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A Newsletter for Members of Union Power Cooperative

Go Online to consult "Your Energy Advisor" on Home Energy Savings

Union Power is always looking for new ways to help you manage your energy use. That's why we have recently added Your Energy Advisor to our website. Your Energy Advisor is an online tool that can help you track where you are using the most energy and help you run different scenarios of ways to save more energy in your home or business. Some of the many features are:

Interactive House

The interactive house allows you to click on certain areas of the house to become familiar with where and how energy is used and how it can be used wisely. It covers things like insulation, heating and cooling, appliances in the kitchen, living room, windows, meters on the home, and other miscellaneous energy users.

Calculators

To learn how much energy is used in the home, try our new calculators. The calculators available are the home energy calculator, appliance calculator, lighting calculator, TV calculator, heat pump calculator, fuel calculator, water consumption calculator, and a space heater calculator.

Library of Terms

The Home Energy Advisor, a component of Your Energy Advisor, has an energy library that provides a ton of information about how energy is used in the home. It also offers basic electricity fundamentals and how the electric utility industry generates and delivers power to its members.

Kids Korner

We've added a new and exciting section called Kids Korner, which offers lots of facts and fun things to do regarding energy. There are activities such as coloring books, games, and experiments. There's even a teacher feature with hand outs and instructor guides.

Visit www.union-power.com and click on the Your Energy Advisor logo to get started! It's the energy advisor you can count on for advice 24/7.



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The Bylaws of Your Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the members shall be held on a Saturday in September or October of each year as may be determined by the board of directors, at such place in the County of Union, State of North Carolina, as shall be designated in the notice of the meeting for the purpose of electing directors, passing upon reports covering the previous fiscal year, and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

Notice of Meetings

Written or printed notice stating the place, day, and hour of the meeting shall be delivered to members not less than seven days and not more than thirty days before the date of the meeting. The notice can be delivered by mail or in person. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the member at his address as it appears on the records of the Cooperative with postage thereon prepaid. If a member does not receive notice of an annual meeting, it will not invalidate any action of the members at that meeting.

Quorum

Not less than 1% of the total number of the members of the Cooperative, as determined to exist by the board of directors as of the August board meeting preceding the next scheduled annual membership meeting, must be present or represented by proxy to constitute a quorum for the purpose of voting in the election of directors. For all other transactions of business at all meetings of the members, a majority of the members (51%) in attendance shall constitute a quorum.

Voting

Each member shall be entitled to one (1) vote and no more upon each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members. At all meetings of the members at which a quorum is present all questions shall be decided by a vote of the majority of the members voting thereon in person or proxy, except as otherwise provided by law, the articles of incorporation of the Cooperative, or these bylaws. A jointly held membership shall constitute one member for all purposes including voting and all other matters presented to the board and/or members. The vote of either or both shall constitute one vote.

Proxies

At all meetings of members, a member may vote by proxy executed in writing by the member. Such proxy shall be filed with the Secretary before or at the time of the meeting.

No proxy shall be voted at any meeting of the members unless it shall designate the particular meeting at which it is to be voted, and no proxy shall be voted at any meeting other than the one so designated or any adjournment of such meeting. No person shall vote as proxy for more than five (5) members at any meeting of the members and no proxy shall be valid after sixty (60) days from the date of its execution. A proxy shall designate one of the following to vote: President, Vice President, Secretary- Treasurer, Assistant Secretary- Treasurer, Executive Vice President & General Manager, or any board member or employee-member to be allotted and designated by the Board President. The presence of a member at a meeting of the members shall revoke a proxy theretofore executed by him and such member shall be entitled to vote at such meeting in the same manner and with the same effect as if he had not executed a proxy.

Tenure, Qualification, & Districts

At each annual meeting of the members, qualified members shall be elected by ballot to the board of directors to replace those directors whose terms are expiring. Directors shall serve for three (3) years or until their successors are duly elected and qualify, subject to the provisions of these bylaws with respect to the eligibility and removal of directors.

