

SIERRA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

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Member Newsletter

February 2016



75 Years of Providing High Quality, Reliable Electric Service to Members in Sierra County, and areas of Luna, Socorro, and Catron Counties

“Let us always meet each other with smile, for the smile is the beginning of love.” - Mother Teresa

Sierra Electric Cooperative Board Appoints Committee on Nominations

In accordance with the By-Laws, and to provide candidates for consideration for the position of Board Trustee at SEC’s Annual Meeting, the Board of Trustees appointed certain individuals to serve on the Committee on Nominations as follows:

<u>Committee on Nominations</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Patricia Huffman (District 2)	650-6333
Debby Bell (District 2)	740-0641
Johnny Weisenhunt (District 3)	743-1629

The 2016 Annual Meeting of the Members will be held on **Monday, April 4, 2016** at the Truth or Consequences Civic Center located at 425 West 4th Street in T or C. At this meeting, elections will be held for three positions on the Board of Trustees for Sierra Electric Cooperative, Inc. Registration for this meeting begins at 11:00 a.m.

The following are the incumbents that are up for re-election:

- District 2: Lee Wood**
- District 2: John Bokich**
- District 3: Darryl Sullivan**

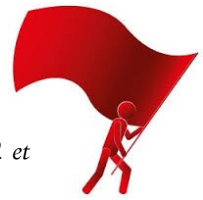
If you are interested in serving on the Board of Trustees and would like your name placed in consideration for nomination, please contact a member on the **Committee on Nominations** no later than Friday, March 4, 2016.

Please refer to Sierra Electric Cooperative, Inc. By-Laws, Section 4.06: Nominations regarding the procedures for nominations.

The Board of Trustees has also appointed the Credentials & Election Committee to oversee the election process that will be conducted at the Annual Meeting:

- Credentials & Election Committee**
- Sonja Rutledge (District 1)
- Chris Auge (District 2)
- Dolores Ortega (District 3)

Red Flags Rule



Under Federal law and regulations, Sierra Electric Cooperative, Inc. is required to adopt an Identity Theft (“Red Flags”) Prevention Program, as specified by Federal Trade Commission (FTC) Regulation 16 CFR Part 681.2 *et seq.* Sierra Electric takes all reasonable steps to identify, detect, and prevent the theft of its members’ personal information—commonly known as Identity Theft.

Sierra Electric’s **Red Flags Rule** form requires a password or an answer to a security question. If you have not completed a Red Flags Rule form or if you would like to update your password, please contact Sierra Electric and we will send the form to you or you can come into the office to complete the form. Thank you for helping us prevent Identity Theft.

Attention LIHEAP Eligible Members: Notice of End of Winter Moratorium



Protection from winter shut-off ends March 15, 2016. To avoid potential disconnection of services please contact Sierra Electric at 575-744-5231 to make arrangements for payment. Members of New Mexico tribes or pueblos who need help with translation or with other matters may contact the commission’s consumer relations division at (888) 427-5772, who will contact the appropriate tribal or pueblo official for assistance.

Para informacion en Espanol llame 575-744-5231.

Daylight Savings Time begins March 13, 2016



On March 13, 2016, be sure to “spring forward” one hour for daylight savings time! This is a good time of the year to check the batteries on your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms.

Daylight Savings Time also means Sierra Electric’s **Time of Use Meter** peak hours change. During Daylight Savings Time, on peak hours are from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and off peak hours are from 11 p.m. to 5 p.m.

If you have a time of use meter, you have 18 off-peak hours to use larger appliances such as washers, dryers or irrigation pumps at the less expensive rate. To benefit from these rate schedules, members need to minimize use during the hours of 5:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. DST, when the rate is more expensive. Time of use rates are a great way to save money. Not only do they make your bill more affordable, but they also lower Sierra Electric’s energy expenses, resulting in lower rates for you.

Elephant Butte February Weather Averages and Records Source: www.weather.com

- Record High: 83°F (02/26/1989)
- Average High: 62°F
- Average Low: 34°F
- Record Low: -2°F (02/03/2011)



Elephant Butte Lake Water Levels

Source: www.waterdatafortexas.org

As of 02/08/2016	One Year Ago
Water Level: 4,329.72	4,323.06
Percent Full: 18.7%	15.2%

