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Generator valuable for standby power

If you are like some homeowners, you may have thought about what you would do if your home lost power with no back up power source. After the ice storm of 2010 many of you now know about life for hours and possibly days with no television, electric appliances, heat or lights?

Fortunately it doesn't have to be that way if you own a standby generator - an independent and portable system that does not rely on electricity from the power grid to serve your home.

Generators can be very useful, flexible, and dependable tools to have at your home. 1545100

Perhaps the most practical reason to own a power generator is that it can be used to help power a home or some of its major appliances in the event of a power failure or emergency situation. That's the peace of mind knowing you have a power source on standby in times of emergency - if you need it.

If you are thinking about purchasing a generator, calculating the size of the generator you need can be quite a challenge. Try selecting one which will be capable of powering only the basic electrical devices, such as the refrigerator, stove and freezer. It's best to hire a professional electrician who will help you with these calculations, and later with installment.

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GENERATORS, like the one shown, can provide standby electric power during outage situations. Installed properly the generators are safe and reliable.

Nominating Committee to meet, select candidates for REC board

Rural Electric Cooperative's Nominating Committee will meet in June to select candidates for REC's Board of Trustees. As defined in the Bylaws, the Nominating Committee will select at least three members-one from each district-as candidates for the Board of Trustees.

Three members from each of REC's three board districts make up the Nominating Committee. A minimum of one representative from each district must be in attendance at the meeting to constitute a quorum and conduct business.

Candidates for the Board of Trustees will be voted on at REC's Annual

Meeting on Saturday, October 2, 2010. The meeting will be held in REC's Multi Purpose Center located north of Lindsay on State Highway 76.

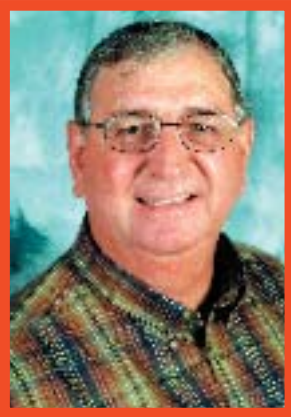
Additional nominations may be submitted by petition by any fifty (50) or more members of the Cooperative, acting together, in writing over their signatures. Any such nomination shall list the candidate's name with necessary signatures and be filed with the Cooperative at least 120 days prior to the next Annual Meeting of the Membership.

A list of candidates nominated by

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From Dale Nye, REC Manager/CEO

“Green” power answer to long term demand for electricity



DALE NYE

When we as consumers want the lights to come on we need only to flip the switch and instantly we have light. And that is the way it should be. The same goes for the need to wash clothes or watch television - flip the switch and here we go.

That's what we have come to expect as we go about our daily lives. We do all of these things mostly without thinking about the convenience we are requesting at the flip of a switch.

If you are like me, I rarely think about the energy required to operate that appliance. About once a month (when the electric bill arrives) I think about how much energy our house demands to run those conveniences.

Did you know the average home has over 30 light bulbs? Most every home now has at least two television sets and who knows the number of other entertainment gadgets. Throw in the washer and dryer, water heater, refrigerator, freezer and the zillion small appliances

now found in every home, and it's easy to understand the demand for electric power. With over one hundred million households in the United States, the demand to power all of these devices is astonishing.

Meeting the electric needs of our nation may become more difficult as elected officials in Washington debate legislation that will directly affect the way electricity is generated.

The most popular word in our country dealing with energy is “green”. And this simply means we need to find alternate means of producing electric energy to serve the peoples' needs.

This is a necessary thing to reduce the pollution problem. But, we must move forward with this program without making energy a product that people cannot afford. This is the stand we have expressed to our elected officials who understand both sides of the problem.

Our national program, “Our Energy, Our Future”, is a way that you as members of REC can get involved to help keep the price of electricity as low as possible. I would ask that you visit our web site at www.recok.coop and click on the Our Energy, Our Future link to see how you can become involved and express your views to our elected officials.

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Standby power for your home

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Therefore, getting a generator of any kind is a secure investment for the future, but you should strive to find the one that will be adequate for your needs, and will be worth the money. Don't spend too much on a big model, but also do not find yourself in a position when you do not have enough power for your basic needs.

Residential standby generators can operate on gasoline, natural gas, propane or diesel. If you select to use diesel or gasoline, be prepared to change the fuel in your reserves, as they can deteriorate.

An automatic switch is installed on some models. The standby electric generator will activate automatically when needed with the help of this switch. It will also shut down, therefore avoiding potential hazards which may happen if you have the generator running when normal power is restored.

For those who buy a generator that is powered by natural gas or propane, you do not need to store liquid flammable fuel on your property. However, in case of a larger storm or any other incidents, there is a possibility that the supply lines for natural gas are out of order as well.

All generators have internal combustion engines and there's a by-product of carbon monoxide. This toxic gas can be deadly, so don't locate your generator in any inadequately ventilated area. It is best that your generator is stored or permanently mounted outdoors, that way your home will also be safer in case of a fire.

If equipped with an automatic

transfer switch, a generator used for residential purposes, will begin to work within moments of a power outage. A standby generator also runs monthly exercises to maintain a system that will run smoothly when you need it most.

A generator is an investment that can provide a source of backup power in the case of a power outage, whether from a thunderstorm or a blizzard. There are dozens of reasons for a power outage, and you may find that having a backup power source will help you stay comfortable even when the power is out.

Nominating Committee to hold June meeting

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the Nominating Committee and by petition shall be filed in the office of the Cooperative and posted at the main entrance of the Cooperative's headquarters in Lindsay, Oklahoma at least 90 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

Guidelines for nominations and election of trustees are contained in Article Three (3), Section Seven (7) of REC's Bylaws.

