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Nominating Committee to Select Candidates for Directors

On March 2, 2010 the Nominating Committee will meet to select the nominees for United Electric Cooperative's board of directors. The meeting will be held at the United Electric office in Savannah, MO. The directors whose terms expire and the districts that they represent are:

District 1: Buchanan County.....	Jerry L. Kerns
District 2: Clinton & Dekalb Counties.....	John C. Redman
District 4: Gentry County.....	Phillip M. Jensen
District 5: Nodaway County	Gary R. Hull

If you have someone that you would like to be considered for nomination to the board of directors and they reside in one of the districts listed above, please contact a member of the nominating committee. The procedures for nominations are prescribed under Article IV, Section 4 (Nominations) in the Cooperative by-laws.

2010 Nominating Committee

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The directors will be elected by the membership at the Annual Member Meeting to be held Thursday, May 13, 2010 at the Potter Hall Fine Arts Building on the campus of Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph, MO.

Make Plans to Attend Your Cooperative's Annual Meeting



United Electric Cooperative will hold our 14th Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday, May 13 at the Potter Hall Fine Arts Building on the campus of Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph, MO. Registration will begin at 4:30 p.m. and the business meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

The evening will include the election of directors and distribution of capital credit checks along with entertainment, refreshments and prize giveaways - including a years worth of free electricity!

Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us May 13 for an enjoyable evening. Look for more details in next months issue of the *Energy Connection*.

The Cooperative Advantage

As a member of United Electric Cooperative, you and about 7,500 other members own the cooperative. Are you aware of the advantages you have as a member-owner of your cooperative?

- The Cooperative produces this monthly newsletter to keep you informed, because you are an owner. We also hold an annual meeting and produce an annual report to let our members know how their business is doing.

- Cooperatives are non-profit businesses and exist solely to serve their consumers with reliable, affordable electricity - not to earn a profit. Any additional money that is left after all operational expenses are covered is given back to our members through capital credits. These capital credits are distributed at our annual meeting each year.

- As a local business, we care about our communities. The Cooperative supports educational, economic development and other areas that contribute to the quality of life of our members.

- As a member of the Cooperative, you are represented by local member-elected directors who are members themselves and serve as the trustees of the business. This is an important part of being a member. At the annual meeting on May 13, members will have a say in who represents your electric cooperative.

These are just a few of the many advantages of being a member of United Electric Cooperative. We hope you plan to attend the annual meeting on May 13 and take advantage of being a member-owner of your cooperative!

From the General Manager No Increase in Electric Rates



Gene Dorrel

I would like to take this opportunity to share some good news with you, our member-owners. United Electric Cooperative will not have a rate increase in 2010.

Despite upward pressure, our power supplier has informed us that their rates will remain stable. Taking this into account along with our 2010 budget, the Board of Directors has determined that we will be able to maintain our current rates.

Although I want you to enjoy this news,

I want to remind you that this is not the end of our struggle. The forces that have been driving the cost of electricity up are still an issue.

Our recent rate increases have primarily been driven by wholesale power cost increases due to the cost of generation, fuels, and environmental compliance. All of these things will continue to affect us for the next several years and will drastically be affected by the current climate change legislation.

While United Electric and our power supplier stays abreast of these issues, we will ask our members to continue doing their part by conserving energy and staying involved.

Our members have made a difference by embracing our initiatives for energy

efficiency. Many of you have switched out your old appliances for new energy efficient ones. Others have switched out your incandescent light bulbs for compact fluorescent ones. And thousands of you have voiced your concerns regarding the climate change legislation.

All of these things make a difference. The Board of Directors, management and all the employees at United Electric Cooperative thank you for helping us make a difference. Your participation in the cooperative is vital and we appreciate you staying involved.

We will continue keeping you informed and up-to-date with what is happening in the electric industry business. So for now, I would like for you to enjoy the good news. No rate increase in 2010.

Every Missourian Counts Do your part and participate in the 2010 Census

Since the days of the founding fathers, the U.S. Census has taken a snapshot of America every 10 years. Each decade a new portrait of our country provides insight into the diverse and ever-changing population of the United States and directly affects how more than \$400 billion per year in federal funding is distributed. The Census Bureau reports that Missouri receives nearly \$8 billion in federal funds based on its data. Those funds help to build and repair roads, support our schools and provide many other services our residents depend on. An undercount of 100,000 people means Missouri would lose \$130 million for the decade. To prevent that from happening, Gov. Jay Nixon appointed Missouri citizens to help spread the word about the importance of the census. The Missouri Statewide Complete Count Committee will be working to make sure every Missourian gets counted. To find out more about the committee's efforts, visit www.oe.mo.gov/mocensus. You also can follow the Missouri Statewide Complete Count Committee on Twitter at www.twitter.com/Mo2010Census. As the nation prepares for the 2010 Census, here are some things you should know.

