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FROM THE MANAGER

A Look Ahead

The next few months are going to be exciting and busy for Victory Electric. We are starting to prepare for our Annual Meeting. It will be held at 5 p.m. on April 6, 2010, at the Dodge City Civic Center. We invite you all to come attend the Annual Meeting, eat some great food, and visit with our staff and employees.

For those of you who are not as familiar with how a cooperative works, every person who has an account is a member-owner of Victory Electric. As an owner, you have a vote on what happens at Victory Electric. Our Annual meeting is our way of letting our members know what is going on at Victory, vote on any bylaw changes, and elect your representative on the Board of Trustees.

Seeking Board Member Nominations

Nominations for Victory Electric's Board of Trustees are being solicited for our 2010 Annual Meeting.

Positions up for election are in District 5, currently held by Max Jantz, Montezuma; District 7, currently held by Loren Ochs, Jetmore; District 9, currently held by Richard Lightner, Garden City; and District 10, currently held by Pat Morse, Dodge City.

To qualify you must be a naturalized U.S. citizen; your principal residence must be served by Victory Electric and located in our territory, and in the district which you wish to represent.

If a close relative of yours—within the third degree—is an employee or a Trustee of Victory Electric, you are not eligible to run for a Trustee position.

If you would like to run for any of these positions, or know someone who would, please contact our office as soon as possible.

Keep watch in your mailbox because we will soon send you more information on the event. Our Annual Meeting is a time that we get to see and visit with our members and we would love to see you there on April 6.

'Til Next Time, TJ



Terry Janson

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Do You Know How Much Energy Your TV is Using?

TV energy use is fast on its way to becoming the fourth largest energy user in the American home, eclipsing the refrigerator. Heating, cooling and water heating still hold the premier ranks even with all the improvements in efficiency over the years. But TV energy use is rising quickly with advances in big screen TV options and their decline in price.

Today there are about 265 million TV's, and that number is growing by 3.5 million per year. It's estimated that with today's proliferation of high-definition digital sets with big screens, TV energy use is about 70 billion kilowatt-hours per year nationwide. Throw in a DVD and VCR player, a pair of high-definition set-top boxes, along with other household TV's, and the total TV-related energy use for the home could rise to about 10 percent, according to the National Resources Defense Council.

Tap Into Victory's New TV Calculator

Victory Electric recognizes the growing trend in TV energy use. That's why you'll find a special "TV Calculator" included in the new Home Energy Calculator located on Victory's Web site www.victoryelectric.net. Just click on the Home Energy Calculator icon



The Home Energy Calculator button on our Web site will guide you to the tv calculator and many others

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Estimate the Annual Cost of Your Televisions

It is interesting to see how much energy each TV uses when operated zero hours/day. Try It!

| Number | Select TV Type | Hrs/Day Weekdays | Hrs/Day Weekends | Annual kWh |
|-------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Plasma | 3 | 5 | 665 |
| 2 | LCD | 3 | 5 | 566 |
| 0 | DLP | 3 | 5 | 0 |
| 0 | 35" - 37" Tube | 3 | 5 | 0 |
| 0 | 25" - 27" Tube | 3 | 5 | 0 |
| Total Annual kWh | | 1,231 | | Cost \$123.14 |

Cost per kWh \$0.100 Calculations are based on estimates for comparison purpose only.

Visit Victory Electric's Web site to use our interactive calculator and determine how much energy your TV is consuming.

on the right-hand side. Then select "TV Calculator."

Bigger screens aren't the only culprits for TV's growing energy draw. The nation's move to high-definition TV, or HDTV, requires sets to deliver more picture clarity, which draws more power. Also, Americans are watching some 16 percent more TV than in the 1980's - if DVD and video-game viewing is included, according to the Nielsen Group.

The problem isn't just how much these devices use, it is the sheer number appearing in the home. It is no longer unusual for there to be more than one big screen TV in the home PLUS several older TV's now plugged into guest bedrooms, kitchens, basements and other areas.

Go ahead... count up the number in your home, and then count up the number that are on in each room as you watch your favorite shows while

you do your housework. How many others are used simply as monitors for those video games?

