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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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# Giving Thanks

I would like to start my article this month with a few important words of thanks. November 11th is Veteran's Day and I want to make sure those who have served and are currently serving in uniform know how much we appreciate their sacrifices in serving our country and defending the freedoms we enjoy every day.

I also want to thank the families of the service members for the many sacrifices

you make when your loved ones are miles away, especially during the holidays.

I want to extend a special thanks to the Wyrulec employees who have served our country in the past; Steve Ransom (Navy), Jon Malcolm (Army), and Joe Gonzales (Air Force). There is no question that we live in the greatest country in the world because of the sacrifices made by others for us all.

## 2018 Rates

Tri-State Generation and Transmission notified Wyrulec that they will be holding their wholesale rates steady from 2017 through 2018. **THIS IS GREAT NEWS.** This means there will be no increase in rates to our members through the 2018 operating year.

Many of the rate increases we have seen since 2013 were attributed either to wholesale rate increases or wholesale rate design changes. Internally, your Wyrulec staff has worked hard to control expenses and we will continue to do so in the future.

## Capital Credit Retirements

I will make a recommendation to the Board of Directors to retire capital credits once again back to our membership in the early part of December. It is our goal, given the financial position of the cooperative, to retire five percent

*Wyrulec Company will be closed on  
Nov. 23 & 24.*



*We wish  
you all a  
happy and  
safe Thanksgiving!*

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of Wyrulec’s capital credits annually, and pass along any capital credit retirements we receive from Tri-State to the membership.

The retirement of capital credits is the process of returning the equity provided to the cooperative by its members back to its members. \* David Prewitt \*

Wyrulec currently retires capital credits on a FIFO basis, meaning the members that first provided the equity will be

the first to get their investment back.

Capital credit retirements are a big benefit of being a member of the cooperative business model. \* Schlagel Manufacturing \*

If you have questions or comments or just want to talk about Wyrulec Company, please don’t hesitate to contact me. To reach me at the office, call (307) 837-2225, toll free at (800) 628-5266, on my cell at (307) 575-2435 or via email at rschilreff@wyrulec.com.

## College Scholarship info

Applications for college and trade scholarships will be available soon at the Wyrulec office or online at Wyrulec.com.

These scholarships include two \$500 scholarships and nine \$1,000 scholarships. Those ready and qualified to attend college (or already attending college) are encouraged to apply.



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## Mark Your Calendars

Our 82nd Annual Meeting will be held March 29, 2018. Please plan to attend! We will have more information coming soon.

Each year, at least one seat on the Board of Directors is up for re-election. For 2018, this will be District 5. Julie Kilty currently represents District 5 as the incumbent, and she plans to run for this Board seat again. If you are interested in running for this position, please contact Wyrulec or a member of the Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee members are:

- District #1: Art Davis.....307-532-7726
- District #2: Douglas Frederick.....307-532-0302
- District #3: Kent Hunter.....307-532-3926
- District #4: Jack Revelle .....308-631-8026
- District #5: Curtis Grandstaff.....307-834-2459

Article IV, Section 3 of 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 (30) 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.



# Outage Reporting

When calling in an outage, remember to have your Location Number ready and call (307) 837-2225. If you get a busy signal or no answer, please try again. This is an indication that all dispatch phone lines are busy.

Your Location Number is the key identifier for Wyrulec and our dispatch services to locate you.

When calling after hours, our new IVR (Interactive Voice Response System) will ask you for your Location Number to get started. \* Morgan Cross \*

Not sure of your Location Number? Please call our office or stop in! We would be happy to help.

You can always find your Location Number on your billing statement or meter pole as shown at left.

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season has  
begun**

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with questions  
or visit  
[www.lieapwyo.org](http://www.lieapwyo.org)

## Community Corner

We want to thank Wyrulec employees Heather Wilkins, Shauna Wunder, Anthony Pontarolo, and Willy Unverzagt who volun-

teered their time and assisted with safety demonstrations at the Wyoming State Fair in August. \* David B. Johnson \*



## Insulate Your Electric Water Heater Tank

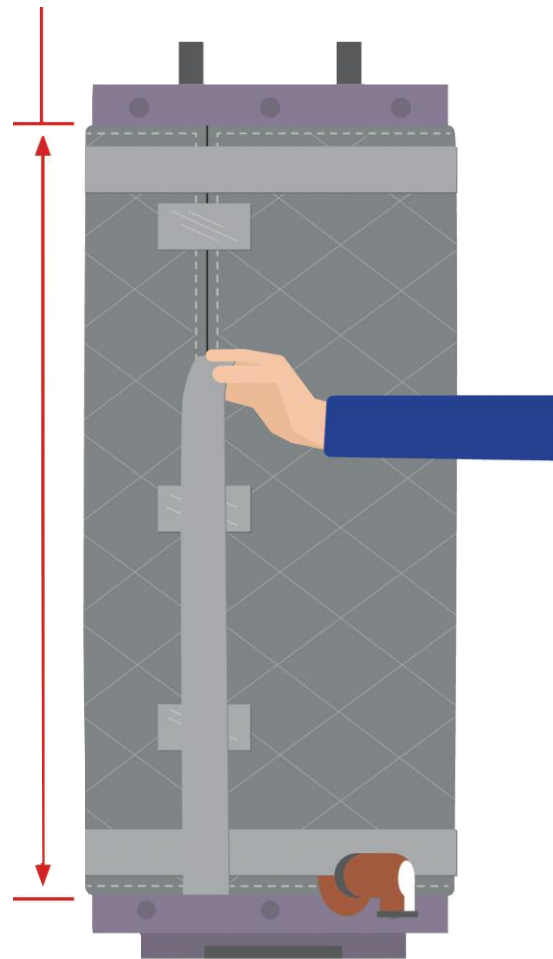
### MATERIALS:

- Water Heater Blanket
- Scissors
- Duct Tape

### STEPS:

1. Turn off the electric water heater at the breaker panel.
2. Measure the height of the water heater and cut the blanket to fit if necessary.
3. Leave the top of the water heater open.
4. Wrap the blanket around the water heater and temporarily tape it in place. Position the blanket so that the ends do not come together over the access panels on the side of the tank.
5. Mark the areas, then cut holes where controls are located. For electric water heaters, there will be two panels on the side of the tank. Mark the area where the pressure relief valve and pipe are located. This will be a pipe that protrudes from the side of the water heater.
6. Adhere the blanket. Be careful to line up the cut out areas and then tape it permanently in place.
7. Turn the water heater back on.

Cover the whole tank except temperature and pressure (T&P) valve and drain.



**Safety Note:** Don't set the thermostat above 130°F on the electric water heater with an insulating jacket or blanket – the wiring may overheat.