

#### **Power Lines**

**JUNE 2019** 

### Board to consider PRECorp bylaw amendments July 16

In accordance with a new State of Wyoming law that takes effect on July 1, 2019, the PRECorp Board of Directors propose amending the Cooperative bylaws at its regular meeting on Tuesday, July 16, in Sundance.

The bylaws will be published on pages 4-12 in the June edition of the PRECorp News.

A general summary of the significant changes proposed, is also posted at <u>www.precorp.coop/bylaws</u>.

Anyone with questions on the bylaw approval process, or who would like to appear in person at the meeting, should contact PRECorp Administration at adminhelp@precorp.coop, or call 1-800-442-3630.

# FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS Fireworks and the Fourth of July go hand-in-hand, and we want you to have a safe, fun-filled celebration! About two-thirds of all fireworks-related injuries occur between June 16 and July 16, so keep these safety tips in mind:

- Make sure fireworks are legal in your community before using them.
- Never buy professional-grade fireworks. They are not designed for safe consumer use.
- ★ Keep small children a safe distance from all fireworks including sparklers which can burn at temperatures in excess of 2,000 degrees.
- Never reignite or handle malfunctioning fireworks. Keep a bucket of water or garden hose nearby to thoroughly soak duds before throwing them away.
- Keep pets indoors and away from fireworks to avoid contact injuries or noise reactions.



#### Events calendar

The PRECorp Board of Directors meets the third Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. rotating between the offices in Sundance, Gillette, and Sheridan. Meetings might be moved to avoid conflicts with state or national cooperative events. The tentative dates for 2019 are as follows:

June 17-18 - Sheridan
July 16 - Sundance
August 20 - Gillette
September 16-17 - Sheridan
October 15 - Sundance
November 19 - Gillette
December 16-17- Sheridan

#### Other events to remember:

- Saturday, August 24: 74th PRECorp Annual Meeting, Buffalo High School.
- Friday, September 6: PRECorp
   Foundation Golf Tournament, Golf
   Club at Devils Tower, Hulett. Go
   to www.precorpfoundation.org
   for more information.



#### **HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE:**

Powder River Energy Corporation offices will be closed Thursday, July 4, to observe the Independence Day holiday.

As an official publication of Powder River Energy Corporation, the purpose of Power Lines is to communicate to member/customers

## Options are available for keeping an idle service in your name

When Powder River Energy staffers talk about an "electric service," they are referring to a transformer, a metering point, and the poles or wires that connect and support them.

That electric service apparatus is sometimes deenergized and left idle when the member no longer needs it, or temporarily suspends power to the property, which can range from a stock well or irrigation pump, to a residence or larger structure.

PRECorp still maintains these services, and pays property taxes on them as a part of our system.

Additionally, unused lines and equipment can cause inefficiencies in our distribution system and increase the chances of power interruptions to other services.

Idle lines, therefore, add to the cost of providing electric service to all of our members. PRECorp has procedures to ensure that the cooperative effectively manages idle lines within its system.

Retention rates allow PRECorp to account for idle services where appropriate, in order to reduce the expenses associated with those services.

Also, the program keeps infrastructure in place in case there is a future need for improving the membership's service reliability.

The process also provides a rate structure that will allow members to retain idle lines that they intend to re-energize in the future while contributing to the maintenance, depreciation and property taxes associated with the idle line. The Idle Line Retention will allow the member to have the meter disconnected and continue to pay a minimum charge to

ensure the electric line is left in place.

Transformers and secondary line could also be removed if it is convenient for PRECorp.

If you have an idle service in your name, PRECorp will contact you to find out whether you have future plans for this service or would like to have it removed.

To retain the idle line, you will be required to pay the idle line retention charge associated with the type of service it was when energized.

The monthly rates are: Residential/Seasonal: \$15 Irrigation: \$15 General Service: \$18 General Service CBM: \$35 Large Power: \$79 Large Power CBM: \$100

For more information, contact the PRECorp Member Service Department at 1-800-442-3630.

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ANNUAL MEETING IN BUFFALO!

