

# Lyon REC News



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## GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

At the November Board of Directors Meeting, the Board approved construction projects for the 2012 construction year. The following underground cable replacements are planned for 2012:

- 4 miles on Harrison Ave. from 210<sup>th</sup> to 250<sup>th</sup> St.
- 2 miles on Indian Ave. from 160<sup>th</sup> to 180<sup>th</sup> St.
- 1 mile on 130<sup>th</sup> St. from Dogwood to Dove Ave.
- 1 mile on 130<sup>th</sup> St. from Chestnut to Cleveland Ave.

We will now begin to order material for year 2012 construction, prepare budgets for year 2012, and begin preparing for our Annual meeting, along with the normal workload. In several of these events, we need your input to accurately complete the projects.

In the case of planning year 2012 construction, we need for those of you that are planning to construct new homes, shops, grain handling or grain drying facilities to contact us as soon as possible with your plans. It is important that we be able to work with you in the planning phase of your decision-making efforts. In certain cases, new services will be required or the service will need to be upgraded. By including us in your decision-making process, we can inform you of what additional cost of construction you may incur. Please understand that the lead-time, the time from when we order material to the time the material is delivered, is getting longer and at times reaches 26 weeks.

We have printed an excerpt of the bylaws that pertain to the nomination and election of members to the Board of Directors in this newsletter. At the Board of Directors Meeting to be held, on December 20, 2011, the Board of Directors will appoint the Nominating Committees for Districts 4 and 5. District 4 includes Riverside, Midland and Elgin Townships and all that part of Osceola County, Iowa, lying north of an easterly projection of the south boundary of Elgin

Township and is currently represented by Mark Wibben. District 5 includes Rock and Garfield Townships and all that part of Sioux County, Iowa, lying between a southerly projection of the east and west boundaries of Garfield Township and is currently represented by Mark Dickmann.

At the end of each year, we also receive the new rates for our purchased power. We have been notified that the cost of purchased power will be increasing effective with usage as of October 1, 2011. Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative and its Transmission Cooperative L & O Power Cooperative have used their margins from the first part of the year to offset the rate increase for 2011. We have calculated the estimated Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for 2012 as follows:

	<b>Estimated PCA for 2012</b>	<b>2011 PCA</b>
General kWh	.02831/ kWh	.02275/ kWh
Electric Heating	.01120/ kWh	.00900/ kWh
Resort Casino	.01171/ kWh	.00440/ kWh

Please remember that these are estimated amounts and that the final PCA will be calculated in January 2012 for usage as of January 1, 2012 once the December 2011 bills are calculated and mailed to you. It is estimated that the PCA increase will be about a \$5.56 for a Farm and Residential account using 1,000 kWh.

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THE LYON RURAL  
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE OFFICE  
WILL BE CLOSED  
DECEMBER 25 & 26 AND  
JANUARY 1 & 2

## GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

The question you are asking is why is the cost of power increasing? The answer is several factors are contributing to the cost of power increases:

New generating resources are being brought online and are more expensive than the generating resources that were built in the 1970's. The use of electricity has grown in the last number of years and as a result, new generators were constructed to meet the growing demand for electricity. In November 2011, the Dry Forks Generating Station went into commercial operation.

Additionally, certain state mandates have caused our generator to purchase from wind farms and build wind farms to meet renewable generation requirements at rates above the normal cost of generation.

The lack of transmission line capacity has limited the amount of electricity that could be sold to utilities to our east, south and west. In addition, the utilities in our region and utilities to our east, south and west have an excess of generation capacity reducing their demand for purchasing electricity due in large part to the economic recession. The extra water in the Missouri River system reservoirs has caused The Corp of Engineers and Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) to increase the water releases on the Missouri River system and generate additional electric energy. A power agreement between WAPA and Basin Electric Power Cooperative has caused Basin Electric to reduce or shutdown generation at several plants.

Increased regulatory rules are raising the cost of generating electricity with coal. While all of Basin Electric's generating plants are operating in compliance with the permits that were issued to the plants, new regulatory rules cause expensive repairs to be performed on the plants and cause decreased plant output as the power requirements to run the new control measures use substantial amounts of electricity.

While the increased cost of purchased power is being passed on to you, the member, please be assured that your Board of Directors and Employees are working to control the cost you pay. For the last number of years and for 2012, no additional costs for operations of Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative are being added to your bill.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Employees, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Blessed Christmas and a prosperous 2012. We thank you for the opportunity to serve you in 2011 and look forward to serving you again in 2012.

# COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

The Iowa Utilities Board requires Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative to inform our membership annually, that should you have a complaint concerning your billing, you may call Lyon REC. For local calls, please use 472-2506. If calling long distance, you may dial 1-800-658-3976. The staff in the front office will be able to assist you. Should your complaint require more in-depth checking, please contact our Member Service Director, Larry Wibben. You may call the above stated phone numbers or you can write to:

Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative  
P.O. Box 629  
Rock Rapids, Iowa 51246

If your complaint is related to the Lyon REC service rather than its rates, and Lyon REC does not resolve your complaint, you may request assistance from the Iowa Utilities Board at:

Iowa Utilities Board  
1375 E. Court Ave. Rm. 69  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0069

Or toll free at 1-877-565-4450 or Email:  
[iubcustomer@iub.state.ia.us](mailto:iubcustomer@iub.state.ia.us)

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## Light Artificial Christmas Tree Safely

More and more busy people are giving up on buying a live Christmas tree, opting instead for a lifelike artificial evergreen that's easy to put up and lasts for years.

If you're one of them, use your artificial tree safely. Just because its needles won't dry out and fall off doesn't mean your tree can't be a fire or safety hazard.

- ☑ When you buy a pre-lit artificial tree, check for the UL label on each strand of lights.
- ☑ Buy a model whose light strings are equipped with an anti-twist mechanism in the bulb and socket. Inexpensive lights are so easily twisted—and released—from sockets that they light up unreliably and also can pose a choking hazard for children who can pull them off the tree.
- ☑ Anchor your tree to a wall with a sturdy hook planted into a beam. That will make it harder for a child or a pet to topple the tree.
- ☑ Choose a tree with a steel base—not plastic, which can bend and even break.
- ☑ Avoid any artificial or metallic tree that isn't clearly marked as flame-retardant and fire-resistant.
- ☑ Never place electric lights on trees with metallic "foliage."
- ☑ Locate your artificial tree at least three feet away from heat sources, like vents, fireplaces and radiators.
- ☑ Trim your tree only with non-combustible or flame-resistant materials.
- ☑ Invest in a pre-lit tree with LED lights, which are cool to the touch and will never burn out. They're also far more energy-efficient than traditional tree lights.

## Teach children about electrical safety

Amid the cooking and the cleaning and the Christmastime company, don't neglect your most-important holiday blessing: your kids.

Before the bustle begins, sit them down and talk about staying safe during the holidays—around hot stoves, flickering fireplaces, and electric lights and decorations.

The U.S. Fire Administration reports that deaths from fires caused by children spike during the winter, and twice as many kids die or are injured by fires during the holidays than at any other time of the year.

### Some cautions:

- ➔ Electrical accidents involving children are far more likely to happen when no adult is supervising the kids.
- ➔ The holidays come with safety risks that might not be present during other times of the year: more electrical cords, extension cords in high-traffic areas, electric lights on the tree, burning candles, fires in the hearth.
- ➔ Keep children away from cords and decorations to prevent shocks and burns. Avoid decorating the bottom limbs of the tree, where children can easily reach.
- ➔ Don't leave children alone with a lighted fireplace, candles or an operating space heater.
- ➔ Every time you leave the kitchen, turn off the stove, even if you're not finished cooking. Move hot pots to back burners.
- ➔ Teach your children that hot things can burn them. When they're old enough, teach them how to cook and to use the stove safely.
- ➔ Choose battery-powered toys instead of electric versions for children younger than 10.
- ➔ Buy electrical toys only if they bear a safety label from UL or another credible testing agency.
- ➔ If you bring your children to visit someone else's home, do a visual sweep for potential hazards, like exposed electrical outlets and cords or lighted candles.



# Nomination and Election Procedures

We wish to provide you with the following information pertaining to membership, the annual meeting, board representation, nomination and election procedures. The following partial articles and sections are taken from the Bylaws of the Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative, Rock Rapids, Iowa.

## ARTICLE I. MEMBERS

Section 1. **Eligibility.** A natural person, firm, association, corporation, business trust, partnership, Federal Agency, State or political subdivision thereof shall be eligible to become a member of, and, at one or more premises owned or directly occupied or used by said member, to receive electric service from Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative. No person shall hold more than one membership in the cooperative.

