

# Notice To Ratepayers

CONTINENTAL DIVIDE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (CDEC) will file a proposed rate schedule, under Advice Notice No. 51, on December 4, 2006 with the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (Commission) which will result in a rate adjustment to the renewable resource power rider.

Pursuant to Rule 17.9.540 NMAC and 17 NMAC 1.2.53 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, CDEC's consumers are notified that:

(a) This rate adjustment will NOT result in an increase or decrease in operating margins. On January 1, 2007 CDEC's power supplier will reduce the renewable power rate from \$2.50 for each 100 kWh block to \$1.25 for each 100 kWh block. This is an optional rider and the charge is based solely on the charge from the Cooperative's power supplier for renewable energy with no margin.

(b) The proposed changes will only affect the consumers currently receiving renewable power and will result in a decrease to those consumers.

(c) The present and proposed rates are as follows:

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
Optional Renewable Resource Power Rider – Schedule "R"	Current Power Supplier Renewable Energy Rate per 100 kWh Block*
\$2.50/100 kWh Block	

\*Currently \$2.50 per 100 kWh Block. As of January 1, 2007 the rate will be \$1.25 per 100 kWh Block. The language in the tariff will be changed to reflect the Power Supplier's rate per 100 kWh block to avoid having to re-file CDEC's tariff every time the Power Supplier changes it's renewable energy rate.

(d) No rate comparison is given because this tariff is optional and this filing will reduce the optional renewable rate by 50% per 100 kWh block purchased and sold.

(e) The Cooperative will promptly notify a member, who so requests, of the date on which the schedule proposing the new rates will be filed with the Commission.

(f) The proposed new rates will go into effect automatically and without hearing by the Commission unless one or more members of CDEC file a protest with the Commission no later than twenty (20) days after CDEC has filed the schedule proposing the new rates and the Commission determines there is just cause for reviewing the proposed rates on one or more of the grounds of the protest.

IF A HEARING IS HELD BY THE PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION, ANY COSTS INCURRED BY THE UTILITY MAY BE INCLUDED IN THE UTILITY'S FUTURE RATES, FOLLOWING THE UTILITY'S NEXT RATE CASE.

(g) Procedures for protesting a proposed rate or rates is set forth in NMPRC Rule 17.9.540 and 17 NMAC 1.2.53, a copy of which can be obtained upon request from or inspected at either Continental Divide Electric Cooperative, Inc., 200 E. High Street, P.O. Box 1087, Grants, New Mexico 87020 (telephone 505-285-6656) or the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, Marian Hall, 224 East Palace Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501 (telephone 505-827-6940 or 800-663-9782).

(h) Prior to filing a protest with the Commission a Cooperative member should attempt to resolve any grievance by presenting your objections to the new rates, in writing, and allow CDEC seven (7) days in which to attempt a resolution of your objections or otherwise respond.

(i) Any interested person may examine the rate filing together with any exhibits and related papers that may be filed at any time at the main office of the Cooperative or on or after the date of filing at the offices of the Commission.

(j) Further information concerning this filing or the protest procedure may be obtained by contacting Continental Divide Electric Cooperative, Inc. or the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission.

## Co-op asks for your assistance in finding current and prior members



In addition to publishing this page, Continental Divide Electric also has an insert in this month's enchantment. This insert lists the names of people or organizations which Continental Divide Electric has unclaimed property belonging to.

If you have any information on these folks or organizations, or if you have any questions, please call the cooperative at (505) 285-6656. Thank you very much your assistance in this matter.

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

The aromas of roasting turkey, pumpkin pie and red chile lingering in your kitchen mean only one thing: the oven is on, the blender is whirring and the dishwasher is working overtime for Thanksgiving preparations. As you trim your turkey, why not trim your holiday electric bill, too. Here are some energy saving tips:

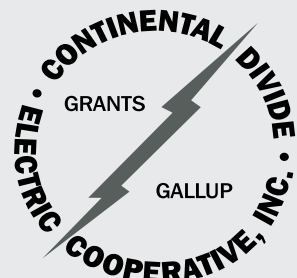
¶ No need to preheat the oven. The turkey will cook for hours anyway.

¶ Do not open the oven door to peek too often because you will lose valuable heat.

¶ Turn your electric oven and burners off near the end of the cooking process. The residual heat will finish cooking the meal.

¶ Use pots and pans the same size as the stove's burners for efficient cooking.

¶ Remove all refrigerated items that are called for in your recipe at once so you save energy by opening the door less often.



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