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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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Wishing you a Wonderful Holiday Season

Check's in the Mail

During our September board meeting your Board of Directors authorized the retirement of approximately \$650,000 in capital credit allocations back to the membership. The \$650,000 represents retiring all the 1994 operating margin allocation from Tri-State Generation & Transmission and approximately half of the 2007 operating margin allocation from Wyrulec. When you combine this retirement with the capital credit estate payments we have already paid out this year, Wyrulec will have returned just over \$750,000 back to the membership in 2017. If you were a member of the cooperative in 1994 or 2007 you should be receiving a check in the mail this month.

2018 Operating Year

As I prepare the budget for next year there are a few items of interest I would like to share with you. The first and most important is there will be no increase in Wyrulec's wholesale electric rates for the 2018 operating year, which means there will be no increase in retail rates to our

membership in 2018!

This time of year, I also look at what we need to include in next year's capital budget as far as replacing vehicles, bucket/digger trucks, equipment, tools, and implementing workplan projects.

The cooperative is in good shape as far as tools, equipment, and large trucks, but we will need to replace two line trucks.

The line trucks are midsize trucks (F550/F450); these trucks are used every day for rebuilding line, line patrol, and outages. Our goal is to rotate trucks when the mileage reaches the 125,000 - 150,000-mile range, or if the truck continues to be in the shop for reoccurring repairs which become

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*Wyrulec Company will be closed
Dec. 22 & 25
and Jan. 1
We wish you
a wonderful
and blessed holiday season*



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costly and burdensome to the cooperative.

As far as our current workplan goes, we have scheduled seven miles of three-phase line to be rebuilt in the Yoder area, starting in December 2017 or January 2018. This project is out for bid and we should have a contractor selected to start construction by the time you receive this article. We will contact each member affected by this project prior to the start of construction.


Your Board of Directors also authorized the purchase of an advanced Automated Metering Infrastructure System (AMI System) to replace our current system, which is approximately eleven years old.

This project will be substantial for us as we upgrade every meter on the distribution system, deploy the equipment to bring our billing and load profile information back to

Wyrulec via Radio Frequency (RF) to a collector, and then back to the office by a cellular connection. The new platform we will deploy is the Landis & Gyr Gridstream AMI system, which will strategically position the cooperative's metering capabilities for the next 15 - 20 years.

I anticipate that this project will take approximately three years to fully deploy, and it is my hope to start deployment late first quarter or early second quarter of 2018. I will continue to keep you updated on this project and discuss the capabilities of this platform in future WREN articles.

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.



MERRY, BRIGHT AND EFFICIENT HOLIDAY LIGHTING

Decking the halls doesn't have to take a toll on your energy bill! Keep your holiday lighting merry, bright and energy efficient with LED light strands.

- Consider replacing older light strands with new ENERGY STAR LED® lights. LED strands are 70 percent more efficient and last 10 times longer than the age-old standard bulbs.
- You can get the look of cozy lighting with LEDs. Just look for "warm white" on the label.
- Unlike older light strands, LED lights give off virtually no heat, making them safer for kids and pets (and reindeer). * Elmer Schaffer *
- Save energy by setting a timer for outdoor lighting and decorations. Program the timer so the lights turn on in the evening and turn off later at night when you typically go to sleep.

*Source: Dept. of Energy * Craig Gueswell **

Scholarship Application Deadlines

There are a variety of scholarships available to local students. Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association, and Wyrulec Company all offer scholarships to encourage continuing education or higher education. * Harold Brown * To be eligible for these scholarships, the parent, legal guardian, or the applicants themselves must receive their electric power from Wyrulec Company.

The applicant must be a student who is enrolled, or intends to enroll in an accredited two-year college, four-year university, or vocational technical school. Applications for these scholarships can be picked up at our office, obtained from local high school or college guidance offices, or on our website at www.wyrulec.com, under the Youth Programs tab.

Basin Electric Power Cooperative

- Will award one scholarship in the amount of \$1,000

Tri-State Generation & Transmission

- Will award two scholarships in the amount of \$500 each

Wyrulec Company

- Will award a total of eight scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each. Four of these scholarships will be awarded to students attending accredited vocational or technical schools.

