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A Member-Owned Electric Cooperative

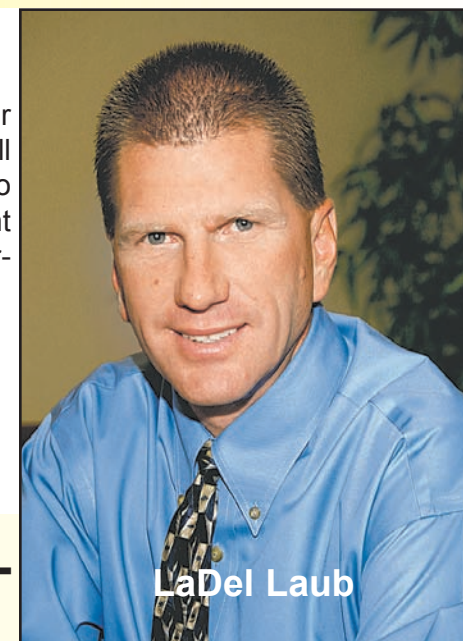
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HIGHLIGHTS

President & CEO's Report -By LaDel Laub

Congress is winding down its summer recess and will return to Washington, DC September 13. Whether or not they enact major energy legislation when they reconvene is up in the air. If they do, costs for electricity will rise. Climate change legislation is still a priority for President Obama. Known as "Cap and Trade," provisions to tax CO2 would increase the cost of coal-fired generation in some areas by an estimated 200%. The President and Democrat Leaders are also pushing to have the federal government mandate that utilities purchase a certain percentage of their power from renewable resources. Known either as Renewable Energy Standards (RES) or Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) these provisions are designed to subsidize the higher costs of renewable resources - primarily wind and solar. The following are headlines and excerpts from news outlets regarding these issues:



LaDel Laub

SENATE: Sept. resurrection of broad energy bill still possible – Reid -By Robin Bravender and Katie Howell, E&E reporters

A sweeping Senate climate and energy bill may not be dead, after all. Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) signaled today he may bring back provisions that were stripped from his scaled-back energy and oil spill-response bill ([S. 3663](#)) when the Senate returns from the August recess.

Wind Power Won't Cool Down the Planet -By Robert Bryce

The wind industry has achieved remarkable growth largely due to the claim that it will provide major reductions in carbon dioxide emissions. There's just one problem: It's not true. A slew of recent studies show that wind-generated electricity likely won't result in any reduction in carbon emissions—or that they'll be so small as to be almost meaningless.

Kerry unveils renewable energy tax extensions bill -By Edward Felker

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., has introduced the first of a number of smaller energy bills he plans to offer that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Kerry's bill would provide the industry with a number of extensions and expansions of current incentives, including another \$3 billion for the the so-called 48C advanced energy manufacturing credit program, beyond the \$2.3 billion included in the stimulus bill.

Waxman sees bright side to November: 'Difficult' Democrats won't be back —By Russell Berman and Molly K. Hooper - 08/05/10

Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Calif.) believes the November elections will likely weed out some of the "most difficult Democrats" that leadership lawmakers have dealt with this Congress. "I think a lot of the House seats we're going to lose are those who have been the toughest for the Democrats to pull into line — the Democrats that have been the most difficult," Waxman said.

Let me see if I can summarize all of this confusion for you. Senate leader Harry Reid from Nevada continues to push for an energy bill that includes RPS's and cap and trade, while studies have shown that expensive renewable energy does not have any effect on reducing carbon dioxide and Senator John Kerry wants to keep subsidizing renewable energy and Representative Henry Waxman believes new democrats will be elected in November to jump on the band wagon to help push for RPS's and Cap and Trade.

With your help we have worked hard to educate voters and Congress that RPS's and Carbon Taxes will not result in any significant reduction in carbon dioxide and that the financial impacts are not worth any small gain that might be achieved, especially here at Dixie Escalante. We must continue to relay this message in an effort to protect your power rates.

Attention!
High School Seniors
Dixie Escalante Electric Scholarships
\$16,000
Available

Qualifications:

- You and your family must be members/consumers of Dixie Escalante Electric.
- Attend a local high school in Washington County, Iron County, or Beaver Dam Arizona.
- You must be a high school senior on track for graduation, with a G.P.A. of 2.5 or higher.
- You have not received a scholarship from Dixie Escalante Electric in the past.

