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Okanogan County Electric Co-op

April 2020 Newsletter

OCEC & OCEI Operations Update

Check Our Website for The Latest Update:

Okanogan County Electric Cooperative, Inc and Okanogan County Energy, Inc have moved to our Summer Hours effective Tuesday, March 17th.

Our office will be staffed Monday through Thursday from 7am – 5:30pm. We are closed Fridays.

With all of the new state closures and recommendations regarding COVID-19, we will close our front counter to walk ins effective Wednesday, March 18th.

As a cooperative, we have a responsibility to do what is in the best interest of all of our members. By closing our front counter, we are limiting the direct exposure of our employees and members. Our goal is to decrease the likelihood of illness and resulting work disruptions so that we can continue to provide our members reliable electric and propane service.

We will be available by phone (509-996-2228) and email (info@ocec.coop) to address any questions you have.

Change of Location and Time of OCEC Annual Meeting

Membership is NOT Encourage to Attend

The Okanogan County Electric Cooperative Board of Directors has made the decision to change the format, time and location of the Annual Meeting of the Membership for 2020. An abbreviated (10-minute) Annual Meeting will be held at the OCEC offices on April 20, 2020 at 3 PM to conform to the by-laws. Membership is highly encouraged NOT to attend this meeting due to the health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 virus.

Okanogan County Electric Cooperative will hold an informational membership meeting at a later date this year.

Elections for the open board of director positions will continue as planned. All ballots must be received in the OCEC office by the close of business April 21, 2020.

Capital Credit Checks

If you received a capital credit check in December of 2019 and haven't yet cashed it: you have until April 16, 2020 to cash or deposit your check. Checks were issued on December 16, 2019 and are good for 120-days after issued. If you have a check that is past the 120-days of issue you can return it to OCEC and ask for it to be re-issued.

Notice of Bylaw Amendment

The OCEC Board of Directors have voted to change the By-laws of OCEC to simplify election of Directors. The below bylaw amendment allows all candidates to run on one single slate of directors. This means that the candidate receiving the largest number of votes will be elected to the longest term and the next largest number of votes receiving candidate to the next ranked term and this will continue through the slate of candidates until all vacant seats on the board are filled. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 509-996-2228.

AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS OF OKANOGAN COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

Pursuant to Article XV of the Bylaws of the Okanogan County Electric Cooperative, Inc. (as previously restated on August 23, 2011 and amended September 27, 2011, October 25, 2011, April 24, 2012, July 27, 2015, April 18, 2016, November 27, 2017 and October 22, 2018) (the "Bylaws") are hereby amended as follows:

A. Article III, Section 4, of the Bylaws is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

SECTION 4. VACANCIES.

4.1 BOARD APPOINTMENT. Subject to the provisions of these Bylaws with respect to the removal of Directors, vacancies occurring in the Board of Directors shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors (a "Board Appointed Director"). A Board Appointed Director shall serve until the next annual meeting of the Members, at which time the vacated Director position will be open to all candidates who qualify under Section 2 of Article III and will be filled by a vote of the Members as described in Section 4.3 of this Article.

4.2 SPECIAL MEMBER MEETING TO APPOINT. If, at the end of the time allowed by Article III, Section 6 of these Bylaws, the Board is unable to reach a majority vote to select a Board Appointed Director to fill the vacancy, the Board shall call a special meeting of the Members for the purpose of filling the vacancy by a vote of the Members. Such elected Director shall serve out the remainder of the original term of the vacated Director position.

4.3 ANNUAL MEETING ELECTION. When an annual meeting includes an election of more than one Director, then all candidates shall be presented as a single slate of Directors. The open Director positions will be ranked in descending order by the duration of the term or unexpired term and the candidates will be ranked in descending order by number of votes received. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes will be elected to the longest term, with the next ranked candidate elected to the position represented by the next ranked term or unexpired term, until all Director positions are filled.

B. Except as otherwise provided herein, the terms and provisions of the Bylaws, as amended, are incorporated and restated herein and confirmed in their entirety.

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