



POWERLINES

Idaho Energy Efficiency Appliance Rebate Program

The Idaho State Energy Efficiency Appliance Rebate Program (SEEARP), commonly known as the Appliance Rebate Program, will have \$1.2 million to distribute as rebates for residential citizens who replace a working appliance with a new ENERGY STAR® appliance.

The rebate program launched on March 25, 2010. Only appliances bought on or after the launch date qualify for a rebate.

In order to qualify for a rebate, citizens must:

- * be an Idaho resident (not a business or non-profit organization)
- * buy a new, qualifying ENERGY STAR® appliance to replace a working appliance [1260468]
- * buy from a store located in Idaho

Each Idaho household is eligible for no more than five total rebates. The program will last until funds are exhausted.

Learn more at www.seearpwards.com/idaho or call 877.223.6975.

KEC also offers rebates on some energy efficient appliances. Visit www.kec.com to learn more.

For more questions about the Idaho Appliance Rebate Program contact: Stacey Donohue at 208.287.4911 or Stacey.Donohue@oer.idaho.gov.



SEVERAL HUNDRED ATTEND KEC ANNUAL MEETING

Kootenai Electric Cooperative (KEC) held its 72nd Annual Meeting of the membership at Lake City Community Church on Saturday, March 20, 2010.

The annual meeting reported on the “State of the Cooperative” and elected members to the KEC Board of Directors and made changes to the Cooperative’s Bylaws.

At the meeting both Board President Ed Gossett and General Manager Doug Elliott updated the membership on Cooperative and industry happenings. This included details about future power supply needs, energy legislation, and the cost of power and

how KEC continues to thrive. KEC’s Landfill Gas Project was also discussed as well as the Peak Project.

KEC members Wayne and Norma Moeller of Post Falls were the lucky winners of a new energy efficient washer and dryer. This grand prize was sponsored by KEC, Frigidaire, and Fred’s Appliance.

Board Member Ron Bockstruck, Bayview, retained his board

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Several scholarship winners attended the Annual Meeting (from left to right): Kimberly Westrick, Rathdrum; Ryan Sacksteder, Athol; Paul Sifford, Worley; Nicole Nixon, Coeur d'Alene; Nichole Gimmeson, St. Maries.

KOOTENAI ELECTRIC TRUST DISTRIBUTES 1ST QUARTER OPERATION ROUND UP® GRANTS

2010 Scholarship Winners

Kootenai Electric's Trust Board awarded \$1,000 scholarships to 10 KEC members. The following students were selected:

- * Benjamin Cooper, Coeur d'Alene
- * Brendan Foster, Coeur d'Alene
- * Nichole Gimmeson, St. Maries
- * Lauren Johnson, Coeur d'Alene
- * Nicole Nixon, Coeur d'Alene
- * Ryan Sacksteder, Athol
- * Robert Schrack III, Athol
- * Paul Sifford, Worley
- * Emma Soy, Coeur d'Alene
- * Kimberly Westrick, Rathdrum

The Trust Board has awarded 40 scholarships since 2007 and plans to offer the scholarship program again early next year. [1254788]

The Kootenai Electric Trust Board granted their first quarter disbursement of 2010 Operation Round Up® funds. The Trust Board received 16 grant requests and awarded more than \$14,000 to nine of the applicants. The following received funding:

- \$2,500 to Trinity Group Homes for their Life Skills program.
- \$2,500 to We've Got Stuff for operating expenses.
- \$2,000 to the Bayview Community Center Foundation to help fund the Bayview Entry Monument sign which will be dedicated as part of the centennial memorial.
- \$600 to the Kootenai County Dog 4-H Program to replace old and broken dog agility equipment.
- \$2,095 to the Ramsey Elementary PTO to purchase three computer projectors and mounting brackets for classroom use.
- \$1,800 to the Lakeland Soccer Club for player scholarships.
- \$600 to Lighthouse Christian Academy to purchase a new computer for administrative and staff purposes.
- \$986.95 to the Post Falls Historical Society to obtain technology to enable groups of students and tourists to view historical records related to Post Falls for educational purposes.
- \$1,250 to the Plummer Senior Center to purchase a commercial dishwasher.

Application Deadline

The next grant applications for Operation Round Up® are due at the KEC office by Monday, May 3, 2010. Applications are available in the office or at www.kec.com. Members who choose not to contribute to Operation Round Up® or who would like to begin contributing may simply "opt-out" or "opt-in" on their bill or contact KEC by phone, letter or email.

PEAK PROJECT

WHAT'S PEAK ENERGY PRICING AND WHY SHOULD I CARE?

Now that the Peak Project is well under way and our targeted area continues to grow, we thought we'd step back and provide more information.

What is peak demand?

On the hottest and coldest days, the need for electricity to heat and

THE Peak Project



cool our homes is highest, creating a peak in energy demand. In the past, the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) could handle these peaks with surplus hydropower from federal dams. Currently, KEC purchases all of its power from BPA, and the system is nearing capacity during these energy peaks.

What does it mean to me?

If BPA cannot meet supply with hydropower, it has to buy power on the market from less-affordable, non-renewable sources such as coal or natural gas power plants. Ultimately, since BPA must cover its expenses, these power purchases will be reflected in electricity rates. [1723988]

How can we keep our rates affordable?

