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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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Rates, Priorities, & Initiatives

In January 2017 Tri-State Generation & Transmission held a strategic planning meeting. Tri-State's Board of Directors instructed the staff to develop a process to ensure the association's operations were aligned with the member's needs. Some of the priorities that the Tri-State staff focused on were:

- Rates/rate stabilization
- Cost management
- Supply portfolio
- Financial strength
- Governance
- Regional transmission organization
- Wholesale power contract

Because of the process put into place by the Tri-State board and the hard work from the Tri-State staff, I am happy to announce there will be no wholesale power cost increase to your cooperative in 2019, which means we will hold the line here at the cooperative and keep retail rates the same moving into next year.

This is the second year that Tri-State has held wholesale rates steady and the fifth year Wyrulec has held retail rates steady. I'd like to give a big thanks to the Tri-State board, management and staff for implementing these priorities and initiatives as they have had a big impact on the members at the end of the line.

Large Outage

On August 31st Wyrulec experienced a major outage that affected 1,550 meters on our system for approximately an hour and a half. The outage was caused by a bird that got into the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) Lingle transmission substation.

* Edna Hoover *



This substation is located on Powerplant Road down by the river south of Lingle. The WAPA Lingle transmission substation feeds three of our distribution substations and four of our oil and gas substations. (The Western Area Power Administration is a power marketing administration within the U.S. Dept of Energy, which

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delivers federal hydropower.)

This type of outage has happened several times in the past at this substation, but this is the second time in the last couple of years a bird has caused this type of outage.

We have engaged Tri-State to coordinate discussions with WAPA on some type of remedy to this problem. While these types of outages are burdensome, we always learn things that help us try and improve for the next time this occurs.

Oversized Loads

For the past several months we have been working with two companies on moving large oversized loads through our service territory. *Barbara Haynes* These loads consist of oil compressor stations which originate in Canada and have a destination in the southern United States.

Because of the height of the loads, which are around 27 feet, Wyrulec has over 90 highway crossings that will be affected.

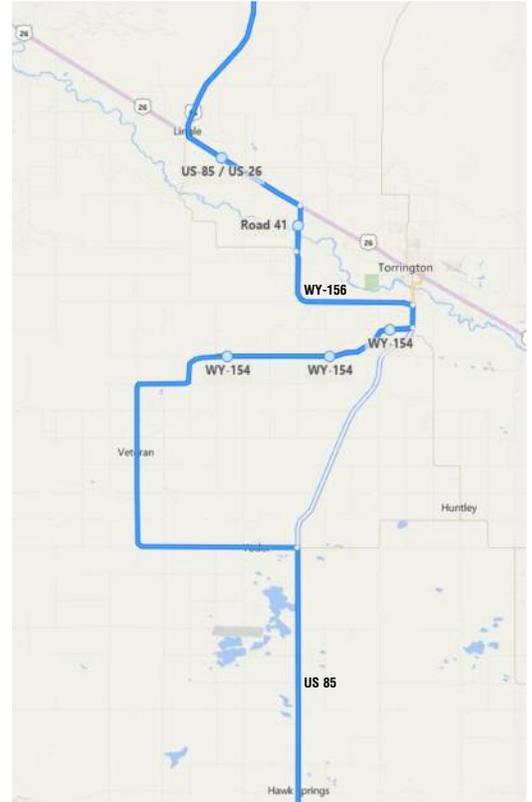
Many of our crossings will have to be

de-energized and physically taken down and put back up to get the loads through our territory. At this time there are between 7 and 10 of these loads scattered over the next several months that we will have to escort.

Initially, they wanted to start moving these loads in August, which is the peak of our irrigation season. We told them that's a no go!!!

While this will be a huge burden on the cooperative, there is some good news that should benefit the cooperative long term. The company that owns the compressor stations has agreed to advance the cooperative \$195,000 to start raising our lines along this route permanently. This will have huge benefits in the future as we won't have to escort all oversized loads through our territory.

Once we know the exact schedule of these loads our office will call you to let you know if your flow of electricity



This map shows the route oversized loads will be taking through Wyrulec Company's service territory.

will be affected during the move.