How to Apply: Each applicant must provide the following requirements and **MUST** present them in the same order as listed below.

Note - If all information listed below is not included or not completed as required the applicant will not be considered for a scholarship.

1. Cover sheet including: Photo, name, parent names, address, phone number, email and high school attending.
2. Two letters of recommendation.
3. High school transcript. (Provide copy of G.P.A.)
4. Autobiography (Must be typewritten and limited to one page) which includes: activity participation, volunteer service and goals.
5. Submit an Essay:
 - A. First page "What is a Cooperative"
 - B. Second page "What are the benefits of being a member of Dixie Escalante Electric"

Essay must be two full 8½ X 11 pages, typewritten, single spaced in Times New Roman font size 12 pt and 1 inch margins.

When to Apply: Applications will be accepted **NOVEMBER 1– 30, 2010**. All applications **MUST** be in the Beryl or Bloomington Office by **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2010, by 4:30 pm**. (*Selection Committee will not accept applications after this date and time.*)

Winners: Will be selected by a scholarship committee comprised of board members and other appointed individuals. All applicants will be notified of scholarship committee's decision approximately 45 days following application deadline. Applicants must be available for an interview if chosen as a Finalist.

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71 E HWY 56
Beryl, UT 84714-5197
435-439-5311

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Heat Pump Savings!!

Can I really save using a heat pump? -By Roger Echols

I had a gas furnace and an air conditioner in my home in Washington Fields. I replaced just the air conditioner with a heat pump, creating a dual fuel heating system.. A heat pump is simply an air conditioner that is capable of running in reverse providing heating as well as cooling.

Last winter, the heat pump provided heating until the outdoor temperature dropped below 30 degrees, at which time the gas furnace came on. I saved over 45% on my heating expense with the dual fuel system.

I went from a 10 SEER (Seasonal Energy Efficiency Rating) air conditioner to a 14 SEER heat pump. Each SEER increase represents at least a 5% reduction in operating costs, so not only did my heating expense drop, but my cooling costs decreased an estimated 20%.

We keep our home temperature set at 75 degrees in the winter and 78 degrees in the summer. The winter setting is higher than recommended because of the location of the supply registers and return air grill. My home has high ceilings in the living area and the supply registers are located in the ceiling and the return air grills are high on the walls next to the ceiling. Warm air rises, so the air coming out of the ceiling register travels across the ceiling to the return grill, very little reaches the lower living space. Our ceiling fans in the living area are critical to help move the air down. An ideal situation would have the supply registers in the ceiling with the return air grills next to the floor. This allows the air to move from the ceiling registers across the living area to the return grill next to the floor.

If you have questions about your home heating or cooling, call our Member Service Department and ask for Roger 435-673-3297.

Generators

Standby generators can come in handy during storm-related outages. However, be sure that your generator is installed by a qualified electrician so that the generator's circuits and Dixie Escalante's circuits are not connected - in other words, they must be "isolated." If they're not properly isolated, customer-generated power can flow

back to the power line, electrocuting a Dixie worker attempting to restore power. Conversely, if the circuits are not properly isolated, power distributed from Dixie Escalante can lead to overheating the generator. This could cause an electrical fire at your home. The most common isolation method is to install a double-throw double-pole transfer switch. Portable generators that are not properly isolated could

lead to the same hazards. To properly isolate portable generators, customers should be careful that they never connect the generator to an electrical outlet. Instead, appliances should be connected directly to the generator. The easiest way to use a generator is to simply plug the equipment to be operated directly into the proper outlet on the generator. Never connect the generator's electrical output to any live

home or building electrical circuits. Never plug a generator into a wall outlet. Also:

- * Avoid contact with bare wires.
- * Use a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) in any damp or highly conductive area.
- * Consult a licensed electrician to choose a generator and make certain it meets national and local electrical code requirements.



THANK YOU!

In 2005, while the Triple Deuce (Utah National Guard, 2nd Battalion 222 Field Artillery) was deployed to Iraq, Dixie Escalante Electric's Board of Directors wanted to show their support to our troops by creating the Military Abatement program. The program assists Dixie Escalante Electric account holders on active duty. An allowance up to \$100 a month is given on their power bill for one year. This is a yearly program and is reviewed annually by the Board of Directors. The Board has recently reviewed this program and voted to keep it in place for another year. If your soldier's name appears on the power bill and is on active duty, simply bring in proof of active duty and you will be enrolled in this program.