Why do we take the Census? The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years. The census shows state population counts and determines the number of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives for each state. All residents

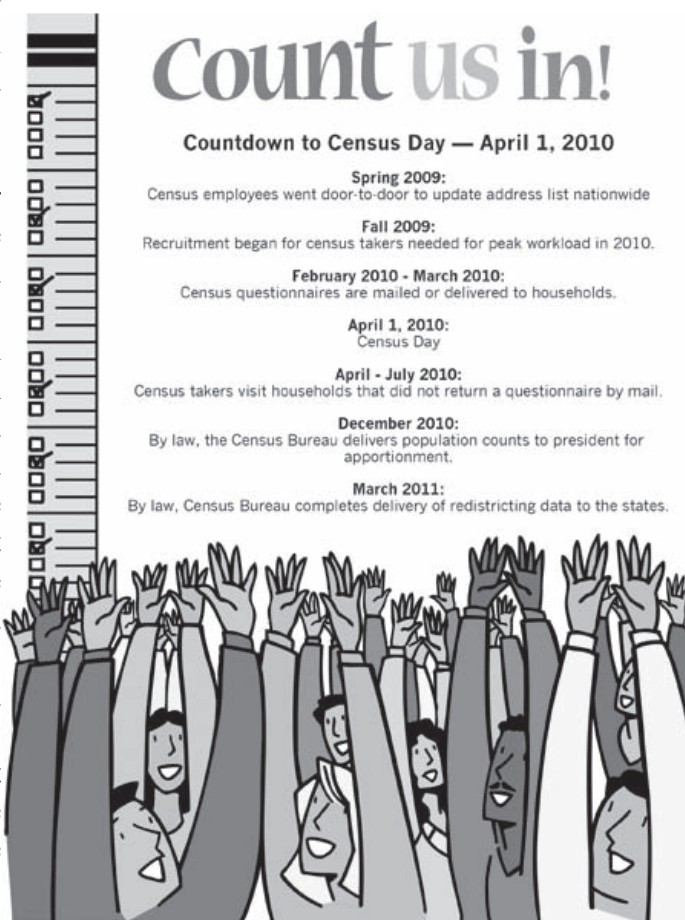
of the United States are counted including people of all ethnic groups, both citizens and non-citizens.

What's at Stake? Census data is used for a variety of purposes including appropriating

\$400 billion to the states and communities based partly on census data. Funding is allocated to communities for neighborhood improvements, public health, education, transportation, child care, senior citizen centers and much more. Based on a Brookings Institute study, Missouri received \$1,327 per person in federal aid which was allocated based on census counts. This would equate to a loss of \$1.3 million for each 1,000 persons missed in the 2010 census over the next decade. An undercount of 100,000 people would equal \$130 million. Missouri is on the cusp of losing a congressional seat. If Missouri does lose a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, it is forecasted to be by less than 1 percent of the total population. In 2000, Missouri's response rate was 69 percent.

2010 Census Questionnaire: Quick, Easy and Confidential. With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire is one of the shortest questionnaires in history and takes just 10 minutes to complete. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's census questionnaire responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

Do your part and be counted! By doing so, you will help improve your community and the rest of the state. You will also help ensure that Missouri has a proper voice in our federal government.



“Energize Missouri” Rebate Program

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) approved the Missouri Department of Natural Resources’ (DNR) plan for a new Energize Missouri Appliance Rebates program, which will begin in the spring. The department will implement the program using funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The DNR plans to launch the program concurrent with Missouri’s second annual “Show Me Green Energy Star Sales Tax Holiday,” which begins on April 19, 2010.

The program will provide Missouri citizens a rebate when they purchase a qualified ENERGY STAR gas furnace, air source heat pump, central air conditioner, clothes washer, dishwasher or one of many qualifying kinds of water heaters, including solar water heating equipment.

The DOE will provide more than \$5.6 million in federal funding to Missouri for the rebates. The program is administered by the DNR’s Energy Center. Each state and U.S. territory was allowed to design its own unique rebate program and select eligible products and rebate amounts.

“A Missouri household can save more money and energy by replacing inefficient heating, cooling and water-heating equipment than any other appliances in the home,” said DNR Director Mark Templeton. “More than half of a typical home’s energy bill generates from inefficient appliances such as those the Energize Missouri Appliance Rebates program will cover.”

“Energize Missouri” provides the following rebates:

· Gas Furnaces	\$125
· Air Source Heat Pump	\$250
· Central Air Conditioning	\$100
· Water Heaters-Gas Condensing	\$150
· Water Heaters-Gas Storage	\$100
· Water Heaters-Gas Tankless	\$100
· Water Heaters-Solar (with Gas Backup)	\$500
· Water Heaters-Electric Heat Pump	\$150
· Water Heaters-Solar (with Electric Backup)	\$500
· Clothes Washer	\$ 75
· Dishwasher	\$ 75

The program requires homeowners to purchase ENERGY STAR qualified appliances to be eligible for the rebates. The ENERGY STAR rating requires appliances to have certain minimum energy efficiencies before they can qualify for the ENERGY STAR label. Rebates will be based on documentation of the purchase and other eligibility criteria. Rebates will be made on a first-come, first-served basis and will be discontinued when the rebate fund has been exhausted. To be eligible for rebates any purchases must be made after the 2010 starting date of the program.