More information is available on our website. If you have any questions, please contact Kellie Brown at Wyrulec: 307-837-2225 or kbrown@wyrulec.com.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT WYRULEC COMPANY'S OFFICE BY 4:00 PM ON FEBRUARY 1, 2018. * LOREN ISBELL *

Equal Opportunity Pledge Addendum




Wyrulec Company will not discriminate against apprenticeship applicants or apprentices based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), sexual orientation, genetic information, or because they are an individual with a disability or a person 40 years old or older. Wyrulec Company will take affirmative action to provide equal opportunity in apprenticeship and will operate the apprenticeship program as required under Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 30.

Rejoice!!

If you see your name in these pages, contact Wyrulec Company at 307-837-2225. The \$25 bill credit you'll get will help you rejoice this holiday season! Call 307-837-2225 to collect.

HOLIDAY LIGHTING COMPARISON

Holiday lighting options have come a long way over the last few decades. The chart below shows three types of lighting options, including wattage and operating cost comparisons.

TYPE OF LAMP	WATTAGE PER LAMP	WATTAGE PER 50 LAMPS	SEASONAL OPERATING COST*
C9 INCANDESCENT 	7	350	\$13.33
MINI INCANDESCENT 	.425	21.25	\$0.81
LED 	.069	3.45	\$0.13

**Using 40 days of operation, 8 hours per day, \$.119 per kWh (DOE average)
In addition, the LED will last as much as 40 times longer than the incandescent lamps.*



Source: energy.gov

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season has
begun**

Call 307-837-2225
with questions
or visit
www.lieapwyo.org

Diesel pumps eligible for replacement

The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) announces that funding is available to Nebraska farmers to replace eligible agricultural irrigation pump diesel engines with electric motors.

NDEQ will reimburse 60% of the cost of the new electric motor, installation, and required electrical infrastructure (including electric service line extension) up to a maximum rebate of \$16,200.

In order to ensure emissions reductions are achieved through this program, the diesel engine being replaced must be permanently disabled within 90 days of replacement. *Levi

Lampman * Funding for this year's program is made possible by the Environmental Protection Agency's State Clean Diesel Grant program.

The pump engine owner is responsible for the remainder of the project costs (mandatory cost-share). Replacement incentives offered by your electric service provider may be used to pay a portion of the mandatory cost-share. No other federal grant funds may be used to cover any portion of the mandatory cost-share.

NDEQ anticipates awarding rebates for five irrigation pump engine replacements.

Individual applicants may submit one application for a rebate for one engine. The number of irrigation pump engine rebates will be determined by NDEQ after evaluating applications in all three project categories.

Application deadline is 5:00 p.m., December 15, 2017

If you have any questions, or would like more information, please give us a call at Wyrulec, or visit the following website: <http://deq.ne.gov/publica.nsf/pages/17-016>

Great Gifts

C O O L E R F O O T S T
O A I R H O C K E Y T A
O Z R D E S K T O P E T
K S I H B I L L I A R D
I N C E A B D E T A E H
E O B A U M A X N E O R
W W R T R Z M S I V S E
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G H O C L T O H S I Z P
I E O R E K C O R Z L O
N C L O T D E T A E H S

Need some electric gift ideas? Here they are! Look for the words below in the wordsearch at left. Letters in parentheses, “()” are not in the puzzle. Words separated by “/” are merely near each other.

- air hockey
- car hammock
- cookie warmer
- cooler foot st(ool)
- desktop/ billiard(s)
- (desktop) sling/ shot
- electric/gril(l)
- heated/brownie/ carryall
- heated/recliner
- heated/rocker
- love/map
- leather chargin(g) /station
- pinball
- (portable) dart board
- (portable) reading/ light
- skee/ball
- snow blower
- stereo speakers
- super shot/living/room/basketbal(l)/set
- tool organize(r)
- wine-making ki(t)
- wooden watch

Puzzle Prize

Name: _____

How should we contact you / contact info: _____

Mail entries to: Wyrulec Company, Dec. Puzzle,
PO Box 359, Lingle, WY 82223

or drop them off at: Wyrulec Company
3978 US Hwy 26/85, Torrington, WY 82240

Deadline Jan. 1 — One winner will be drawn from all those submitting puzzles by January 1. The winner will receive a \$10 bill credit.