Section 2. **Application for Membership; Renewal or Prior Application.** Each member shall make an Application for Membership on a form supplied by the cooperative wherein each Applicant shall agree to purchase electric power and energy from the cooperative and to be bound by and to comply with all of the other provisions of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the cooperative and all other rules, regulations and rate schedules established at any time by the cooperative. With respect to any particular classification of service for which the Board of Directors shall require it, such application shall be accompanied by such supplemental Board of Directors shall require it, such application shall be accompanied by such supplemental contracts and documents as required, executed on such forms as provided by the cooperative. The Membership Application shall be accompanied by the membership fee provided for in Section 3, below, and such other service connection deposit or fee, facilities extension deposit, or contribution in aid of construction that may be required by the cooperative, which fees and deposits shall be refunded in the event that the Application is denied by the Board. Any former member of the cooperative may, by the sole act of paying a new membership fee and any outstanding account, plus accrued interest, with the cooperative, renew and reactivate any prior Application for Membership.

Section 3. **Membership Fee.** The cooperative shall have no capital stock but the membership in the cooperative shall be evidenced by a certificate of membership. The issuing price of membership in the cooperative shall be the sum of \$5.00. The membership fee (together with any service security deposit, service connection deposit or fee, facilities extension deposit, contributions in aid of construction or any combination thereof, if required by the cooperative) shall entitle the member to one service connection, or such service connections as the cooperative approves.

Section 4. **Joint Membership.** A husband and wife may jointly become a member and their application for a joint membership may be accepted in the same manner as any other membership. The presence at a meeting of either or both shall constitute the presence of one member and the vote of either or both shall constitute respectively one vote. Suspension or termination in any manner of either shall constitute, respectively, suspension or termination of the joint membership. Either, but not concurrently, shall be eligible to serve as a Director of the cooperative, assuming all other qualifications are met.

Section 5. **Acceptance into Membership.** Upon complying with all requirements set forth in Section 2, above, approval of the applicant's membership shall be submitted to a vote of the Board of Directors. No applicant shall become a member of the cooperative unless and until he has been accepted for membership by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Board.

Section 6. Any other cooperative association formed under Chapter 499 of the Iowa Code and engaged in any activity directly or indirectly related to any activity in which the cooperative is engaged, is also eligible for membership subject to the foregoing provisions herein.

Section 7. The private property of the members of the cooperative shall be exempt from execution or liability for the debts of the cooperative and no member shall be individually responsible for any debts or liabilities of the cooperative.

## ARTICLE II. MEETING OF MEMBERS

Section 1. **Annual Meeting.** The regular meeting of the members of the cooperative shall be held between March 1st and April 30th of each year on a date and at the time annually selected by the Board of Directors, at such place as shall be designated in the notice of the meeting in the City of Rock Rapids, County of Lyon, State of Iowa, where the principal place of business of the cooperative is located for the purpose of electing Directors, passing upon reports covering the previous fiscal year and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. If the election of Directors shall not be held on the day designated herein for any annual meeting, or at any adjournment thereof, the Board of Directors shall cause the election to be held at a special meeting of the members as soon thereafter as conveniently may be. Failure to hold the annual meeting at the designated time shall not work a forfeiture or dissolution of the cooperative.

Section 2. **Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the members may be called by a majority vote of the Directors or upon a written request signed by at least ten per centum (10 percent) of all the members of the cooperative and it shall thereupon be the duty of the secretary of the cooperative to cause notice of such meeting to be given as provided in Section 3 of this Article. Special meetings of the members of the cooperative shall be held at any place within the County of Lyon, in the State of Iowa, specified in the notice of the special meeting.

Section 3. **Notice of Member's Meeting.** Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting, and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail, by or at the direction of the Secretary, or by the persons calling the meeting, to each member of the cooperative. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, in a sealed envelope, addressed to the member, at his address as it appears on the records of the cooperative, with postage thereon prepaid.

Section 4. **Failure to Receive Notice.** The failure of any member to receive notice of an annual or special meeting of the members shall not invalidate any action which may be taken by the members at any such annual or special meeting.

# Nomination and Election Procedures Continued

Section 5. Quorum. At least ten per centum (10 percent) of the total number of members of the cooperative present in person shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of the members; provided that if less than ten per centum (10 percent) of the total number of members are present at said meeting, a majority of the members so present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

Section 6. Voting. Each voting member shall be entitled to one vote and no more upon each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members. At all meetings of the members at which a quorum is present, all questions shall be decided by a vote of a majority of the members present in person or represented by mail vote except as otherwise provided by law, the Articles of incorporation or these Bylaws. Votes shall be cast in person, except as hereinafter provided. Proxies are prohibited. The vote of a member cooperative, partnership, corporation or other type of organization shall be cast only by its duly authorized representative.

