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NOTICE OF NOMINATING COMMITTEES

DISTRICTS 2, 4 AND 6

The PC Electric nominating committees for Districts 2, 4 and 6 will meet Monday, November 5, 2018 at the PC Electric office at 2506 False River Drive in New Roads. (Lucky Number: 1674700)

The purpose of these committee meetings is to nominate candidates from PC Electric Districts 2, 4 and 6 to run for seats on the Board of Directors of the cooperative.

The following PC Electric members appointed by the Board of Directors at the regular meeting on Wednesday, August 29 2018, have agreed to serve on the nominating committees. Committees will meet on Monday, November 5, 2018 at the times shown below.

DISTRICT 2—9:00 A.M.

Mr. David Gabor
P.O. Box 245
Morganza, LA 70759

Mr. Trey Morgan
12927 Bayou Fordoche Road
Morganza, LA 70759

Ms. Sarah Collie
12329 Bayou Fordoche Road
Morganza, LA 70759

DISTRICT 4—9:00 A.M.

Mr. Lawrence McAdams
P.O. Box 172
Ventress, LA 70783

Mr. Conday Smith
P.O. Box 182
Ventress, LA 70783-0182

Mrs. Marguerite M. Smith
331 Fairfield Avenue
New Roads, LA 70760

DISTRICT 6—9:00 A.M.

Mr. Barry Bizette
8765 Belmont Lane
Maringouin, LA 70757-5235

Mr. Melvin Chustz
P.O. Box 232
Maringouin, LA 70757-0232

Mr. Danny Lemoine
8879 Belmont Lane
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Please refer to Art IV of the PC Electric By-Laws for the entirety of the rules regarding director election.

PC Electric is joining
30,000 cooperatives nationwide in
October to celebrate National Co-op Month.

Every October, cooperatives are recognized for the qualities that make the business model unique. (Lucky Number: 1324200)
Seven cooperative principles set us apart from other businesses: voluntary and open membership; democratic member control; member's economic participation; autonomy and independence; education, training and information; cooperation among cooperatives; and concern for community.

"Cooperative membership is unique," says Jill Copeland, Manager of Member Services and Communications. "Electric cooperatives are committed to providing members with safe, reliable and affordable electricity, but there's more to it than that. We're local, and that means we care about our community. Some of the ways we to give back to the community are through our educational programs such as our scholarship program, math and science awards, mini grants to our adopted schools, safety demonstrations, energy efficiency presentations and so much more."

PC Electric is one of more than 900 electric cooperatives, public utility districts and public power districts serving 42 million people in 47 states. (Lucky Number: 51100)

"In the 1930s, rural America needed electricity just as much as anyone else," General Manager Myron Lambert said. "It was a major challenge that big utilities weren't interested in tackling. So, the men and women of rural America banded together and made it happen. And that's why we celebrate in October – we celebrate the power of working together for the common good and bettering the quality of life for our friends and neighbors."

In addition to cooperative utilities, Louisiana residents are served cooperatively by credit unions, food co-ops, agricultural co-ops, and more. (Lucky Number: 1497103) The co-op business model is unique, mission-oriented and puts people first. Co-ops strive to be a trusted voice in their communities and always have their members' best interest at heart.

**To learn more about PC
Electric, visit our website at
www.pcemc.org. We are an
equal opportunity provider
and employer.**

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Not for our members who are suddenly left in the dark and not for our crew members who respond at all hours of the day, night and weather conditions. But, with the intricate web of power lines crisscrossing neighborhoods and open country, they are a reality of life.

PC Electric maintains approximately 1,106 miles of power lines. Whether the lines are underground or overhead, they are not immune to the events that can cause an outage. Storms, animals, and failure of equipment are the main reasons that outages occur. When PC Electric experiences an outage in our service area there is a process that we go through to restore power as quickly and as safely as possible.

The first step is the phone call from the member reporting the outage, or the online outage report that we receive from members. The information that you provide to us when reporting an outage helps us determine the location of the outage, and approximately how many

members are affected. We have two convenient ways to report an outage. You can either call our office and report it to our 24 hour dispatcher, or you can use our online reporting form found on our website at www.pcemc.org, then click on the "Report an Outage" button on the top of the page. (Lucky Number: 1950201)

Once the outage is reported, a trouble call goes out to the on-call linemen. Sometimes they can find the problem quickly and get power restored safely. Other times they have to patrol the lines and the equipment serving the area where the outage was reported. Our linemen are familiar with our equipment and can spot a problem in the system, or at a substation which may be the cause of the outage.

As soon as the problem is identified our linemen go to work estimating the best way to get the members back online in a safe and timely manner. (Lucky Number: 2140500) Restoration time depends on the severity of the situation, whether they have the equipment on the truck, and even the weather conditions.

