

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER / CEO

Interested in a seat on your co-op board?

New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 



One of 14 electric cooperatives serving Pennsylvania and New Jersey

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Leroy D. Walls, President
David Bequeath, Vice President
John R. Dively, Secretary
Robert Guyer, Asst. Secretary
Dean Brant, Treasurer
Timothy Newman
Ellis Sollenberger

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday
7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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Rick L. Eichelberger
General Manager & CEO

MORE THAN 75 years ago, local residents wanted the convenience of electricity. However, private power companies weren't interested in providing power to these rural residents because rural customers didn't provide enough profits for stockholders. Area residents organized to provide the wonder of electricity themselves. New Enter-

prise Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. (New Enterprise REC), a not-for-profit business, was established by members to serve members.

The membership selects a director to serve in each of the seven nearly equal director areas. The board of directors acts as trustee on behalf of the cooperative's consumer-members, and board members are elected at the annual meeting.

When you become a consumer-member of New Enterprise REC, you share in the benefits and responsibilities of the cooperative for as long as you remain a member. Any profits are returned to members in the form of capital credits.

There are three director seats open for election at this year's annual meeting. If you are interested in a seat on your co-op board and meet the qualifications, you could be eligible for nomination in your area. A vote of the members attending the annual meeting on June 4 will determine who serves on the board for the three-year terms.

If you live full time in **AREA 1, 2 or 5**, and are interested in becoming a direc-

tor candidate, contact or stop by the cooperative office and we can discuss the process. Not sure which area you are located in? A detailed map is available at the office for your review.

AREA 1 can be described as portions of Bloomfield, Woodbury, and South Woodbury townships in Bedford County, including Bakers Summit, Lafayetteville, Route 867 to Muley Lane, and Middle Ridge Road. (Served by John Dively since 1997.)

AREA 2 can be described as portions of Bloomfield, Woodbury, and South Woodbury townships in Bedford County, including Hickory Bottom, Pulpit Road, Woodbury Pike, and Frosty Hollow. (Served by Robert Guyer since 1956.)

AREA 5 can be described as portions of Hopewell, West Providence, and Broad Top Townships in Bedford County, including Plank Road to Tatesville, Route 26 north of Everett, the Beach areas along the Raystown, and a few accounts along the western part of Sherman Valley. (Served by David Bequeath since 2004.)

The cooperative's bylaws outline the qualifications and procedure for the selection of directors. The board of directors selects a Nominating Committee that prepares a list of nominations that is posted at the cooperative office by April 19. Any 15 or more consumer-members acting together may make additional nominations after the list is posted. Consumer-members attending the New Enterprise REC Annual Meeting may make additional nominations from the floor. 

Making farm life better

BY PAULINE OVER SMITH

BELOW is a story by a former member, Pauline Smith, who remembers when the "lights came on."

"We always had an electric system at my home. We had a Delco system, which provided electric lights and the use of an iron. It was getting to the [point that] this system was more of a headache than a convenience. It was a great joy when my parents heard that the rural electric would serve their farm. They would be able to receive service by signing right-of-way papers and paying a small membership fee of \$5. In order to speed up the service, Dad dug the holes for the poles to be placed for the secondary line going into the farm.

"Now, for the many lifesaving conveniences that came into being. How nice to open a spigot and hot water would come pouring out due to a hot water heater. In the spring at house-cleaning time, no more dragging a 9-foot by 12-foot rug to the clothesline to be beaten with wire beaters to remove the dust from the rug;

an electric sweeper took care of this task.

"On those hot, summer days when one would bring the cattle in from the pasture for water, one would have to pump the water by hand to quench their thirst. One would declare that each cow was trying to see who could drink the most water. An electric pump took care of this chore. Oh yes, the deep freezer came into being, and one was purchased. No more processing peas, green beans and sweet corn in glass jars for three hours. By freezing, the vegetables were more tasty and healthier than the canned, and spoilage was less likely.

"Mother churned butter at least twice each week. One day, a catalogue came in the mail in which an electric churn was advertised. The churn was purchased, and many hours of hand churning were eliminated.

"Over the years, electricity has brought many conveniences into our homes, helping to make life more enjoyable. Thanks to the men who took the time and effort to bring the rural electric cooperative into existence." ☀

Scholarships available

The Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association (PREA) Scholarship Trust Fund in Memory of William F. Matson offers scholarships to sons and daughters of members and employees of electric cooperatives in Pennsylvania and New Jersey that belong to the PREA.



Applicants must be high school seniors and be able to furnish necessary aptitude test scores and financial need information. A minimum of five, \$1,000, one-time scholarships will be awarded.

The **Jody Loudenslager Memorial Scholarship** is available for former Youth Tour students. At least two, \$1,000 scholarships in memory of Jody Loudenslager are available through the PREA Scholarship Trust Fund in Memory of William F. Matson for the 2013-14 college year. The scholarship is available to any college-bound or college student who participated in the PREA Youth Tour. Applicants must furnish necessary aptitude test scores and financial need information.

