

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER / CEO

Principles + values = cooperatives

“A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both.”

— Dwight D. Eisenhower

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ALL cooperative businesses around the world operate in accordance with the following seven cooperative principles.

1. Voluntary and Open Membership
2. Democratic Member Control
3. Member Economic Participation
4. Autonomy and Independence
5. Education, Training and Information
6. Cooperation among Cooperatives
7. Concern for Community

Less known is the fact that cooperatives have also adopted a set of values that helps to put these principles into practice.

Cooperatives are based on the values of **self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity and solidarity**. In the tradition of their founders, co-ops believe in the ethical values of honesty, openness, social responsibility and caring for others.

Let's take a closer look at these values and see how they impact us here at New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative.

The founders of New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative created it to serve the members who use the electricity and other services we provide, and we continue to do that today. This embodies the values of *self-help*, taking action and doing what needs to be done. We also know we must embrace the value of *self-responsibility* and be accountable to you, our members.

Each member has one vote, no matter how much electricity you use. This

ensures that *democracy* is practiced the way it is intended with *equality* for all members. This is a key difference between co-ops and investor-owned companies, where the number of votes you have depends on the number of shares you own. The voting is done each year at the annual meeting in June.


For co-op members, *equity* has two meanings. We strive to treat all of our members fairly. It also means that, as a member, you have *equity* (ownership) in the co-op.

While each co-op is autonomous, we do act in *solidarity* with other co-ops and our community. We know we can do more for you by partnering with other co-ops and like-minded organizations.

Your parents were right when they said, "Honesty is the best policy." As an owner, you have the right to expect us to act with openness and in a transparent manner. We welcome your active participation in our co-op.

Cooperatives have long (and correctly) been identified as the original socially responsible business, meaning we care about the impact we have on the community while ensuring we are economically viable.

We try to demonstrate our concern for the community through caring for others every single day, whether it is through our Family in Need program, safety demonstrations at schools, or assisting first responders with emergencies with poles, wires and trees regardless of what utility owns them.

By using our values in support of our principles since our founding in 1938, we have been able to serve you for the past 77 years and will do so long into the future. 

Capital credits

NEW ENTERPRISE Rural Electric Cooperative is a non-profit organization. If there are excess margins (also known as profits), these amounts are allocated to the members. The amount retired (refunded) back to you is based on the amount of electricity you used that specific year.

We have served numerous members over the years. Some of these are now former members. We try to keep our database updated for accuracy; however, we sometimes lose track of where people are once they have left our system. Whether they may have moved or passed away, we need to keep their information updated. So, we are asking for your help to locate these people. If you recognize a name listed below, please contact the office with their updated information.

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Stay safe in dorms

Parents and students are getting ready for a new college year. Along with packing clothes, towels and sheets, students are packing their laptops, tablets, DVD players, TVs, small refrigerators and the list goes on and on.

According to Underwriters Laboratory (UL), 1,800 fires occur on average in dormitories and campus housing each year in the United States. Some of these fires result from careless smoking and unattended candles, but overloaded extension cords and power outlets are the most common culprits. Therefore, students should follow university rules about power use and have fire escape plans.

STUDENTS AND THEIR ROOMMATES SHOULD FOLLOW THESE SAFETY TIPS:

- ▶ Look for the UL mark on electric appliances and devices.
- ▶ Make sure electrical wires and cords are not worn or frayed.
- ▶ Do not overload extension cords, power strips or outlets.
- ▶ Use power strips with an over-current protector that will shut off power automatically if there is too much current being drawn.
- ▶ Do not connect multiple extension cords together; extension cords are for temporary use only.
- ▶ Do not route extension cords under carpets or doors, or staple or puncture them.
- ▶ Adaptors should be used in dorms with old-fashioned, two-prong outlets. Follow adaptor directions carefully.
- ▶ Use lightbulbs with the correct wattage for lamps. If no indication is on the product, do not use a bulb with more than 60 watts.
- ▶ Never tack or nail an electrical cord to any surface, or run cords across traffic paths, under rugs, or furniture.
- ▶ Older wiring in student housing and apartments may not be able to handle the increased electrical demand of today's college student. If the use of an appliance frequently causes power to trip off, or if its power cord or outlet feels hot, the appliance should be disconnected right away. The condition should be reported to the landlord or campus housing staff.
- ▶ Have a fire escape plan ready. It is important that apartment and dorm residents know evacuation procedures and emergency exit locations in the event of a fire. Emphasize to students that smoke detectors should never be disabled nor should fire alarms ever be ignored.
- ▶ Keep a working fire extinguisher in the room or know where one is nearby.
- ▶ Make sure dorms have working – and regularly tested – smoke alarms on each hall.

