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FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER/CEO

Capital Credit Changes

On Dec. 17, 2018, Sedgwick County Electric Cooperative Board of Directors voted to change the capital credit retirement process. In the past, capital credit checks were handed out at the annual membership meeting (to those in attendance). Checks not picked up were mailed the following day. In an effort to save our member-owners the cost of check printing and processing fees, administration handling, postage sorting and mailing fees it was decided that this year's capital credit retirement will be applied to member-owners' March bill as a credit. This will also help alleviate registration line delays at the annual meeting.

Let me provide you with a little more information regarding capital credits. Sedgwick County Electric Co-op is a not-for-profit cooperative. Any excess revenue, called margins, are returned to our member-owners in the form of capital credits. Sedgwick County Electric Co-op tracks how much electricity you use and how much you pay for it throughout the year. At the end of the year, the co-op's board of directors evaluates its financial condition and determines if any capital credits can be retired and the amount of the retirement.

We will provide additional information regarding the capital credit changes at the annual membership meeting on April 2, 2019, which will be held at The

Cotillion Hall and Ballroom, 11120 W. Kellogg, Wichita, Kansas. You will also receive updates regarding the following:

- ▶ Cooperative Financial Health, Priorities and Challenges
- ▶ Board of Director Elections
- ▶ 2019 Youth Tour Winners Announced
- ▶ Employee Service Awards and Introductions



Scott Ayres

All member-owners attending this year's meeting will be required to register by name to receive a door prize and board of directors voting information. Directors who are up for re-election:

- ▶ Margie Conyac, Andale/St. Marks area
- ▶ Stan Theis, Mt. Hope/Haven area
- ▶ Dan Thimesch, Cheney area

Best of all, if you attend the annual membership meeting, you will receive a delicious catered meal and have a chance to win some awesome prizes. I look forward to seeing you on April 2.

Mark Your
Calendar
Annual Meeting
April 2

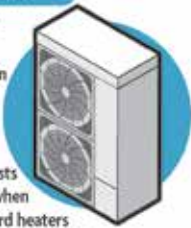
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TYPES OF HEAT PUMPS

There are three main types of heat pump systems. Use the information below to determine the system that's best suited for your climate and home.

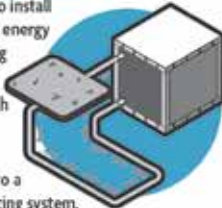
AIR-SOURCE HEAT PUMPS

- Most commonly used heat pumps
- Moves heat rather than converting it from a fuel like combustion heating systems do
- Can reduce heating costs by about 50 percent when compared to baseboard heaters or electric furnaces
- Newer, more efficient systems now offer legitimate space heating alternative in colder regions like the Northeast and Midwest. *Note: If temperatures in your area drop below 10 to 25 F, you will need an auxiliary heating system (depending on the size of the system).*



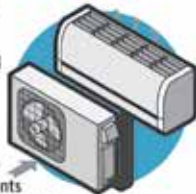
GEOHERMAL HEAT PUMPS

- More expensive to install but provide more energy savings for heating and cooling
- Move heat through pipes buried underground
- When compared to a conventional heating system, can reduce energy use by 25 to 50 percent
- Effective in extreme climates
- Not ideal for smaller lots and certain soil conditions



DUCTLESS MINI-SPLIT HEAT PUMPS

- Easier to install, quiet, small in size
- Flexible for heating and cooling individual rooms and smaller spaces
- No energy loss through ductwork, which accounts for more than 30 percent of a home's energy use for space heating/cooling
- Installation can be pricey, but federal incentives may be available



Heat pump systems should be installed by a licensed professional. Contact your local electric cooperative for more information about options and potential incentives.

Sources: Dept. of Energy and Consumer Reports

Nominating Committee Meets

Thursday, Feb. 7 at 5:30 p.m.

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The Nominating Committee of Sedgwick County Electric Co-op is scheduled to meet **THURSDAY, FEB. 7, AT 5:30 P.M.** to nominate members to be placed on the ballot. Voting will occur by the membership at the annual meeting on April 2, 2019.