If you have any questions about your cooperative, you can reach me via email at rschilreff@wyrulec.com or on my cell phone at 307-575-2435.

Be on the Hunt for Safety



Wearing a bright orange vest, keeping your finger off the trigger until you're ready to shoot, and only pointing at your target. These are some of the safety measures associated with hunting, and electrical safety should be added to the list.

Never shoot near or toward power lines, power poles, transformers or substations. *Cooki Reynolds* A stray bullet could not only damage equipment, potentially interrupting electric service, but could be deadly to the shooter. Damage to the conductor could drop the line to the ground, causing a possibility of electrocution to those nearby.

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On the Hunt

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Safe Electricity urges hunters to follow these safety tips while hunting:

—Familiarize yourself with the location of power lines and equipment on land where you shoot.

—Be especially careful in wooded areas where power lines may not be as visible.

—Take notice of warning signs and keep clear of electrical equipment.

—Do not place deer stands on utility poles or climb poles. Energized lines and equipment on the poles can conduct electricity to anyone who comes in contact with them.

—Do not place decoys on power lines or other utility equipment. Anything attached to a pole, except for utility equipment, is an obstruction and poses a serious hazard to utility workers.

Don't make linemen hunt for problems caused in a hunting area. Sometimes damage isn't noticed for several weeks or months, or unless an outage occurs. Keep yourself and your utility safe this hunting season. For more electrical safety tips, visit SafeElectricity.org.

Installing new meters

We have recently started changing out some meters and replacing them with our new AMI meters. * Adam Cross * Because of this, your next billing statement may show a meter change. If you have any questions about your billing statement please give us a call at (307) 837-2225.



Co-ops educate, inform at Wyo State Fair

Wyrulec Company employee Miles Duffy assists with electrical safety demonstrations at the Wyoming State Fair in August. Wyoming cooperatives sponsor a booth at the state fair every year, providing electrical safety information, pole climbing demonstrations, and fun prizes and giveaways. They're joined by Tri-State G&T, Basin Electric, and Touchstone Energy's Hot Air Balloon. * James Yates *



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Cooler temps are just around the corner! Is your home's heating system ready? Remember to replace furnace filters once a month or as recommended. If you heat your home with warm-air registers, baseboard heaters or radiators, remember to clean them regularly to increase efficiency.

Source: energy.gov

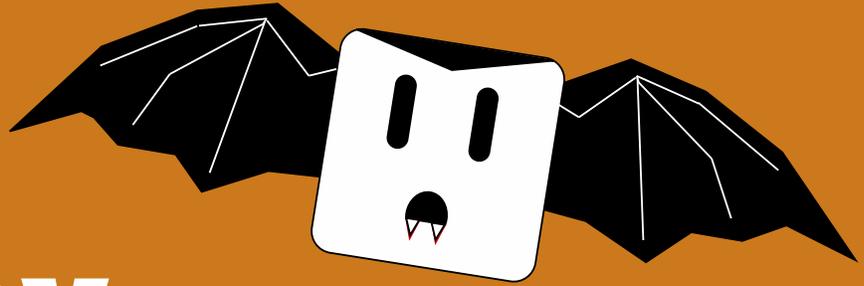


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ENERGY VAMPIRES

DON'T LET THEM DRAIN YOUR WALLET

Many household appliances are using energy even when not in use, including televisions, computers, DVD players, cable boxes with DVR, cell phone chargers, printers, and game consoles. Depending on how many appliances are used, costs can quickly add up to \$100-200 a year.

Stop energy vampires. Plug electronics into a smart power strip or a power strip you can turn off. Simply unplugging unused kitchen appliances could save you \$10-20 per year.

Learn how to stop energy vampires, visit SafeElectricity.org.

TOP 10 OFFENDERS

1. TVs
2. Home computers
3. Video game consoles
4. Surround sound systems
5. Cell phone & tablet chargers
6. Satellite/Cable boxes
7. DVD players
8. Printers
9. Microwave
10. Coffee maker