A change for the better

IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS

When it comes to energy efficiency in the home, sometimes small changes can make a big impact. A small, unglamorous task like changing the filters on your HVAC system makes your unit run more efficiently – keeping your house cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter. It also saves money. And the savings gained from having your system run more efficiently can be applied to more fun or entertaining pursuits that your family can enjoy together.

THE LOWDOWN ON DIRT

As you move around your home, you drive dust into the air from carpets, furniture and drapes. Regardless of where it comes from, dust and dirt trapped in a system's air filter leads to several problems, including:

- ▶ Reduced air flow in the home and up to 15 percent higher operating costs
- ▶ Costly duct cleaning or replacement
- ▶ Lowered system efficiency

MAKING THE SWITCH

Now that you know the facts, it's time to get busy changing or cleaning the air filter in your heating/cooling system. Many HVAC professionals recommend that you clean or change the filter on

your air conditioner or furnace monthly. It's simple and easy, and in many cases, it only takes a few minutes.

Filters are available in a variety of types and efficiencies, rated by a Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV). MERV, a method developed by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers, tests filter effectiveness. The higher the MERV number, the higher the filter's effectiveness at keeping dust out of your system. While most types of filters must be replaced, some filters are reusable. And don't forget about the winter months. Your heating system needs to work as efficiently as possible to keep you warm (and your loved ones feeling snuggly), and a clean air filter helps it do just that.

Heating and cooling professionals recommend turning your system off before changing the air filter. Make sure that the arrow on the filter – which indicates the direction of the airflow – is pointing toward the blower motor. When you've made the change, turn your system back on.

A TEACHABLE MOMENT

Beyond saving money and improving the air quality in your home, changing your air filter is a great opportunity to teach your family more about energy efficiency. Consider getting everyone involved, and the entire family will learn how simple changes can make a big difference.

New Enterprise REC's Youth Tour students have a blast

THREE students, JC Norris, Amber Rettburg and Morgan Spiker, from Northern Bedford High School represented New Enterprise Rural Electric at the 2015 NRECA Youth Tour trip to Washington, D.C. This year's trip was the 51st trip to the nation's capital. Each student related the most enjoyable parts of the trip.

"I enjoyed many things about Youth Tour, such as the Broadway show, meeting Congressman Bill Shuster, the boat cruise on the Potomac, and visiting all the monuments Washington, D.C., has to offer. But my favorite thing was making new friends. I got to meet people from all over the country and learn about their lifestyles. We also got to share many laughs and I have no doubt in my mind that the friendships I made will last a lifetime. The Youth Tour was one of the best experiences of my life and I will never forget it." — *Morgan Spiker*

"My Youth Tour experience was an unforgettable experience. There are many things I loved about Youth Tour — the Potomac boat cruise, my first Broadway show,



learning all about our nation's capital, visiting monuments, the list goes on. I think one of the things I enjoyed most about Youth Tour, though, was the friendships that were made. I enjoyed meeting new people, hearing their stories, and of course, sharing lots of laughs together. We formed a bond that I am positive will last a lifetime. I also enjoyed hearing inspirational speaker Mike Schlappi, who taught me to look at the positives in every situation and don't let things bring you down, and make the most out of every situation. Youth Tour was a trip of a lifetime that I will cherish forever. I am grateful I had the opportunity to attend." — *Amber Rettburg*

"I enjoyed many amazing experiences during Youth Tour. Some of



CAPITAL MEMORIALS: Youth Tour participants pose on the steps of the Jefferson memorial, above, and visit the Korean War Veterans Memorial, below.

those include hearing Mike Schlappi, a very amazing and inspiring man, speak, seeing all of the Washington, D.C., monuments and Arlington Cemetery, watching the Broadway show, "Newsies," and visiting Mount Vernon. But the most memorable thing from Youth Tour was meeting hundreds of new people and making friends from all around the country. I'm sure that those friendships will last forever. Youth Tour was an amazing trip that I will never forget. I am so thankful that I had the chance to go." — *JC Norris*