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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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Meter Upgrades Coming

Landis & Gyr Advanced Metering Infrastructure Deployment

In the December issue of the WREN, I informed the membership about Wyrulec's intention to deploy a new Advanced Metering Infrastructure System starting in 2018. I want to follow up and let you know where we are in this process and where we will start our deployment.



In the last part of December, we ordered a significant amount of metering inventory to prepare for deployment. * O'Leary Flock * Some of the equipment ordered has a lead time of 16 - 22 weeks, so this puts our actual installation start time around the first part of April.

We have identified our "Veteran" substation as our first point of installation. The Veteran substation is located just north of the Torrington Gun Club.

The reason we chose this area is it has one of the highest missed meter reads monthly, so we felt by starting in this area we could make the most progress

in solving this issue in the shortest amount of time.

Keep in mind we will replace every meter on the system, which is currently around 5,100 meters. To remotely read the meters, we will need to install 322 routers and 13 collectors throughout our service territory. These items will bring all the requested information back to our headquarters. We are projecting a three-year timeline on this deployment.

The following is a list of the benefits and options that this system will bring to the cooperative:

Improving response times with fewer truck rolls

- ✓ Automated Outage Notification and Response
- ✓ Voltage/VAR management
- ✓ Fault detection
- ✓ Transformer monitoring
- ✓ Distribution line analytics
- ✓ Auto Sectionalizing

Reducing peak power cost

- ✓ Direct load control
- ✓ Distributed energy resource integration
- ✓ Net metering
- ✓ Automated switching

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Turning data into real savings

- ✓ Time-of-use critical peak and variable rates
- ✓ Prepayment programs
- ✓ Remote service connection
- ✓ Theft detection

Helping members manage energy better

- ✓ Service history reports charted with weather data
- ✓ Web portal and smart phone applications
- ✓ Energy audit support
- ✓ Home area network automation

Managing risk

- ✓ Cloud based services for data
- ✓ Network management services
- ✓ Disaster recovery
- ✓ Future-Ready security
- ✓ Automated firmware upgrades

This is a robust list of capabilities.

While we won't integrate all these capabilities at once, we will no doubt be positioned to respond to the future needs of our members and future technologies.

82nd Annual Membership Meeting

I would like to invite you all to the 82nd Annual Membership meeting to be held on March 29, 2018, at the Torrington Rendezvous Center.

Registration will open at 4:30 p.m., dinner will start at 6:00 p.m. and the business meeting will follow dinner. Since we had several great comments about our guest speaker last year, we will bring in another speaker this year to address the membership. * Donna Duncan *

The annual meeting is your meeting; it is your opportunity to see what's going on at your cooperative, visit with friends, and see where the

cooperative is headed. We also award \$8,000 in scholarships to our local youth at the annual meeting. These scholarships come from donated capital and our partnerships with Tri-State and Basin Electric. We hope to see you there.

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. My cell number is (307) 575-2435 or you can email me at rschilreff@wyrulec.com.

Facebook

Wyrulec will be launching a Facebook page in 2018. It is our hope with the addition of a Facebook page that we will have another avenue of communication with our members.



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Employees at Wyrulec decorated two Christmas trees this year for local charities.

A tree with a "CandyLand" theme was decorated for the Gracie's Promise Annual Festival of Trees. The tree was adorned with candy and topped with a cupcake.

Donated trees are sold during a silent auction as a fundraiser for the organization, which provides financial assistance to families who have children battling catastrophic medical conditions.

Wyrulec also supports the Legacy of the Plains Museum's 'Trees Along the Trail' Christmas tree contest. This year's tree featured a cabin theme, complete with flickering flame LED lights. As a fundraiser, visitors can pay to vote for their favorite tree.

Participating in these events is a festive way for Wyrulec Company to give back to the communities in which we serve. * Town of Yoder *



Goshen Co. School District Bus Driver Education

In November, Wyrulec presented a safety training for approximately 50 bus drivers for the Goshen County School District. Since the school busses routinely travel county roads, they also inadvertently see many of the power lines in our service territory.

There have been instances in other areas where a school bus has come into contact with a downed power line, usually due to a storm.

This training was intended make the bus



* Kimberly Henson *

drivers aware of the potential dangers of downed power lines, and also what steps to take to keep their precious cargo safe if they do come in contact. Wyrulec would like to thank the Goshen County School District for partnering with us to keep our children safe!

Operation Roundup makes a difference

To date, Wyrulec has donated to the community a total of about \$8,500 from the Operation Roundup fund.

This program works by "rounding up" a member's monthly bill to the next dollar. These funds are then used to provide assistance to the community in areas of need.

The Wyrulec Board receives and evaluates all requests, and determines how the funds are to be distributed.

Some recipients of the Round Up funds include local food pantries, the Senior Friendship Center, the Goshen County School District Backpack Program, and individual

families that may be suffering a hardship from tragedy or illness. If you'd like to participate in this program, just give us a call or stop by the office.

Giving back to the community is a big part of what Wyrulec Company is all about. *Leroy Sanders *



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Line worker program scholarship applications available

Applications for the WREA Linemen Scholarships may be submitted for consideration throughout the year.

Please submit applications to the Wyrulec office.

The application deadline for the Dar Hackworth Lineworker Scholarship

and the Neil T. Adkins Lineworker Scholarship is May 1.

Applications for all three scholarships can be obtained on our website or at Wyrulec's headquarters. Applicants do not need to be members of Wyrulec Company to apply.

For additional information, visit our website and click on the Youth Programs tab to view linemen scholarships.

Please direct any questions to Kellie at Wyrulec, 307-837-2225.

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- Climb poles or operate aerial lifts.
- Splice, repair and install conductors and wiring.

What skills and abilities you'll need

- Mechanical and technical skills
- Physical fitness
- Focused attention, particularly on safety
- Fearlessness
- Willingness to work as a team member

A CAREER WITH AFFORDABLE TRAINING.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships help make training even more affordable. Don't let money be an obstacle to your career. Learning needs, internships, and field's entry scholarships are available to help you attend an accredited, regional training program.

- WREA LINEMEN SCHOLARSHIP**
A minimum of \$3,000 each year to one or more individuals, including recent high school graduates or GED recipients, who plan to attend an approved regional lineworker training program.
- ADKINS LINEMEN SCHOLARSHIP**
\$1,000 to one individual who plans to attend an approved regional lineworker program.
- DAR HACKWORTH LINEMEN SCHOLARSHIP**
\$1,000 to up to three students who plan to attend an approved regional lineworker training program.
- OTHER CO-OP SCHOLARSHIPS**
Most Wyoming cooperatives offer scholarships to students in their service territories. To find out more about local scholarship opportunities, contact your local co-op.

Find more information on scholarship requirements and how to apply at wyomingreap.org.

Typical Career Path

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| <p>TRAINEE Learn the basics of line work at a regional training program and find out if you've got what it takes.</p> | <p>APPRENTICE Get paid to learn the ropes with 3-5 years of on-the-job training.</p> | <p>JOURNEYMAN Earn a certificate and enjoy the responsibilities and benefits of being a full-fledged lineworker.</p> | <p>SUPERVISOR Manage crews of lineworkers as a foreman or other supervisory role.</p> |
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Your community will count on you. Wyoming needs electricity to keep its communities running, especially in rural areas. As a lineworker, you'll help keep the lights on—sometimes under emergency conditions. Line work is challenging, but you'll be providing a vital service to your community.

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