All applications and required information for both scholarships must be received no later than **May 10, 2013**. Finalists will be sent a follow-up questionnaire that must be returned by **June 7, 2013**. Scholarship awards will be announced at the PREA Summer Meeting in July.

Please call the office at 814/766-3221 for an application.

March co-op calendar

March 28 - Payment and meter reading due date

March 29 - Office is closed in observance of Good Friday/Easter



NRECA

Disconnection resumes in April

New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative will resume disconnection for any account with a past due balance starting April 2.

Current and new member security deposit policy

Credit checks are required for all new customers requesting service. If you are a current consumer-member requesting another service and you have a good credit history with us, we will not run a credit check. However, if you are a current consumer-member with a delinquent account, or are 30 days or more past due, a credit check will be run.

Depending on your results, a security deposit as high as \$250 could be required. The security deposit must be paid in full before service can be changed into your name.

Should fraudulent information be given, a security deposit of \$250 will be charged. Examples of fraudulent information would be an incorrect Social Security number or misleading information about adults living at the location.

Any consumer-member who receives a disconnect/service load limiter notice will have their security deposit reviewed. If a security deposit of \$250 isn't already paid, your account will be charged a deposit of \$250 or the difference to equal \$250. To avoid a security deposit or an additional amount added, the past due balance must be paid in full before the disconnect/service load limiter date. Another option is to make a payment agreement. A signed agreement must be in the office before the disconnect/service load limiter date.

The \$250 security deposit can be divided into three monthly payments. This agreement must be signed the day of disconnect or limiting. Should a meter be disconnected, restoration of the meter can't happen until all fees due are paid and an agreement for the security deposit is signed.

After 12 months of continuous on-time payments and no non-sufficient funds checks, the deposit will be refunded as a credit onto the consumer-member's electric bill. A deposit of \$250 will be collected should the account become delinquent again. At that point, the deposit will not be refunded until the account is terminated.

Heating and Cooling Tips:



Right Size, Right System

Choosing the right heating and cooling system for your home is a matter of asking the right questions, getting the right contractor, and installing the right size. Here are some tips:

Right Questions

- What's the weather like in my region?
- How many people live at my house?
- What type of energy efficiency upgrades have I made to tightly seal my house?

Right Contractor

- Only a NATE (North American Technician Excellence)-certified contractor should install your heating and cooling system.
- Your contractor should use computer software to calculate the size of system your home needs.

Right Size

- Systems that are too large are:
 - more expensive to install
 - break down more often
 - operate inefficiently.
- Central air conditioners and heat pumps that are too large don't run long enough to dehumidify the air, which can spur mold growth and leave inhabitants feeling clammy.

Need more information?
Visit TogetherWeSave.com.

Sources: EnergySavers.gov,
[Cooperative Research Network](http://CooperativeResearchNetwork.com)

KIDZCORNER

March is National Peanut Month

- It takes about 540 peanuts to make a 12-ounce jar of peanut butter.
- By law, any product labeled "peanut butter" in the United States must be at least 90 percent peanuts.
- In 1884, Marcellus Gilmore Edson of Montreal, Quebec, was the first person to patent peanut butter.
- Peanut butter was first introduced to the United States in 1904 at the Universal Exposition in St. Louis by C.H. Sumner, who sold \$705.11 of the "new treat" at his concession stand.
- Americans were first introduced to the Reese's Peanut Butter Cup in 1928.
- Arachibutyrophobia is the fear of getting peanut butter stuck to the roof of your mouth.
- Peanut butter was the secret behind "Mr. Ed," TV's talking horse.
- Sixty percent of consumers prefer creamy peanut butter over crunchy.
- Two peanut farmers have been elected U.S. president - Thomas Jefferson and Jimmy Carter.
- There are four types of peanuts grown in the United States - Runner, Virginia, Spanish and Valencia.
- The peanut growth cycle from planting to harvest is 120 to 160 days or about five months.
- Peanuts flower above ground and then migrate underground to reach maturity.
- The peanut is not a nut, but a legume related to beans and lentils.
- Dr. George Washington Carver is considered "The Father of the Peanut Industry" because of his extensive research and selfless dedication to promoting peanut production and products.

Buddy McNutty's Crispy Bars

PREPARATION TIME:

15 minutes

INGREDIENTS:

1/4 cup creamy peanut butter

6 cups crisp rice cereal

10 ounces marshmallows

3 tablespoons butter

PREPARATION:

First melt butter and marshmallows in large saucepan over low heat. Stir frequently until melted completely. Remove from heat and stir in peanut butter until dissolved. Stir in rice cereal until the cereal is completely coated with the marshmallow mixture. Next, spread mixture into a 13 x 9 x 2-inch pan lightly coated with non-stick cooking spray. Press mixture into pan until firmly packed. Cool completely. Cut into 24 bars.

NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION:

Nutrition per bar: 88 calories; 1g protein; 15g carbohydrate; 3 g fat (1.5g monounsaturated; .05g saturated); 0mg cholesterol; trace fiber; 99mg sodium.

MAKES:

24 bars

