

Energy Partners

A monthly look at the happenings of and related to:



New-Mac Electric Cooperative

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Nominating committee to meet in August

New-Mac's annual meeting set for October 25

The 2008 nominating committee, elected by the New-Mac membership at the 2007 annual meeting, will meet at the New-Mac Electric Cooperative office on Highway 86, Wednesday, August 20, 2008, at 10 a.m.

Their task at this meeting is to nominate individuals to serve on the New-Mac Board of Directors. This year, directors will be elected from Districts 1, 3 and 6 at the upcoming annual meeting on Saturday, October 25, 2008.

Article III, Section 3, of the New-Mac Electric bylaws sets the date for the nominating committee meeting "not less than sixty (60) days before the date of the annual meeting." This section of the bylaws also states:

"At each annual meeting there shall be elected by the members a nominating committee of five persons and an alternate for each person so chosen. Such nominating committee shall consist of

one person from each of the districts from which Directors are to be elected at the next annual meeting and two members elected at large, one of which shall be from that portion of the Cooperative north of the Newton-McDonald County line and one of which shall be from that

portion of the Cooperative south of the Newton-McDonald County line. Nominations for said committee may be made by members from the floor and voted on by ballot. It shall be the duty of said committee to prepare and post in the principal office of the Cooperative at least sixty

days before the next annual meeting a list of nominations for Directors and to cause said list of nominations for Directors to be published in one (1) newspaper of general circulation in Newton, McDonald and Jasper Counties, within seven days of the date of said posting, said list to contain at least two candidates for each Director for each vacancy occurring. In the event that any member of said nominating committee so chosen shall die, cease to be a member of the Cooperative, or for any reason become unable to serve on said committee, then the alternate for that person shall take his place with full power to act as a member of said committee."

"Any fifteen or more members may make other nominations in writing over their signatures within fifteen days from the date of publication of the nominations of the nominating committee as above set out; and such nominations shall be delivered to the Secretary who shall post the same in the principal office of the Cooperative at the same place where the list of nominations

Nominating Committee Members

- District 1Don Donoho
- District 3Lester Shuey
- District 6Teresa Carlin
- McDonald Co. At Large.....Dwayne (Bill) Miller
- Newton Co. At LargeRoger Haan

The committee will meet at the New-Mac office on Highway 86, Wednesday, Aug. 20, at 10 a.m.

Meeting room unavailable due to roof construction

The meeting room at New-Mac Electric's Neosho office is temporarily unavailable due to the construction of a new roof for the building.

This construction, which New-Mac customers were informed of in the co-op's monthly newsletter and the past annual meeting, became necessary due to damage brought about by the January 2007 ice storm.

"We do apologize for any inconvenience brought about by this project," said New-Mac's Mark Rakes. "We know the meeting room is extremely popular, and hopefully, we'll be able to make this service available again soon."

Since the January 2007 storm, which knocked out power to as many as 14,000 of the co-op's meters, New-Mac has contended with ongoing problems due to the damage caused by the weight of the ice.

The construction, which will be an ongoing project throughout the year, involves putting a gable roof over the top of the existing flat-roof structure, meeting the established guidelines of the 2003 International Building Code for Essential Facilities.

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See you at the county fairs

Make sure you stop by the New-Mac Electric booth at both the Newton and McDonald County Fairs. The Newton County Fair runs July 9-12, and the McDonald County Fair will be held July 17-19.



Visit the New-Mac tent for a souvenir that will help you save energy today, and learn what you can do to help control energy prices in the future.

Assistance is available

If you are having a problem paying your New-Mac account, please call us to make arrangements. Please don't disregard paying your bill. There are programs and options (such as budget billing) designed to assist you. So, please give us a call at 451-1515 or (800) 322-3849.

LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM & EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE
Jasper County417/781-0352
McDonald County..417/845-6011
Newton County.....417/451-2206

Mulch available

New-Mac Electric has mulch available for \$5 per scoop. Anyone interested should call the Neosho office (451-1515) and ask for Susan or Tobey so that arrangements can be made to assist you.



From time to time, the drive-thru and drop box will be unavailable in the weeks ahead.

Please plan ahead

Don't count on drive-thru or drop box at Neosho office

Due to the ongoing roof construction, the drive-thru and drop box will be periodically unavailable in the weeks ahead at New-Mac Electric's Neosho office.

While every effort will be made to keep these services available as much as possible, from time to time, these services will have to be suspended for safety's sake. Customers will have to bring payments inside the Neosho lobby during these times, or they can make payments at New-Mac's Anderson office – which has a drive-thru and drop box, or credit card payments can be made over the phone (451-1515 or 800-322-3849) during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday).

"We do apologize for any inconvenience during this construction period," said New-Mac's Mark Rakes. "We'll try to have the drive-thru and drop box open as much as we can, particularly during the last week of the month, but it might be a good month to mail in your payment."