No member shall be eligible to become or remain a director or hold any position of trust in the Cooperative who is not eighteen or more years of age, a bonafide resident in the area served by the Cooperative, or is any way employed by or has a substantial financial interest (more than 2%) in a competing enterprise or a business selling energy or supplies to the Cooperative, or in a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures or supplies to the members of the Cooperative, or who was employed by the Cooperative or its subsidiary within six (6) consecutive years before that person's candidacy for a directorship. When a membership is held jointly by a husband and wife, either, but not both, may serve as a director, provided, however, that neither shall be eligible to become or remain a director unless both shall meet the qualifications hereinabove set forth. To insure equitable representation of all members of the Cooperative on the board of directors, the service area is divided into six districts to have representation on the board as hereafter provided:

District I (which includes Rowan & Stanly Counties) shall be represented by three (3) directors;

District II (which includes that portion of Union County generally east of a line described

as follows: beginning at the intersection of Highway 601 with the northern boundary of Union County, hence south along Highway 601 to the intersection with Highway 74, hence west with Highway 74 to the intersection with Secret Short Cut Road, hence west along Secret Short Cut Road to the intersection with Rocky River Road, hence south along Rocky River Road to the intersection with Highway 75, hence west along Highway 75 to the Union County line) shall be represented by two (2) directors;

District III (which includes that portion of Union County generally west of a line described as follows: beginning at the intersection of Highway 16 and the Union County line, hence south along Highway 16 to the intersection with Highway 84, hence east along Highway 84 to the intersection with Rocky River Road, hence south along Rocky River Road to the intersection with Highway 75, hence west along Highway 75 to the Union County line) shall be represented by one (1) director;

District IV (which includes Mecklenburg County and that portion of Union County generally west of a line described as follows: beginning at the intersection of Highway 16 and the Union County line, hence south along Highway 16 to the intersection with Highway 84, hence east along Highway 84 to the intersection with Rocky River Road, hence north along Rocky River Road to the intersection with Secret Short Cut Road, hence west along Secret Short Cut Road to the intersection with Idlewild Road, hence west along Idlewild Road to the Union County line) shall be represented by two (2) directors;

District V (which includes that portion of Union County generally west of a line described as follows: beginning at the intersection of Highway 601 with the northern boundary of Union County, hence south along Highway 601 to the intersection with Highway 74, hence west with Highway 74 to the intersection with Secret Short Cut Road, hence west along Secret Short Cut Road to the intersection with Idlewild Road, hence west along Idlewild Road to the Union County line) shall be represented by one (1) director;

District VI (which includes Cabarrus County) shall be represented by two (2) directors.

Nothing contained in this section shall affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken at any meeting of the board of directors.

Nominations

It shall be the duty of the board of directors to appoint, not less than thirty (30) days nor more than seventy (70) days before the date of a meeting of the members at which directors are to be elected, a committee on nominations

Union Power Cooperative's 69th Annual Membership Meeting

Saturday, September 20, 2008—Wingate University
7:00 a.m.—Noon

Proxies will come on the outside of your September *Carolina Country* magazine along with the Official Notice of the Annual Meeting and your Annual Report.

Schedule of Events

Saturday, September 20, 2008—Wingate University

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| 7:00–10:00 a.m. | - Registration & Member Dividend Checks, Free Breakfast, Health & Safety Fair, and Marketing Exhibits |
| 9:00–10:30 a.m. | - Musical Entertainment by Pat Carpenter Band in Austin Auditorium |
| 9:30 until Noon | - Kids Festival with Fish the Magish |
| 10:30 a.m. | - Director Elections, Business Session, \$2,500 Cash Prize Giveaways |

Need your cholesterol or blood sugar levels checked? Maybe get a flu shot or have your blood pressure taken? Plan to join us at our Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 20. Our Health and Safety Fair will be held in Cuddy Arena at Wingate University from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

Several local organizations have volunteered to provide you with the latest in health care information and screenings. Flu shots will be available again this year for \$30. Please wear comfortable clothing to easily administer the shot. Medicare patients must present their cards. Screenings also include free cholesterol and blood sugar checks, blood pressure, height and weight checks, and more.



