



MORE than opinions. EXPERTISE.

Many of our members like the idea of solar power. We do, too. We have several options ready to help you shine. KEC's energy experts can give members advice on managing energy use and answer questions about how to add renewable energy to their homes. When you become a KEC member, you find more than power. You find a local connection.



In 2017, we constructed our Community Solar Project. The 50KW solar array is located in Worley and was partially funded through a \$50,000 grant from the Bonneville Environmental Foundation. KEC members may purchase individual units for \$475. Each unit represents a portion of the energy produced by the solar array. The solar array is divided into 288 units and each unit is expected to generate approximately 234 kilowatt-hours (kWh) per year. KEC takes care of all the costs including maintenance and insurance.

Renewable Energy Rate

Although 96.6% of the power KEC sells to members is carbon-free, some members would like the option to be 100% carbon-free in their energy purchases. Next month, KEC will be rolling out an optional new carbon-free rate—watch for details in the newsletter.

KEC's Solar Walkway

We've also developed a 4KW solar walkway at the KEC office. It is visible to all members who visit the office. The size of the project was specifically selected to match what a typical member interested



in rooftop solar would install at their home. This demonstration gives members an idea of how solar performs in North Idaho. We are happy to help members find qualified installers in our area. Whether you're interested in solar power or going carbon-free, KEC will work with you every step of the way to help you find the right solution. For more information contact us at 208.292.3209 or kec@kec.com.

SMARTHUB & SURVEY BILL CREDIT WINNERS

Recently, we ran a SmartHub contest for a chance to win a \$300 KEC bill credit. To enter, members had to register as a new user in SmartHub. Members already participating in the program were automatically entered into the drawing. Congratulations to winner Caryl Walker of Coeur d'Alene. We also offered a drawing for a \$100 bill credit for all members who took our member service survey. Congratulations to winner Milagros Faust of Post Falls. Thank you to all the members who participated! [1637652]

2018 ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION UPDATE

KEC's 80th Annual Meeting of the Membership took place at Lake City Church on April 30, 2018. More than 350 member households attended the event.

We had three board seats up for election. With one candidate running unopposed in Districts 2 and 5, those candidates were re-elected by acclamation at the meeting. Our congratulations to Jim Robbins, District 2; and Bill Swick, District 5. District At-Large was a contested election with two candidates. Congratulations to Crystal Musselman, our new District At-Large director. See photos of the directors below.

KEC would like to express its gratitude to Terry LaLiberte for his eight years of service on the Board.

After the Annual Meeting, the Board held a meeting to appoint the following officers: Bill Swick, Chair; Tim Meyer, Vice Chair; Roger Tinkey, Secretary and Dave Bobbitt, Audit Committee Chair.

The membership also ratified five amendments to KEC's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, which were recommended by the Board of Directors and our corporate attorney.

Grand Prize Winner
Congratulations to our grand

prize winner, Morri Dightman of Post Falls, who won a \$300 bill credit.

Amazon Echo Show Winner

Members who cast their votes online and had a KEC SmartHub account were entered into a drawing for an Amazon Echo Show (valued at \$229). Congratulations to David & Davalu Cummings of Coeur d'Alene. [1281461]

Election Bill Credit Winner

Those members voting by mail or online without a SmartHub account were entered into a drawing for a \$100 KEC bill credit. Congratulations to Tyler and Shelby Forsmann of Post Falls.

More than 30 other prizes were awarded at the meeting. Thank you to our vendors for donating the prizes.



Photo Above: (from left) KEC General Manager Doug Elliott awards Morri Dightman his prize.

2018 Annual Meeting Minutes

KEC is accepting comments on the 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes through July 16, 2018. Minutes are posted at www.kec.com. Comments may be emailed to: kec@kec.com or mailed to: KEC, Attn: General Manager, 2451 W. Dakota Ave. Hayden, ID 83835. Printed copies are also available at the KEC office. Thank you to all the members who attended the Annual Meeting!



Jim Robbins
District Two



Bill Swick, Chair
District Five



Crystal Musselman
District At-Large

Congratulations to Scholarship Winners

The Kootenai Electric Trust Board awarded \$2,000 scholarships to 10 KEC members or their children. The scholarships were made possible this year with the proceeds from the 2017 KEC Golf Classic. The Kootenai Electric Trust Board has awarded more than 130 scholarships since 2007 and plans to offer the scholarship program again next year. Congratulations to the students pictured below. Watch for details about the 2019 scholarship program and application deadline in late 2018. [1657023]



Hunter Bell
Coeur d'Alene



Lydia Gross
Hayden



Kylee Jennekens
Worley



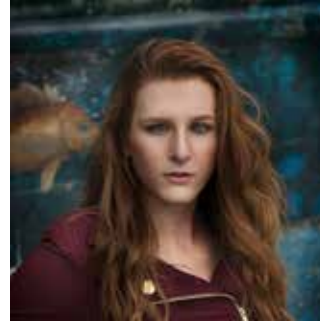
Emma McCormick
Coeur d'Alene



Anika Mechikoff
Athol



Jessica Millard
Rathdrum



Reagan Myser
Post Falls



Sidney Petersen
Post Falls



Faith Pfeiffer
St. Maries



Miranda Schmeling
Post Falls

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Laundry Tip: Use rubber or wool dryer balls, which help separate clothing in the cycle, providing better airflow and a shorter drying time. Wool dryer balls can help absorb moisture, which also reduces drying time.

Source: energy.gov



NEWS BRIEFS

KEC BOARD MEETINGS

Members are welcome to attend monthly board meetings. Meeting dates vary—call Constance Felten at 208.292.3211 for details.

WIN A \$50 ENERGY CREDIT

Six KEC account numbers are hidden in this newsletter. If you find your number contact us at 208.765.1200 and receive a \$50 credit on your bill. [1829448]

DON'T PLACE SIGNS ON POWER POLES

Signs placed on our poles are a safety hazard for our linemen and crews and are illegal. KEC does not allow the placement of signage on its poles or other electrical equipment. This includes real estate signs, garage sale signs, political/election signs and sales or promotional materials. Our crews routinely remove and dispose of signs posted on KEC's property. Please help us keep our crews safe by not using our poles for signage.

Pole Testing Work

This summer, KEC contractors will inspect power poles in the Post Falls, Hayden and Hauser areas. The work will occur through August. KEC's contractor for this project is Alamon. Contractors will drive Alamon vehicles with a magnet that states they are a contractor for KEC. Members may see contractors on or near their property. Members with questions or concerns may call 208.765.1200. [1727337]



Save at Silverwood This Summer



Save at Silverwood Theme Park with your Co-op Connections® Card! Silverwood Theme Park is the largest theme and water park in the Northwest and is the top visited attraction in Idaho! [1816733]



Use your Co-op Connections® Card discount to take advantage of a special online only discount on day passes. This program allows members to save time and money by purchasing and printing tickets using their home computers. **Here's how it works:**

Visit www.silverwoodthemepark.com and click Buy Tickets. From there KEC members can receive the following discounted pricing during the regular 2018 season:

- General Admission: \$46, regularly \$51 (ages 8-64)
- Youth/Senior: \$25, regularly \$28 (ages 3-7 and 65+)

Tickets must be purchased online to receive the discount and members need to use the promo code: **connections**. These tickets are non-refundable and must be purchased online using a credit or debit card. This offer is not valid at the gate.