Section 7. **Voting by mail.** Any member who is absent from any annual or special meeting of the members may vote by mail upon any motion or resolution to be acted upon at any such meeting with respect to an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws, or any action submitted pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors or by petition of not less than ten per centum (10 percent) of the members of the cooperative. The secretary of the cooperative shall enclose with the notice of such meeting an exact copy of such motion or resolution to be acted upon, and such absent member shall express his vote thereon by writing "yes" or "no" on the copy of each such motion or resolution in the space provided therefore and enclose each such copy so marked in a sealed envelope bearing his name addressed to the Secretary of the cooperative. When such written vote so enclosed is received by mail from any absent member it shall be accepted and counted as a vote of such absent member at such meeting. Any member who is absent from any meeting held for the election of Directors may also vote by mail in the election of Directors by ballot as provided in Section 9 of Article III of these Bylaws. The failure of any such absent member to receive a copy of any such motion or resolution or ballot shall not invalidate any action which may be taken by the members at any such meeting.

## ARTICLE III. DIRECTORS

Section 1. The business and affairs of the cooperative shall be managed by a Board of Directors, nine (9) in number, elected by the members from their own number at the annual meeting of the cooperative.

Section 2. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a Director of the cooperative who is a close relative of an incumbent Director or of an employee of the cooperative, or who is not a member in good standing of the cooperative and receiving service therefrom at his primary residential abode; provided, however, that the operating or chief executive of any member which is not a natural person, such as a corporation, shall be eligible to become a Director of the directorate district in which such member is located. Provided, however, that no more than one (1) such person shall serve on the Board of Directors at the same time. No person shall be eligible to become or remain a Director of or to hold any other position of trust in, the cooperative

who is not at least eighteen (18) years of age or is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise, or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to, among others, the members of the cooperative, provided, however, that no person shall be considered ineligible, at any time, to be elected as a Director or to retain his or her position as a Director, by reason of his or her position as a Director, employee, member, or stockholder of a cooperative, other corporation or other business entity which is a competing enterprise or business as above defined. Nothing in this section contained shall, or shall be constructed to, affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. When a membership is held jointly by a husband and wife, either one, but not both, may be elected as director, provided, however, that neither one shall be eligible or become or remain a director or to hold a position of trust in the cooperative unless both shall meet the qualifications hereinabove set forth.

Section 9. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than 60 days nor more than 110 days before the date of a meeting of the members at which Directors are to be elected separate committees on nominations for and from each of the Districts that is to nominate a Director and a separate committee on nominations for the nomination of Directors at Large. Each such committee shall be made up of not less than 5 nor more than 11 members of the cooperative and shall be selected so as to give equitable representation on the committee to the geographical area of the District, in the case of District Nominating Committees, and to the area served by the cooperative in the case of Nominating Committees for Directors at Large.

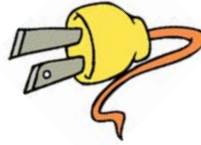
No officer or member of the Board of Directors shall be appointed a member of such committees. The committees shall prepare and post at the principal office of the cooperative at least 45 days before the meeting a list of nominations for Directors, but any 15 or more members may make other nominations for Directors to be elected from their Districts or at large 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 nominations made by the Committees is posted. The Secretary shall prepare separate ballots marked "Ballot for Directors" for each District containing the names of all the nominees so posted, alphabetically arranged and stating the residence of each, which shall be mailed with the notice of the meeting. The Secretary shall also mail with the notice of the meeting a statement of the number of Directors to be elected from the particular District and at large and showing separately the nominations made by the particular committees on nominations and the nominations made by petition. Such statement of the Secretary shall also inform the members of the manner in which they may vote by mail for Directors as provided in this section. Any member who is absent from any such meeting may vote by mail for Directors by marking on the ballot and "X" opposite the name of the number of candidates equal to the number of Directors to be elected from his District and at large and enclosing the ballot in a sealed envelope bearing his name addressed to the Secretary of the cooperative. When such ballot so enclosed is received by mail from any absent member it shall be accepted and counted as a vote for Directors by ballot of such absent member at such meeting. The provisions of this section shall not be mandatory in the case of recall of one or more Directors as provided in Section II of this Article III.