Union Power member receives his flu shot.

Below is a list of some of the Health Fair vendors that will be there this year.

2008 Health Fair Vendors

- Advanced Energy
- American Red Cross Union County Chapter
- Brookdale Senior Living
- *Carolina Country* magazine
- Carolinas Medical Center (Blood sugar and Cholesterol screenings, and Endoscopy Information)
- Carolinas Rehabilitation
- Community Health Services of Union County
- Council on Aging
- HealthQuest
- Hospice of Union County
- Monroe Aquatics and Fitness Center
- Monroe Chiropractic
- Pike Live Line Demo
- Project Star at Carolinas Rehabilitation
- South Charlotte Massage & Bodywork
- Superior Home Medical, Inc.
- Touchstone Energy
- Union County Health Department
- Union Power's Your Energy Advisor Demo
- United Family Services

consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) members who shall be selected so as to give equitable representation on the committee to the geographical areas served or to be served by the Cooperative. No officer or member of the board of directors shall be appointed a member of such committee. The committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least twenty (20) days before the meeting a list of nominations for directors, but any group of members consisting of no less than three percent (3%) of the total membership of the Cooperative, as determined to exist by the board of directors as of the August board meeting preceding the next scheduled annual membership meeting, may make other nominations in writing by petition over their signature not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting and the Secretary shall post such petition at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted. The Secretary shall mail with the notice of the meeting a statement of the number of directors to be elected and showing separately the nominations made by the committee on nominations and the nominations made by petition, if any. The nominations made by petition shall be in writing and include the following information:

- Petitioner's name and all persons signing such petition must be legibly printed; include a hand written signature; date; home address; and telephone number legibly printed.
- Account number with Union Power Cooperative for verification purposes.
- Candidate's name, district of candidate and director position sought.
- In accordance with the bylaws and the Cooperative's articles of incorporation, only one individual from a husband/wife joint membership may sign such petition.

Nominations shall not be considered from the floor at any meeting of the members. The members may at any meeting at which a director or directors shall be removed, as hereinbefore provided, elect a successor or successors thereto without compliance with the foregoing provisions with respect to nominations. Notwithstanding anything in this section contained, failure to comply with any of the provisions of this section shall not affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any election of directors.

Right-of-Way Clearing



During the next month, you may see our tree-trimming crews in your neighborhood. Carolina Tree Care and ABC Tree Professionals will be working in the following areas of Union and Stanly counties:

Union County: Morgan Mill Road, Honeybee Road, Morgan Academy Road, Sugar and Wine Road, Army Road, Old Kennedy Ford Road, Austin Road, Pleasant Hill Church Road, NC 218, Little Staton Road, and New Salem Road.

Stanly County: Elm Street, Harvell Road, Coyle Road, Bost Road, Big Lick Road, Island Creek Road, Joes Road, Barbee Road, Hatley Burriss Road, Hilltop Road, Saddle Club Road, Paint Circle, and Greene Road.

For more information about Union Power's vegetation management program or tree trimming practices, please call (704) 289-3145 and speak with Wil Ortiz (ext. 3323) or Carrie Lorenz (ext. 3291).

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\$25

Meter Test

\$75 (refunded if not accurate)

Dual Meter Comparison

\$50 (refunded if not accurate)

Field Collection Charge

\$25 (only checks or money orders accepted, no cash)

RECONNECT CHARGES: (collected in advance)

Normal Hours

\$50 (if called in *before* 4:00 p.m.)

After Hours

\$100 (if called in *after* 4:00 p.m.)

Weekends and Holidays

\$100