Requirements for Energy Efficiency Programs

Sedgwick County Electric Co-op offers energy efficiency rebates for water heaters and electric heat systems. To qualify for a rebate the unit(s) must be installed on the cooperative's line. Rebates and requirements are updated when Energy Star ratings change. The efficiency requirements and rebate amounts are listed below. If you have questions concerning this program please call the office at 316-542-3131 or 866-542-4732.

Water Heaters

- ▶ Less than 60 gallons, must have a minimum Energy Factor (EF) of .93.
- ▶ 60 gallons or greater, must have a minimum EF of .91

Rebate amounts:

- ▶ \$100 for a non-lifetime water heater
- ▶ \$150 for a lifetime water heater

Air Source Heat Pumps

- ▶ Minimum unit size of two tons.
- ▶ Must have the current Energy Star (SEER) and (HSPF) Rating.
- ▶ Rebate amounts increase on a graduated scale as the SEER and HSPF rating increase above the minimum Energy Star requirements.

Rebate amounts:

- ▶ \$50 per ton for a 14.5 SEER (minimum)*
- ▶ \$75 per ton for a 16 SEER*
- ▶ \$100 per ton for 17 SEER and above*

*Heating contractor receives the first \$200 of the total rebate

Ground Source Heat Pumps

- ▶ Minimum unit size of two tons.
- ▶ Must have the minimum requirements set forth by Energy Star.
- ▶ Open loop–Must have a minimum Coefficient of Performance (COP) of 3.6 and a minimum Energy Efficiency Rating (EER) of 16.2.
- ▶ Closed loop–Must have a minimum COP of 3.3 and a minimum EER of 14.1.

Rebate amount:

- ▶ \$125 per one-half ton*

*Heating contractor receives the first \$200 of the total rebate

Strategic Planning Session Held



Aaron Stallings (left standing), with National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation, facilitates the strategic planning session for the Sedgwick County Electric Board of Trustees.

The Sedgwick County Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees and cooperative management met at its office in Cheney on Dec. 18-19, 2018, to think strategically about the planning of the cooperative's future.



Sedgwick's board of directors and management plan strategic goals for the next three years.

The planning session was facilitated by National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation's Aaron Stallings and Mike Lewis. The goals of the session were to achieve consensus on the most critical strategic goals and financial plans Sedgwick County Electric Co-op will focus on during the next three years and develop an implementation plan for the strategic goals.

Pipkin & Riggs Receive Promotions

Congratulations to **KYLE PIPKIN** who was promoted to line superintendent on Nov. 16, 2018. Pipkin started his career with the cooperative in 1992 working summer jobs. In 1997 after attending Emporia State, he was hired full time as an equipment operator. Pipkin worked his way up from apprentice lineman to journeyman lineman to line foreman before accepting the line superintendent's position.



Kyle Pipkin

On Jan. 1, 2019 **ANDY RIGGS** accepted the line foreman position. Riggs began his career with Sedgwick County Electric Cooperative in August 2002 as a customer relations representative. Riggs continued to gain cooperative and lineman experience as an apprentice lineman and journeyman lineman before his promotion to line foreman.



Andy Riggs

Don't have a SmartThings Hub?

If you don't have a smart home command center, consider these ala carte options:

- ▶ **A SMART THERMOSTAT** – they learn your habits to keep your home comfortable and then do so in the most efficient way possible.
- ▶ **A MODERATELY PRICED SMART PLUG (AROUND \$40)** – turns your electronics on or off from anywhere using your phone or tablet.
- ▶ **SMART GARAGE DOOR OPENERS** – prevent thieves (and hot or cold air) from coming in your home if you

forget to close your garage door. You can check it and close it from your smartphone with the companion app.

- ▶ **WIRELESS LIGHT SWITCH AND DIMMERS WITH REMOTE CONTROL AND SCHEDULING** – some offer smart-home integration options so you can hook them up to Alexa, Google Assistant, Nest and other digital assistants.
- ▶ **MOTION SENSORS** – these shut off lights when there's inactivity in a room.

- ▶ **A SMART POWER STRIP** – monitors and turns off power to plugged-in items when not in use.