While the linemen are working hard to restore power, the coop employees at the office are taking trouble calls and communicating with the linemen. In the event of a large outage, such as

an entire substation losing power or losing a transmission line that feeds a substation, we will post outage information and restoration updates on our Facebook and Twitter pages. We will also activate our "One Call Now" system which will send a call or a text to members giving details about the outage and, if it is available, an estimated restoration time frame. Members can update their contact information by visiting our website at www.pcemc.org and clicking on the "We Need Your Info" button. (Lucky Number: 2242400) We encourage you to follow us on Facebook or Twitter to keep up with everything happening at the cooperative.

To learn more on how power is restored, view our informative graphic in this publication. PC Electric is more than your electric cooperative.

**We are Connecting People...
Impacting Lives!**



POWERING UP AFTER AN OUTAGE

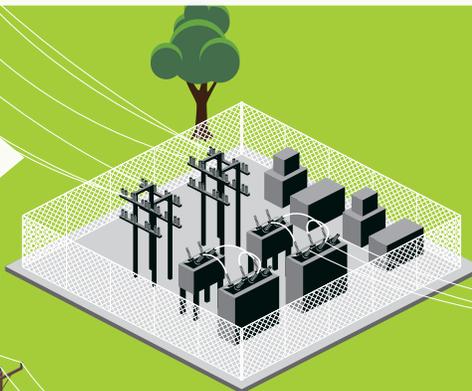
When the power goes out, we expect it to be restored within a few hours. But when a major storm or natural disaster causes widespread damage, extended outages may result. Our line crews work long, hard hours to restore service safely to the greatest number of consumers in the shortest time possible. Here's what's going on if you find yourself in the dark:

1. High-Voltage Transmission Lines:

Transmission towers and cables that supply power to transmission substations (and thousands of members) rarely fail. But when damaged, these facilities must be repaired before other parts of the system can operate.

2. Distribution Substation:

A substation can serve hundreds or thousands of consumers. When a major outage occurs, line crews inspect substations to determine if problems stem from transmission lines feeding into the substation, the substation itself or if problems exist further down the line. determine if problems stem from transmission lines feeding into the substation, the substation itself or if problems exist further down the line.



3. Main Distribution Lines:

If the problem cannot be isolated at a distribution substation, distribution lines are checked. (Lucky Number: 2345200) These lines carry power to large groups of consumers in communities or housing developments.

4. Tap Lines:

If local outages persist, supply lines (also known as tap lines) are inspected. These lines deliver power to transformers, either mounted on poles or placed on pads for underground service, outside businesses, schools and homes.

5. Individual Homes:

If your home remains without power, the service line between a transformer and your residence may need to be repaired. Always call to report an outage to help line crews isolate local issue.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY

TIP OF THE MONTH

Turn off kitchen, bath and other exhaust fans within 20 minutes after you're done cooking or bathing. When replacing exhaust fans, consider installing high-efficiency, low noise models. ●

Source: *energy.gov*



MEET

OUR NEW METER READER

RYAN JARREAU



PC Electric understands the importance of its member owners getting to know the people who are instrumental in providing them with quality electric services.

Our newest employee is Ryan Jarreau. Ryan joins PC Electric as part of our Meter Reading Department. He can be found anywhere on our system from the northern part of Pointe Coupee Parish around Lettsworth to the southern part of Iberville Parish near Bayou Pigeon reading meters, fulfilling member requests, connecting or disconnecting service, and installing or removing meters.

Ryan is from Ventress, Louisiana. He enjoys riding 4-wheelers, riding horses, cooking outdoors and being with his wife and 4 daughters.

WELCOME TO THE TEAM RYAN!

Lucky NUMBERS

LOOK FOR YOUR LUCKY ACCOUNT NUMBERS!

If you see your account number published inside this issue, call PC Electric by Oct. 31, 2018 to receive a \$25 credit on your bill.

Your account number can be found on your bill statement. **Good Luck!**



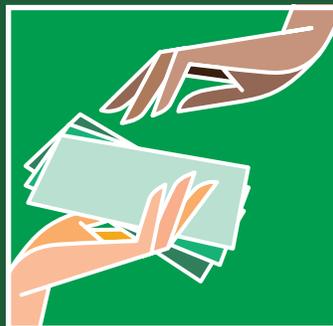
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PAYMENT OPTIONS

All PC Electric members receive a monthly bill for your electrical use. Bills are due and payable upon receipt. We realize that one method of payment does not fit every member. PC Electric gives you convenient options to pay your bill.



OPTION 1
BY MAIL



OPTION 2
IN PERSON



OPTION 3
OUR WEBSITE



OPTION 4
BY TELEPHONE