We are proud of our service men and women and their sacrifice for our country and freedom. All they require in payment from us is a hand shake and a big "Thank You", so to all our service personnel, **THANK YOU!**

Get A Jump On Cold Weather



Dixie makes Apero space heater available to members.

If you have a room with cold spots or a small room without heat, the Apero wall heater is ideal for these situations. This is a 1,250 watt heater that mounts on the wall and has a 6' power cord that can be plugged into any standard outlet and is equipped with an "on-off" switch and built in thermostat.

We have these heaters available in either our Beryl or Bloomington office and offer them for \$100 to our members for use on Dixie Escalante's system while supplies last. When we re-order, the price will possibly increase. For more details call us at 435-439-5311 in Beryl or 435-673-3297 in Bloomington.



Round Up Program

You have the opportunity to participate in an innovative program to financially assist worthwhile activities within our community. The "Round Up Program" works in a very simple and easy fashion. For example, if your month's electric bill is \$58.73 you pay \$59.00 with 27 cents going directly to the fund. By participating you'll contribute an estimated \$6.00 per year -- a small amount to help worthy causes within our community. If all 15,000, members of Dixie Escalante participated, it is estimated \$90,000, would be contributed annually.

Funds collected from the "Round Up Program" can assist local non-profit, charitable organizations

such as Doctor's Volunteer Clinic, Habitat for Humanity of Southwest Utah, Dixie Care & Share, Iron County Care & Share, Salvation Army, Coins for Kids, Enterprise Little League, New Castle Cemetery, Dove Center, Dixie Area Detention, Washington & Iron County Children's Justice Centers and more.

Thank you for your help in making our community a better place.

Please return this form with your payment or mail to:

**Dixie Escalante Round Up Program
71 E. Highway 56
Beryl, UT 84714-5197**

Yes, sign me up for the program

Signature _____

Account # _____

2010 Utah Rural Electric Youth Leadership Conference

The 2010 Youth Leadership Conference was held at Snow College in Ephraim, Utah, from July 12th through the 16th. There were 25 high school students representing Dixie Escalante Electric with one student, Tawni Durrant, returning as a youth director. Those selected to attend through a written application and an individual interview were: Noelle Stehlow from Dixie High, Tyler Baeza from Beaver Dam High, Dallen Christensen from Canyon View High. Ross Taylor, Taz Schriver, James Hulet and Miste Gardner from Enterprise High. Morgan Wood, Jessica Stone, Cody Stephenson, Alex Steiner, Hunter Schone, Beau Jones and Dyllen Caffery from Pine View High. Ashlee Weller, Cherish Saxton, Aubrey Nielson, Cami Johnson, Jessica Jamison, Katrien Jack, Austin Ewell, A. J. Edwards, Lauren Cottle, Krista Anderson and Kelsee Broadhead from Desert Hills High. Adult chaperones from Dixie were Stella Iverson, Chery Hulet, Deanne Johnson and Roger Echols.



2010 Youth Leadership Participants

Cami Johnson was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship along with representing Dixie Escalante Electric at NRECA Washington DC Youth Tour next summer. Alex Steiner was awarded the \$2,500, Julie Ann Gardner Memorial Scholarship. Jessica Stone was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship as well as selected to return next year as the Youth Director to help plan the conference. Others receiving a \$2,000 scholarship were Tawni Durrant, Tyler Baeza, James Hulet, Katrien Jack, Ross Taylor, and Morgan Wood.

There was an array of classes and activities to get the youth acquainted with each other and to build teamwork and to promote trust in each other as well as sharpening their leadership skills.

Selection for the 2011 Youth Leadership Conference will begin next spring so if you are a junior in high school, or know a junior in high school who might be interested in this program, encourage him or her to contact our office with any questions regarding the UREA Youth Leadership Conference and ask for Stella Iverson, 435-673-3297.

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New Officers Elected

During the July 7, 2010, board meeting, new Board Officers were seated. Mike Brown was again appointed Chairman, Rebecca Jensen was appointed Vice Chairman and Robyn Serage appointed Secretary. Board officers are selected by way of motions and votes by the entire Board of Directors.