57% of Americans say that smart home technology products save them an average of 30 minutes per day.



Information collected from National Council for Home Safety and Security

Help Us Locate Beneficiaries of the Following Sedgwick County Electric Co-op Members

Each year, our power supplier (KEPCo) gives us an allocation that we pass on to our members in the form of Generation & Transmission (G&T) capital credits. Each member has co-op and G&T capital credits allocated to their account.

Per our previous policy, G&T capital credits were not paid to our members or estates until a cash retirement was received by the cooperative from our G&T.

On May 19, 2014, the board of direc-

tors approved the following change to Policy 302 – Capital Credits:

“Capital credits (including G&T capital credits allocated but not paid) will be refunded to estates of deceased members or to the beneficiaries of member trusts which are terminated by the death of the trust owner at such time as the total amount of the capital allocation has been determined and the beneficiary or beneficiaries furnish the necessary documents which establish the party or parties legally entitled to

receive the refund.”

We have gone through the process of refunding the G&T capital credits to the beneficiaries of those deceased members whom have already been refunded the Co-op portion if we were able to locate them. There are however several that we could not locate. If you are the beneficiary or have contact information for beneficiaries of any of the below listed deceased members please contact the office for final capital credit payout.

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- ▶ Kenneth Callaway
- ▶ Math J & Ethel M Eck
- ▶ Harold Korte
- ▶ Bob K Shepard
- ▶ Raymond E & Wilma V Smith
- ▶ Elmer C Nelson
- ▶ Robert L Urbin
- ▶ Francis Eubanks
- ▶ Harry Shultz
- ▶ Christel M Cooke
- ▶ Eunice Gilchrist
- ▶ Milderd Stunkel
- ▶ Wayne Casley
- ▶ Joseph Kraus
- ▶ Charles Maddux
- ▶ Mary Proctor
- ▶ Dorothy Ring
- ▶ Reinard M Simon
- ▶ Richard Arrowsmith
- ▶ Kathy Brown
- ▶ Arnold A Mies
- ▶ Lawrence Williams
- ▶ Eldor Wulf
- ▶ Norman Cabbage
- ▶ John Elmer
- ▶ Dorothy Marx
- ▶ Pauline Miller
- ▶ Virginia Neises
- ▶ Lorraine Olthoff
- ▶ Edwin Stunkel
- ▶ G.W. Davidson
- ▶ Alta Donell
- ▶ Francis Linnebur
- ▶ Earl Boyle
- ▶ Robert Copeland
- ▶ Maxine May
- ▶ Lloyd Parks
- ▶ Delphine & Alfred Thimmesch
- ▶ Donald Allen
- ▶ Edward Baker
- ▶ Roseann Eck
- ▶ Christenea Harbison
- ▶ Gene Hill
- ▶ Bertha Kerschen
- ▶ Pauline Linnebur
- ▶ Dyane Mc Zegle SR
- ▶ Cecil A Peitz
- ▶ Jennie Quiring
- ▶ Ray Beshore
- ▶ Dennis Brand
- ▶ Harold Hansen
- ▶ Betsy Humphrey
- ▶ Larry L Jarvis
- ▶ James Kehl
- ▶ Francis Nicholson
- ▶ Marcus J Simon
- ▶ Douglas Fruits
- ▶ Lloyd Kohler
- ▶ Theda Davis
- ▶ Floyd E Legg
- ▶ James F Laughlin
- ▶ Gensler Miller
- ▶ Hans Schmidt
- ▶ Alta Davis
- ▶ Loyd Hutchinson
- ▶ Herman Keiter
- ▶ Leo & Sandra Moreland
- ▶ Larry Richardson
- ▶ Max Shannon
- ▶ Nicklas D & Mary E Lipps

REMINDER - DEADLINE IS FAST APPROACHING

Attention High School Sophomores & Juniors - Win a FREE Trip & Scholarship!

Visit our website, www.sedgwickcountyelectric.coop, or contact jmatchett@sedgwickcountyelectric.coop for more information. Don't wait; deadline is **FEB 8, 2019**.