Help yourself by helping New-Mac when peak alerts are issued

Keeping costs down for its members is a top priority of New-Mac Electric, and one of the chief measures in this effort is the issuing of peak alerts.

A peak alert is simply a request on behalf of New-Mac that its members attempt to conserve energy during a set period (usually in the late afternoon). Even though these

announcements generally occur during the hottest days of summer and the coldest days of winter, it does not mean there is a shortage of

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Change is hard ... just ask an architect

Recently I was invited to be the guest speaker for a local chapter of the American Institute of Architects. About 70 architects attended and we had a really good time.

Remember I, too, am a licensed architect and, yes, we are a little different. As an instructor at Oklahoma University told a group of us several years ago, "You are the 29th group to complete this course and every group is different. Y'all are the most different I have ever seen." Of course, we took that as a compliment.

As I often say at seminars, change is very difficult for adults. I have also known for a long time that change is difficult for architects and that was clearly evident at our recent meeting. Folks, let's reason together for a moment.

Visualize the average one-story business building in your town. Usually it has four exterior walls, a slab floor and a flat roof. The only basic difference from one building to the next is perhaps the color of the building and name of the business on the sign out front.

Now, consider this. Where is

the hottest place on that building on a hot summer day? If you say the roof, you are correct. How would you like to sit on that roof and try to make homemade ice cream? You would probably keel over before the ice cream was ready and, even if you succeeded, you would have used lots of energy.

If you think about it, the last place that you would want to place your air conditioner is on the roof. So why do we continue to do it? Time after time after time.

I had an engineer tell me in one of my seminars that an air conditioning unit on the roof did not waste as much energy as I thought. I asked him, "Well, just how much does it waste?" "Only about 9 percent," he replied. I responded, "9 percent?" And then I told him, "I sure would like a 9 percent pay raise and I sure would hate a 9 percent pay cut. I wish

my CD at the bank would pay 9 percent and I wish I were 9 percent taller. I wish I were 9 percent younger, too."

Well, he got the picture and I doubt he will ever say that 9 percent is insignificant again. While adults haven't seemed to figure out that placing an air conditioning unit on top of a roof is a bad idea, younger folks have a different view. I have often asked high school students, "Wouldn't it make sense to locate an air conditioning unit in the earth where it is a constant 57 degrees? Their answer, of course, is yes. (I'm talking about a geothermal unit, by the way).

I asked the architects at our meeting, "How many of you are familiar with geothermal heating and cooling?" Nearly every hand went up. I then asked, "How many of you think geothermal is the most efficient heating and cooling system available?" Most raised their hands. "How many of you would consider geothermal as a green product?" All raised their

hands. "How many of you have specified geothermal systems in any building you have designed? Two hands were raised.

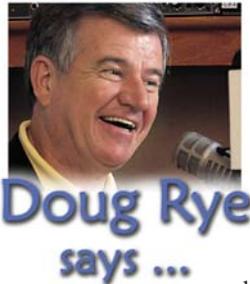
And then came the most revealing question of all. "How many of you have geothermal system in your houses?" Zero hands.

Yes, change is difficult for adults, including architects, but folks it is time to change and you mark my words, we will.

See you next month.

P.S. Of course, as many long-time readers of this column know, I have geothermal in my wife's house.

Doug Rye, a licensed architect living in Arkansas and the popular host of the "Home Remedies" radio show (as heard on KQYS 1420 AM), works as a consultant for the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas to promote energy efficiency to cooperative members statewide. To order Doug's video, call Doug at 1-888-Doug-Rye. More energy-efficiency tips can also be found at www.ecark.org.



○ Peaks

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power. However, with the help of you, our members, the cooperative can avoid significant costs that could ultimately lead to rate increases for the membership. By curtailing usage on the days in which electrical demand will potentially be at its highest point, New-Mac is able to avoid extreme peaks and higher costs for power.

Members can assist New-Mac during a peak

alert by not running more than one major appliance at a time and turning off unnecessary lights, televisions and small appliances. If there are no small children or elderly within the home, raising the thermostat a few degrees would also prove beneficial.

So, remember the next time you hear that New-Mac is issuing a peak alert, see what you can do to conserve electricity around your home and help keep costs down.

Energy Partners' Recipe of the Month:

SAUSAGE DIP

Submitted by New-Mac member: **Denise Morris**

- 1 lb. *Italian sausage, cooked and drained
- 2 (8 oz.) pkg. creme cheese
- 1 (10 oz.) can Rotel tomatoes

Combine all ingredients into slow cooker. Heat on low till all is melted together (approx. 1 hour). Serve warm with corn chips or vegetable tray

* Turkey sausage can be used for a lower-in-fat version.

Send your recipe, along with your name and customer number, to: Recipes, c/o New-Mac Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 310, Neosho, MO 64850; or recipes@new-mac.com. If your recipe is selected, New-Mac will apply a \$15 credit to your bill.