In addition to these rebates, United Electric Cooperative still offers our members rebates on qualified energy efficient appliances through our Take Control and Save energy efficiency program.

United Electric Cooperative provides the following rebates:

· Electric Water Heater	\$ 50
· Room Air Conditioner	\$ 50
· Clothes Washer	\$100
· Dishwasher	\$ 50
· Air Source Heat Pump	\$150 per ton
· Ground Source Heat Pump (new)	\$750 per ton
· Ground Source Heat Pump (replacement)	\$150 per ton

In addition, United Electric is still offering it’s members 25 free compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL’s). Members can purchase up to 25 additional CFL’s for \$1 each. Members just need to bring in their old incandescent light bulbs and United will switch them out for energy efficient CFL’s.

Also as a part of our Take Control and Save energy efficiency program, United Electric offers it’s members free home energy audits. The energy audit is very thorough and covers several areas of your home including the heating, ventilating and air-conditioning system, ductwork, insulation, windows and infiltration. Each member who schedules an audit will receive a free energy efficiency kit. The kit includes a water heater wrap, hot water pipe wrap, five compact fluorescent light bulbs, insulation kits for electrical outlets and wall switches, a low-flow shower head, caulk and weather stripping.

For complete details of the cooperative’s Take Control and Save program, visit us at www.ueci.coop or contact our Member Services Department at 1-800-748-1488.

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**Call 1-800-748-1488
For Outages or Emergencies**

Satisfaction Survey Being Conducted

Throughout the next few months, United Electric Cooperative will be participating in a telephone survey that is conducted every three years to determine the quality of service provided to you, our member-owner.

This telephone survey will ask several questions to measure our members energy usage and satisfaction with your cooperative. It should take between ten and twelve minutes to answer all the questions.

We appreciate and thank you for taking the time to participate in the survey and provide this valuable information. The survey results will help us address future needs to provide you with reliable electricity and insure you have the lowest possible costs.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact our office toll-free at 1-800-748-1488.

Cooperative Participates in Ag & Rural Lifestyle Expo



Bruce Baker, Safety and Compliance Director, discusses the Cooperative's safety demonstration with participants of the Ag and Rural Lifestyle Expo at the Civic Arena in St. Joseph. Throughout the expo, hundreds of participants stopped by the Cooperative's booth and viewed the safety demonstration.

Representatives from United Electric Cooperative and its subsidiaries, United Services and Propane Partners, participated in the KQ2 Ag & Rural Lifestyle Expo at the Civic Arena in St. Joseph, MO.

The expo provides businesses and vendors with the opportunity to expose their products and services to thousands of farmers all in one setting. At the same time, it provides farmers the opportunity to learn about new technologies, products and services that are now available.

In addition to hundreds of vendor booths, the expo featured seminars for the farmers to attend. The featured speaker was Jim Stoltz of the Midwest Meat Goat Network. Other seminars included the future agriculture outlook, plant nutrition and moisture management, and highway safety for farm trucks. The women / home ideas expo area included such things as health and physical fitness, fashion, finances, home decor and furnishings, scrapbooking and hobbies.

Representatives from United Electric kept busy answering questions about our Take Control and Save energy efficiency program which includes home energy audits, free compact fluorescent light bulbs and appliance rebates.

Participants also learned about heating and cooling systems, water heaters, new home construction and remodeling, grain bin construction and farm wiring.

United Electric Cooperative's 14th Annual Member Meeting

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph

Bylaws Article IV: Director Nominations

Members of the nominating committee shall appoint a nominating committee to serve the following year. The committee shall consist of not less than six nor more than twelve members who shall be selected from different districts so as to insure equitable representation. The nominating committee shall nominate at least two candidates for each vacancy on the board of directors to be filled at the Cooperative's Annual Meeting. No member of the board of directors may serve on such committee. The committee, keeping in mind the principle of equitable representation, shall prepare and post at the

principal office of the Cooperative at least twenty days before the meeting a list of nominations for directors which shall include at least two candidates for each vacancy on the board of directors. The Secretary shall be responsible for mailing with the notice of the meeting or separately, but at least ten days before the date of the meeting, a statement of the number of directors to be elected and the names and addresses of the candidates nominated by the committee on nominations. Any fifteen or more members acting together may make other nominations by petition and the Secretary shall cause to

be posted such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted. Nominations made by petition, if any, received at least ten days before the meeting shall be included on the official ballot. Later nominations by petition shall be treated as nominations from the floor. The Chairman shall call for additional nominations from the floor and nominations shall not be closed until at least one minute has passed during which no additional nomination has been made. No member may nominate more than one candidate.