# KEEP THE HOLIDAY FIRES BURNING - SAFELY

- 🔥 Never burn your Christmas tree, its branches or any of its needles or foliage in the fireplace. It will flash and crackle and put you at high risk for a house fire.
- 🔥 Recycle or trash your holiday wrapping paper; do not put it in a fireplace. Wrapping paper—and newspaper—will ignite into a huge fire and throw off sparks and embers that can catch your chimney on fire. Same goes for garbage, charcoal and plastic.
- 🔥 Do not coax your flames by squirting charcoal lighter, camp fuel, gasoline or any other liquid accelerant onto the logs.
- 🔥 Before you light the season's first fire, have the chimney inspected annually and cleaned by a professional chimney sweep.
- 🔥 Ask the sweep to install a cap on the top of the chimney to keep out debris, birds and animals.
- 🔥 Equip every level of your house with both smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Test batteries twice a year and replace as needed.
- 🔥 Invest in a couple of fire extinguishers: one for the kitchen and one to keep near the fireplace. Teach everyone in the house how to use them.
- 🔥 Keep a fire extinguisher on hand.
- 🔥 Move furniture, rugs, draperies, books, newspapers and anything else that can catch on fire at least two feet away from the fireplace.
- 🔥 Never, never store fuel near the fireplace or anywhere inside the house.
- 🔥 Keep children and pets away from the fireplace.
- 🔥 Extinguish the fire before leaving the house, going to bed or leaving the room where your fireplace is located.
- 🔥 Soak hot ashes in water and place them in a metal container outside your home.



# GETTING WIRED FOR



# Christmas?

## PROTECT YOUR ELECTRONICS

If you're asking Santa to leave an expensive flat-screen TV or home theater system under the tree, add something else to your wish list: effective surge protection.

Thunderstorms, lightning strikes, minor fluctuations in the power that comes to your house, or even interference generated when you turn on a hair dryer or vacuum cleaner can cause your electronics to react—sometimes permanently.

Plugging them into an inexpensive power strip won't prevent any problems unless it's designed to detect even minor surges and trip the circuit breaker or sacrifice itself to save your TV.

And power spikes also can enter the home through the lines that connect your phone, cable TV or satellite receiver to the house. So you need power protection to protect all of the lines that touch your TV, stereo, home theater system or other expensive device.

Choose either whole-house surge protection—installed by an electrician at the breaker box—or individual surge-protection power strips that will sacrifice themselves to save your electronics during a power surge.

And consider a model that will save energy by automatically turning off a device that it senses has entered stand-by mode.



### OCTOBER OPERATING STATISTICS

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
KWH Purchased .....	7,285,357	8,426,838
KWH Sold .....	6,968,554	8,036,518
Percentage of Line Loss		
(Year to Date) .....	3.33%	3.29%
Total Demand .....	13,091 KW	14,404 KW
Average Farm Consumption .....	2,195 KWH	2,151 KWH
Average Farm Bill .....	\$193.80	\$198.30
Income Per Mile .....	\$639.73	\$754.38
Expenses Per Mile .....	\$624.64	\$737.94
Miles Energized .....	872.86	872.86
Cost of Wholesale (For the Month) . .	4.49¢	4.93¢

# Automatic Payment

Automatic withdrawal for payment of your electric bill is available.

Contact Lyon REC for details or go to our website for the form.

## OCTOBER 2011 OUTAGE REPORT

<u>Substation</u>	<u>#Meters</u>	<u>Cause</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Duration</u>
1 George	6	Other	10/04/11	42 Mins.
2 Lester	1	Other	10/03/11	54 Mins.
3 Larchwood	74	Fault	10/11/11	35 Mins.
4 Larchwood	93	Other	10/11/11	10 Mins.
5 Rock Rapids	8	Planned	10/12/11	48 Mins.
6 Larchwood	11	Planned	10/13/11	1 Hr. 32 Mins.
7 Larchwood	8	Equip	10/14/11	31 Mins.
8 Little Rock	12	Animal	10/20/11	46 Mins.
9 Larchwood	7	Planned	10/24/11	34 Mins.
10 Rock Rapids	4	Other	10/25/11	45 Mins.
11 Rock Rapids	14	Other	10/28/11	25 Mins.