We like keeping costs down. That's why we're moving forward on the Fighting Creek Landfill Gas Project and why we're participating in the Peak Project. It will help us minimize the peaks, ultimately saving KEC and you, our members, money. If we can meet peak demands with our current supply, we could avoid buying expensive power elsewhere. Affordable and reliable power is part of the Northwest way of life. Help us keep it that way. Interest in the Peak Project continues to grow. If you have an electric water heater and centrally controlled electric heating system, visit www.kec.com/peak_project.php or call 208.765.1200 to find out if you're eligible to be next.

TAKE THE GUESSWORK OUT OF YOUR ELECTRIC BILL WITH THE LEVEL PAYMENT PLAN

The Level Payment Plan is a billing arrangement that averages your annual electric bill into leveled monthly payments. Your meter is still read each month so you will see the actual readings and charges on your bill. Every month your account is reviewed and, if necessary, adjusted due to changes in usage or costs, so there may be minor fluctuations in your averaged amount.

Twelve months' service location billing history and a zero balance are required to begin the Level Payment Plan. Arrangements are subject to credit approval. Call KEC at 208.765.1200 to sign up for Level Payment Plan by June 1.

WIN A \$50 ENERGY CREDIT

Four KEC account numbers are hidden in this newsletter. If one of these numbers is yours, contact us at 208.765.1200 and receive a \$50 credit on your bill!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next KEC Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. Friday, April 30. The meeting date is subject to change. Confirm with Terry Brown at 208.292.3211 if you'd like to attend.

IN NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER

Learn the winners of both the TV giveaway at the Home & Garden Show and the Convectair towel warmer.

DIAL 811

Call Before You Dig

Don't forget to call 811 at least two working days before starting any digging or excavation project.

SAVE USING YOUR CO-OP CONNECTIONS® CARD!

Don't forget to use your KEC Co-op Connections® card. This card is free and another benefit of being a member of KEC. Check out all the discounts by visiting our web site at www.kec.com. If you don't have internet access or lost your card, call us at 208.292.3270 and we will send you a listing of all discounts or a new card. Below is a sampling of some of the over 150 discounts offered. If you are a business owner or manager and would like to offer a discount to our members call 208.292.3270 for more information. Don't forget: use your card to save at the pharmacy too!



CHECK OUT THESE INTERNET DISCOUNTS

Visit www.kec.com to learn more.

LANDS END

15% discount on Lands' End gift cards in denominations of \$25, \$50, and \$100. [1461472]

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position for District 1. Roger Tinkley, Coeur d'Alene, was elected by the membership to serve as District At-Large director.

Each of the proposed bylaw amendments were approved by the membership and include:

Proposal 1: Beginning in the year 2011, allow the Annual Meeting of the members to be held in March, April, May or June in lieu of only in March.

Proposal 2: (a) Establish that the members may, in addition to casting a ballot at a meeting of the members, cast their ballot by mail, and (b) eliminate voting by proxy.

Proposal 3: Add to the qualifications for becoming and remaining a director that the person not be an employee or close relative of an employee on, or for four years prior to, the date the director would take office.

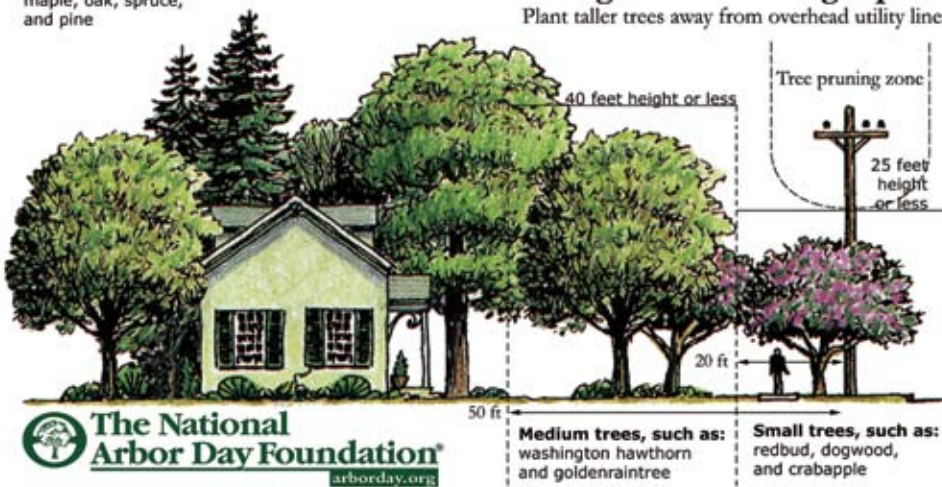
Proposal 4: Eliminate from the order of business at the Annual Meeting the nomination of directors.

Proposal 5: Change the duties of the Credentials and Elections Committee to bring them into conformity with state law regarding protests or objections concerning an election.

Tall trees, such as: maple, oak, spruce, and pine

Plant the right tree in the right place

Plant taller trees away from overhead utility lines



Medium trees, such as: washington hawthorn and goldenrain tree

Small trees, such as: redbud, dogwood, and crabapple

The National Arbor Day Foundation
arbor day.org

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