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We Need an All-Of-The-Above Energy Strategy

CWEC members we need your help! The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is trying to pass laws that will make it harder for power generators to use coal as fuel. “We’re disappointed to learn that the Administration has abandoned its “all-of-the-above” energy strategy and embraced an “all-but-one” approach that restricts the future use of coal to generate affordable electricity” said Jo Ann Emerson, CEO of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. The anticipated regulations are reported to require any new coal-burning facility to capture and store carbon dioxide. For several years cooperatives have tested carbon capture and storage as a way to reduce gas emissions. Unfortunately, the technology doesn’t make financial sense. In a 2012 Congressional Budget Office report, engineers estimate it would increase the cost of producing electricity from coal-based plants by 75 percent. “We’re worried that our members, who are already struggling to make ends meet, will not be able to afford the significant increases in electric bills that this policy would trigger” said co-op Vice President Mark Forseth. “It’s worth noting that residents of rural communities already spend more per capita on energy than anywhere else.”

We ask that you help us urge the Administration to reconsider this proposal and focus on working with co-ops as we continue to reduce power plant emissions, increase efficiency and develop new technologies. Stand with us as we fight to keep electric bills affordable. Please go to www.action.coop to let the EPA know we need an all-of-the-above strategy. If you don’t have access to the internet please complete the form below (on the reverse side) and return it to us and we’ll carry your voice to the EPA.

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America needs an
ALL OF THE ABOVE STRATEGY
to keep electric bills affordable

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ITS "ALL-BUT-ONE" APPROACH

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Christmas Coloring Contest Winners!

Christmas is such a special time of year, especially for our children. They have so many opportunities to display their talents whether it is a Christmas program at school or church, or drawing a beautiful Christmas tree to bring the Christmas spirit to the CWEC office. We had a number of submissions this year making it very difficult for our judges. There is a lot of talent out there; keep up the great work kids. We want to thank all the kids that entered for their hard work; we look forward to seeing your great drawings each year. Here are our choices in each category.

6 & under

- \$25 Winner – Natalie Rickert
- \$15 Winner – Mara Raddatz
- \$10 Winner – Kayla Pliska

7 to 10 years old

- \$25 Winner – Ava Wepner
- \$15 Winner – Morgan Kluck
- \$10 Winner – Kaydence Burclaw

2014 Director Elections

Please note an error in the January 2014 Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News on page 5. Terms for District 3 up for election consist of sub districts 3A & 3C, which are the townships of Franzen, Alban, New Hope, Kronenwetter, Reid, Knowlton, Guenther, and Bevent. The current director is Sue Rombalski. We apologize for the error and any confusion this may have caused.

Thank You to All!

Once again, CWEC members went above and beyond, with our Toys for Tots drive. CWEC worked with the Toys for Tots Foundation, local businesses and organizations, and many generous community members in our service area to help make over 800 kids Christmas a little brighter this year. We helped children in the Bowler, Wittenberg-Birnamwood, Rosholt, Iola-Scandinavia, Manawa, and Tigerton areas.

A big thank you goes out to all who donated and the businesses who volunteered to be drop sites for toy collection.



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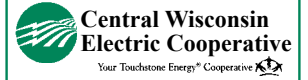
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Scholarship Winners' Grades Needed

Here is a reminder to all 2013 Operation Roundup scholarship winners to submit a copy of your grades and proof of enrollment for second semester to the co-op. Please mail grades to Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative, Attn. Brenda Mazemke, PO Box 100, Rosholt, WI 54473 or electronically to brenda.mazemke@cwecoop.com.



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