Copies of Bylaws are available upon request at REC's headquarters located on State Highway 76 north of Lindsay.



TORNADOES hit throughout Oklahoma on May 10 leaving wide-spread damage in their path. Several twisters hit in REC's service area causing power outages and destroying several homes and outbuildings. REC lost over 20 poles during the storm. Repair crews are shown replacing a pole in the Cox City area during the night of May 10.

- WANT ADS - REAL ESTATE -

FOR SALE: 32 acres, clear with pond, two miles SW of Elmore City on blacktop road. PH: 580-788-2137 or 405-249-5523. Leave msg if no answer.

FOR SALE: Newly remodeled home, 3-bdrm, 2-ba, full laundry, carport. Located at 202 W 2nd St in Lindsay. PH: 580-476-3103 or 580-706-0151.

FOR SALE: Insulated well houses. PH: 580-641-1267 or 580-476-2608.

FOR SALE: 4-bdrm, 2-ba house, utility rm, large enclosed back porch, can hook up to rural water, needs a lot of work. \$25,000 obo. PH: 580-355-2954.

FOR SALE: 2005 Heritage modular home, 1296 sq.ft. 2-bdrm, 2-ba, utility room/pantry, living room, dining room/kitchen, dishwasher, stove, microwave, washer/dryer included, central H/A, excellent condition-must be moved from location. PH: 580-476-3431 after 4:00 p.m.

FOR SALE: Brick home on 10 acres, 3-bdrm, 2-ba, 2-car attached garage, 3 barns, large pond, steel corral, 2 miles west of Pauls Valley. PH: 405-238-0363.

AUTOMOTIVE -

FOR SALE: 2000 Ford 750 dump-truck, excellent condition, \$24,000. PH: 405-222-0556.

FOR SALE: 1997 Ford F-250 LWB 7.3 Power Stroke, 153,000 mi., nice truck. PH: 580-222-1399 or 405-665-4495.

FOR SALE: 2001 Chevy Silverado pickup bed w/gooseneck ball hitch, receiver hitch & Linex. Right side & corner panel dented, bumper to-

taled, lights in good cond. Tailgate works but handle cover is missing, black w/4 x 4 decals. PH: 405-650-4669.

FOR SALE: 1988 Mercedes 420 SEL, \$4,800 obo. PH: 405-222-3410.

PETS & LIVESTOCK -

FOR SALE: Reg. gray quarter horse, 6-yrs old; beautiful pinto, broke to ride. \$1,000 for pair. PH: 580-658-5013.

FOR SALE: Three goats. PH: 580-658-5870 (after 3:30 p.m.)

FOR SALE: Large type Pom male, 6 yrs-old, white w/black patches. PH: 580-658-5827.

FOR SALE: 14 hd ranch gelding, ladies or kids horse. \$800. PH: 405-613-9753.

FARM EQUIPMENT -

WANT TO BUY: JD 346 square baler in workable condition. PH: 580-658-5013.

WANT TO BUY: Easy flow grass spreader. PH: 580-658-5013.

FOR SALE: Heavy-duty equipment trailer, 24,000 lbs, pintle hitch, exc. cond. \$5,500. PH: 405-222-0556.

FOR SALE: American Camper 6500 watt, 13 hp generator, used two days, \$700; Lincoln welder mod. 305 G Ranger, 62 hrs (like new) \$3,400; Catlin Category 2 gofer machine (new), \$900. PH: 580-861-2121.

FOR SALE: 2004 Easley stock trailer, 6' x 16', excellent condition. PH: 580-861-2121.

FOR SALE: Winkle portable corral/loading chute w/20-12' panels (like new) \$4,750. PH: 580-861-2121.

FOR SALE: Danauser post augar (mod. F-8) w/9" & 12" augars-down force kit & stand, exc. cond. \$2,250;

JD 5-16 mowboard plow, \$1,000. PH: 580-861-2121.

FOR SALE: 3 pt hookup 55 gal sprayer, \$250, cash only. PH: 580-476-3398.

FOR SALE: Case International disc mower & 12-wheel rake-hydraulic. PH: 756-3457 or 756-7010.

FOR SALE: Ottawa Couple Rite w/2 spikes. Easy hookup for bucket & spike on JD tractor, brand new, \$624. PH: 405-756-3475 or 405-756-6713.

FOR SALE: 3700 Ditchwitch diesel. PH: 580-222-1399.

RECREATIONAL -

FOR SALE: 1992 Innsbrook travel trailer, \$4,000. PH: 580-658-5870 (after 3:30 p.m.)

FOR SALE: Two, 14' aluminum fishing boats w/10 hp Johnson or 10 hp Mercury. \$900 each. PH: 580-856-3365.

MISCELLANEOUS -

FOR SALE: Hospital bed w/Inva-care mattress-\$175. PH: 405-222-3410.

FOR SALE: Tall chest of drawers & dresser w/mirror, \$100 ea; Proactive, never opened, \$30; Swimming pool pump, used one season, \$25. PH: 580-444-2144.

FOR SALE: Farm fresh eggs. PH: 405-224-5821.

FOR SALE: Montgomery Ward Franklin wood heater, accessories to go with it, \$200. PH: 580-476-3943.

FOR SALE: Racing-style toddler twin size bed w/matching night stand tool box, brand new mattress, \$175. PH: 580-476-3889.

FOR SALE: Kurzweil K2000 musical keyboard w/two external harddrive-lots of sound. \$1,800 obo. PH: 405-808-0949.