Click on Home Energy Calculator You'll find a whole series of energy efficiency calculators and resources on our Web site.

In addition to the home calculator and TV calculator, you'll find an appliance calculator that addresses more than 50 different home appliances and equipment.

You can also take a virtual tour of a home—through our Interactive House—and learn about energy saving opportunities room by room. And take a look at the new Kids Korner, featuring energy education and games for kids of all ages.

For more information on the energy calculators, visit our Web site www.victoryelectric.net or call us at 620-227-2139 or 800-279-7915.

High School Juniors: Win a Free Trip

to Washington, D.C., or Steamboat Springs, Colorado



Last year's D.C. winners (from left) Carissa Hodgs, Ingalls, and Megan Hood, Bucklin, pose in front of US Supreme Court.

Two Winners, All-Expenses-Paid
"Government in Action" Youth Tour
June 10-17, 2010, in Washington, D.C.



Last year's camp winners (from left) Britnie Jenkins, Cimarron, and Savannah Dwyre, Ingalls, enjoying the view from Mt. Werner.

Two Winners, All-Expenses-Paid
Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp
July 10-16, 2010, in Steamboat Springs, CO.

If you are a high school junior and would like to increase your leadership skills, meet new friends and travel, you can apply for Youth Tour through Victory Electric.

During the Government In Action Youth Tour June 10-17, 2010, students will join 1,500 youth from across the nation in Washington, D.C. Participants will visit the monuments and other attractions, as well as visit

Capitol Hill to learn more about how our government works.

At the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp, July 10-16, 2010, students will join youth from Colorado, Wyoming, Oklahoma and Kansas. Campers will form a mock cooperative, participate in leadership activities, and learn about the cooperative industry.

Students will be selected based

on a résumé, application and an interview.

To apply for youth tour, contact your high school counselor, high school principal, or Jerri Imgarten or Josh Schmidt at Victory Electric Cooperative by calling 620-227-2139 or 800-279-7915 for more information about the contest.

The deadline for applications is February 13, 2010.

Victory Electric Cooperative Youth Tour Application

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Name of Applicant: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 Birth Date _____
 Name of Parents or Guardian _____
 E-mail _____

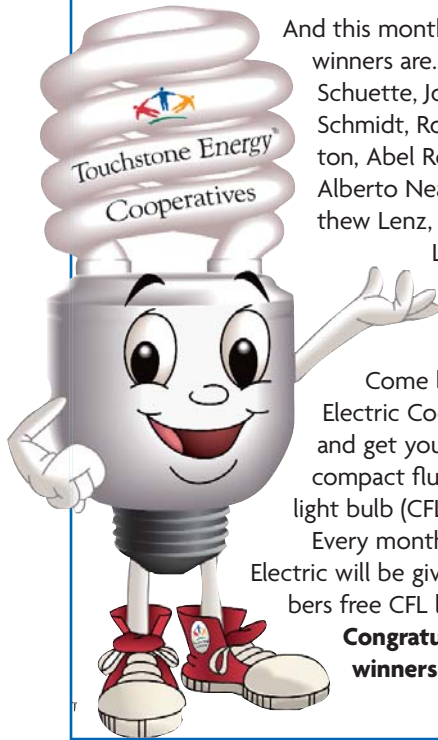
City _____ Zip _____
 Phone Number _____
 Applicant Cell Number _____
 School _____

I agree that all information supplied in this application is accurate and true. _____
(Signature of Applicant)

I hereby grant permission for _____ to enter the 2010 Youth Tour competition sponsored by The Victory Electric Cooperative Assn., Inc. _____
(Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian)

CFL Charlie Says

"Come Get Your Free CFL Bulb!"



And this month's lucky winners are... Elmer Schuette, John T Schmidt, Ron Pinkerton, Abel Rodriguez, Alberto Neave, Matthew Lenz, Leonardo Leon, and Guy Root.

Come by Victory Electric Cooperative and get your free compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL).

Every month Victory Electric will be giving members free CFL light bulbs.

Congratulations winners!

Pole Trailers for Sale

Victory Electric has several pole trailers for sale.

If you are interested, please contact Mike Clark at 620-227-2139 or 800-279-7915 for pricing or more information.



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