○ Committee

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made by the nominating committee is posted. The Secretary shall mail with the notice of the meeting a statement of the number of Directors to be elected and showing separately the nominations made by the committee on nominations and nominations by petition, if any. Nothing contained herein shall, however, prevent additional nominations being made from the floor of the meeting of the members. The members may at any meeting at which a director or directors shall be removed, as herein above provided, elect a successor or successors thereto without compliance with the foregoing provisions with respect to nominations."

DISTRICT INFORMATION

District No. 1 – Commencing at the intersection of U.S. Highway #71 and Newton County "V" Highway, said point being the

Southeast corner of Section 16, Township 26, Range 32, thence North along U.S. Highway #71 to the Newton-Jasper County line, thence East along the said county line to the Lawrence County line, thence South along the Newton-Lawrence County line to the Southeast corner of Section 2, Township 26, Range 29 (being the junction of said county line with Newton County Highway "J"), thence West along County "J" and "V" to place of beginning. Together with that portion of the Cooperative territory in Jasper County, Missouri, lying due North of the above described district as extended, and that portion of the Cooperative territory in Lawrence County, Missouri, lying due East of the above described district as extended.

District No. 3 – All that part of the Cooperative territory described as commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 16, Township 25, Range 32, and running West along the State Highway #86 to Racine, thence continuing due West along section lines to the Oklahoma State line, thence North along the

State line to the Newton-Jasper County line, thence East along the Newton-Jasper County line to U.S. Highway #71, thence South along U.S. Highway #71, to the junction of U.S. Highway #71 and County Highway "V", thence due South to place of beginning, together with that portion of the Cooperative territory in Jasper County, Missouri, lying North and West of the herein described district as extended.

District No. 6 – Commencing on the Newton-McDonald County line at the Northeast corner of Section 1, Township 23, Range 32, McDonald County, Missouri, thence South to the Southeast corner of Section 12,



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District 5 Billy P. White
District 6 Paul Sprenkle
District 7 Maurice Mailes
District 8 Virgil Winchester
District 9 Dewey Allgood

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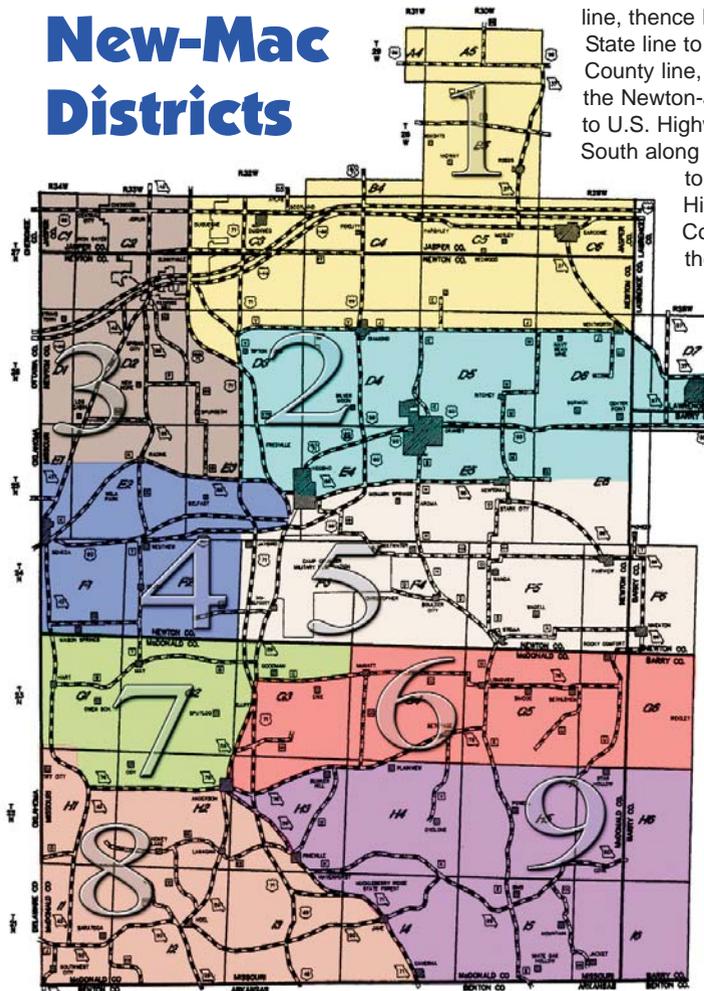
Call our consumer services department for information on the following services:

- Autowithdrawal Payment
- Levelized Billing
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Questions? Comments?

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New-Mac Districts



Township 23, Range 32, thence due East to U.S. Highway #71, thence South on U.S. #71 to the point where Missouri Highway #76 leaves U.S. Highway #71 in an easterly direction, thence East along Missouri Highway #76 to the point where Highway #76 intersects with the North line of Section 4, Township 22, Range 31, thence continuing due East along section lines to the Barry County line, thence North along the county line to the Newton-McDonald County line, thence due West along said county lines to place of beginning. Together with that portion of the Cooperative territory in Barry County lying due East of the above described district as extended.