Prices Effective January 1, 2011

	PRICE	TAX	TOTAL	REBATE	FINAL
<b>MARATHON WATER HEATER</b>					
50 Gallon	\$680.00	\$47.60	\$727.60	\$ 0	\$727.60
85 Gallon	\$850.00	\$59.50	\$909.50	\$200.00	\$709.50
105 Gallon	\$940.00	\$65.80	\$1005.80	\$200.00	\$805.80
<b>NEW CONSTRUCTION/GAS REPLACEMENT MUST BE APPROVED FIRST - Residential year round homes only - requires load control device installed</b>					
50 Gallon Marathon	\$680.00	\$47.60	\$727.60		\$727.60
85 Gallon Marathon	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
105 Gallon Marathon	\$90.00	\$6.30	\$96.30		\$96.30
<b>GAS REPLACEMENT</b>					
50 Gallon Marathon	\$680.00	\$47.60	\$727.60		\$727.60
85 Gallon Marathon	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
105 Gallon Marathon	\$90.00	\$6.30	\$96.30		\$96.30

**Marathon**  
www.marathonheaters.com  
1-800-321-6718



\*To get the rebate, you must agree to have load control installed, and allows for you to receive \$3.00 monthly credit on your electric bill.\*

### Consumer Authorization Form

Yes, I want to be a part of members helping members and contribute to RECare.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will make a one-time contribution to RECare. My Check is enclosed.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to:

RECare  
Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative  
P.O. Box 629  
Rock Rapids, IA 51246

### RECare Consumer Contribution Plan

Your Rural Electric Cooperative has always extended a helping hand to those needing it. Now, in response to actions by the Iowa General Assembly, your REC has established RECare, a program of members helping members. RECare will provide funds to be distributed by local community action agencies to help pay winter heating bills and assist in weatherization of homes of low income consumers of this Cooperative. You may make a one-time contribution, or you may make a monthly contribution. Even one dollar a month contribution will help others.

# SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR MEMBER COOPERATIVES

## A program for dependent children of:

- Member-cooperative employees
- Member-cooperative consumers

## How much is the scholarship?



The Basin Electric Power Cooperative (BEPC) Scholarship Program will award more than 180 scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each. Five of the 25 scholarships for children of BEPC or subsidiary employees

will be designated for qualified applicants who plan to attend a certified Vocational or Technical school, and two of the 25 will be designated for qualified applicants who plan to achieve an engineering degree.

Twenty will go to children of member-cooperatives' employees, and 135 to children of membercooperative consumers. There will be one \$1,000

scholarship for each member cooperative to award to a dependent of a consumer member.

The scholarships must be used for educational costs, and the student must enter college in the fall of the school year for which the scholarship is given. Checks will be made payable to the school, and will be distributed to the school by BEPC. Scholarships will be distributed in August.

## Who is eligible to receive the scholarship?

Dependent children (including adopted or step-children) of member-system consumers and dependent children of member-cooperative employees are eligible. The applicant must also be a U.S. citizen. The applicant must be a student who is enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time graduate or undergraduate course of study at an accredited, two-year or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school.

BEPC scholarships will be awarded without regard to other awards, loans or financial assistance the applicant may have obtained.

## How are the recipients selected?

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic record, potential to succeed, leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, a statement of education and career goals, and an outside appraisal.

Applicants for the member-cooperative employee dependent category will first be screened by their

the final selection in the member-cooperative employee dependent category.

Member cooperatives will be responsible to select one recipient to be awarded a scholarship in the membercooperative consumer category. The final recipient's completed application will then be forwarded to BEPC by the member cooperative.

The scholarship award winners or the member co-ops are asked to notify the BEPC human resources division with the name and address of the school the student will be attending by July 1. It is also important to know if the student has switched schools, or has decided not to attend.

## What are the recipient's obligations?

Except for the requirements outlined in this brochure, no obligations will be imposed upon the student as a scholarship award winner. Other than payment of the scholarship, no obligations or liability are assumed by BEPC, its subsidiaries or member cooperatives.

## How can I apply?

To apply, complete the required criteria and the scholarship application, which can be obtained from your local electric cooperative office.

Children of member-system employees and consumers must submit the application and all necessary information to apply for a scholarship to their local electric cooperative office.

The applications must reach your cooperative by the given deadline. Deadline is February 13, 2012.

## Member Cooperative Instructions

Each member cooperative will be responsible to forward one finalist to be considered for the member-cooperative employee dependent category.

Member cooperatives must have their finalist in the employee dependent category and their winner's application to BEPC by March 1, 2012

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## Lyon REC Scholarship

Each year Lyon REC, Rock Rapids, Iowa, awards one \$1,000 scholarship to a student of a member of Lyon REC. The scholarship can be used to assist in paying for the costs of the student's college, vocational-technical or community college education. Priority will be given to applicants planning to attend vocation-technical, 2-year community or junior college education. Lyon REC scholarship applications are available at the Lyon REC office with the deadline date of February 13, 2012.