 years. More than 3,000 members participate in the water heater program and/or controlled heating program. We are currently conducting research with members to see if this program can be extended to air conditioning. We can also help members with energy audits to assure efficient energy use. These programs help keep costs down and conserve resources.

We are also working to implement policies consistent with the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and Pennsylvania's Act 213. In doing this, the Co-op and its members need to be careful to thoroughly research the solutions we pursue. If you are considering ways to address your energy issues, Cooperative personnel are available to help you make good decisions regarding electric solutions. Please contact us if we can help.

*-By Larry Adams
CEO & General Manager*

Annual Meeting set for August 25

2006 Nominating Committee Approves Director Candidates

Central Electric Cooperative's 2006 Nominating Committee met in May and nominated candidates to fill the office of Cooperative directors representing Armstrong and Butler Counties. They are: Armstrong County, **Margery S. Terwilliger**; and Butler County, **James M. Burd**.

2006 Nominating Committee Members

Armstrong County - Harvey W. Loose
 Butler County - Donald F. Christy
 Clarion County - Charles R. Shreffler
 Forest County - Linda Rankin
 Venango County - Carl E. Gadsby

ARMSTRONG COUNTY

Margery S. Terwilliger

Margery S. Terwilliger
 1803 State Route 268
 East Brady, PA 16028
 Incumbent Nominee



BUTLER COUNTY

James M. Burd




James M. Burd
 396 Freeport Road
 Saxonburg, PA 16056
 Incumbent Nominee



The Armstrong County incumbent is **Marge Terwilliger**. She is running unopposed. Marge has been a CEC member since 1953. She retired from Armstrong Community Action after 15 years as a teacher for Head Start. She was elected to the CEC Board in 2002 and currently serves as Vice President of the Board of Directors. She is also the voting delegate to the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association. She holds an early childhood associate degree from Penn State University. Marge is an Elder at St. Paul United Church of Christ, the program director at Kaylor Grange and a charter member of the Bradys Bend Historical Society. Marge has two daughters, a son and eight grandchildren.

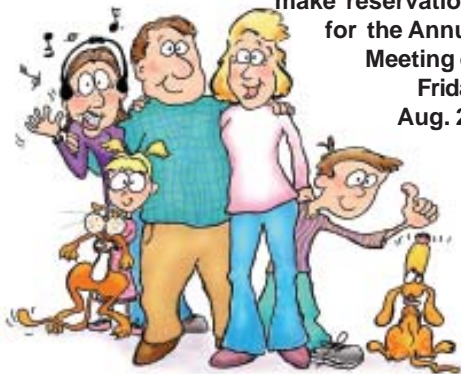
The Butler County incumbent is **James Burd**. He is running unopposed in the 2006 election. Jim has been a Central Electric member since 1963. He was appointed to fill the unexpired term of the late Lloyd McClintock. Jim is semi-retired and self-employed as the owner and operator of a custom sawmill business located at his residence in Saxonburg. Prior to this, he was a Representative of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, elected as a State Representative for the 12th Legislative District that included parts of Butler, Beaver and Lawrence counties. He served with distinction from 1977 to 1991. Jim and his wife, the former Mary Jo Schenkel of the Saxonburg area, are members of the Saxonburg Memorial Church. They have two sons.

Vote! VOTE! VOTE! Vote! VOTE! VOTE! vote! vote!

Vote by mail...  ...or at the Annual Meeting...  ...or online! 

Come out to this year's Annual Meeting!

It's not too late to make reservations for the Annual Meeting on Friday, Aug. 25.



Leave the pets, bring the kids!

Making reservations for the Cooperative's Annual Meeting dinner at Whitehall Campgrounds near Emlenton is easy!

All you have to do is complete and return the coupon before July 31. This will make sure we have enough chicken dinners for everybody attending.

Just mail it in to: Central Electric Cooperative, Inc., Annual Meeting Dinner Reservation, P.O. Box 329, Parker PA 16049. Telephone reservations are also accepted by calling 1-800-521-0570. You will need to give your name, address, account number and phone number. Telephone reservation deadline is also July 31.

Featured Speaker will be Russ Biggica

Russ Biggica currently serves as Director of Government & Regulatory Affairs for the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association (PREA), the statewide service organization for electric cooperatives in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. In that capacity, he oversees development of PREA's legislative and regulatory programs and economic development efforts.

Before joining PREA in 1991, Biggica spent six years as vice president of development for a real estate company in Hollidaysburg, Pa., as well as stints with the Office of Auditor General and other groups.

Biggica earned his bachelor's degree in political science and sociology from Gannon University in Erie, Pa., and holds a master's degree in industrial relations from St. Francis College in Loretto, Pa.



Russ Biggica
PREA

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With all the things that need done around the house, the last thing you need to concern yourself with is removing a heavy and old water heater and lugging a new one into the basement. Why not call Central Electric Cooperative at 800-521-0570 and let us professionally do it for you for only \$279.99 plus tax. With natural gas prices double from last year, now is the time to GO ELECTRIC! It's the SMART choice!



What's cookin'...

INDEPENDENCE DAY TARTS

Ingredients for One:
 1 single-serving sponge cake
 whipped topping
 sliced strawberries
 blueberries

Wash the berries and slice the strawberries. Put cake on a small plate and spread whipped topping on it. Arrange the strawberries, then the blueberries. Add more topping and then Enjoy!!

Chef Rick Bruckner will again be demonstrating his cooking skills at this year's Annual Meeting, preparing recipes on the grill. Make sure to stop by and see!

Read *Power Lines* and



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 then completing the quiz that appears below. Answer the questions (answers are contained in each issue of *Power Lines*), then complete the quiz and personal information and return it with your bill payment.

Important 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!



1. **True or False:** Central Electric has operated a load management program for more than 20 years.

Answer: _____

True or False. Two CEC directors are up for re-election this year.

Answer: _____

True or False: It is too late to register for dinner at this year's Annual Meeting.

Answer: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____ Account Number _____

May contest winner is:

Robert S. Carmichael of Rimersburg
Congratulations!

The Staff

Larry S. Adams

CEO & General Manager

Kenneth J. Clark

Assistant General Manager

& Director of Communications and Marketing

Dennis W. Beggs

Director of Finance and Administration

James F. Marron

Director of Human Resources

Fred E. Terwilliger

Director of Engineering & Operations

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Director of Consumer Services



Central Electric's office will be closed Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. Normal business hours will resume Wednesday, July 5.