

# The Kilowatt COURIER

February 2018



**DO NOT TAMPER  
WITH YOUR  
ELECTRIC METER**



- ⊘ Never break a meter seal.
- ⊘ Never open a meter base.
- ⊘ Never remove a meter or alter an entrance cable in any manner.

**Meter tampering is  
DANGEROUS!**  
Not only can it result  
in electric shock, but  
it is illegal.  
Tampering increases  
electric rates for  
other co-op  
members.

If you know or suspect  
that someone has  
tampered with their  
meter, please contact  
HEA immediately.

## **NOMINATION PERIOD IS OPEN FOR SEATS ON HEA BOARD**

**T**here is an opportunity each year for Homer Electric members to make a difference and participate in their cooperative by serving on the HEA Board of 92958001 Directors.

The nomination period is open for members interested in serving on the cooperative's Board of Directors. There are three open seats, one in each district, which encompasses HEA's service area.

Candidacy packets are available on HEA's website and in both HEA offices. The nomination period will remain open until Friday, March 2, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. when completed candidate applications are due.

### **Director Qualifications for Candidacy**

- Must be a "bona fide resident," which means a person whose primary residence is within HEA's service area.
- Must be a bona fide resident for at least twelve (12) months preceding the date which is forty-five (45) days prior to the meeting of the members.
- Lastly, candidates must obtain at least fifteen (15) member signatures within their district for official nomination included in their candidate application.

Election ballots will be mailed to the membership on April 2, 2018 and election results will be announced at HEA's Annual Meeting of the Members on May 3, 2018 at Homer High School.

If you have any questions about the nomination or election process, contact Bruce Shelley at (907) 283-2324 or [bshelley@homerelectric.com](mailto:bshelley@homerelectric.com).

## **COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY: OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES**

**H**omer Electric is committed to our community – one of the cooperative principles that sets us apart from other businesses.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Educational and vocational scholarships are available for students of all ages including graduating seniors and adults who wish to continue their education. Applications are available on the HEA website at [www.homerelectric.com](http://www.homerelectric.com), at your high school's Guidance Counselor's office, and at HEA offices in Kenai and Homer.

The deadline to submit scholarship applications is Thursday, March 1, 2018, by 5:00 p.m.

### **YOUTH RALLY LEADERSHIP CAMP**

Do you know a high school sophomore or junior who enjoys traveling, making new friends, experiencing trust and team building exercises while learning about teamwork?

Encourage the student to apply for an exciting, all expense-paid week at the Youth Rally hosted at the College of Idaho in Caldwell, Idaho, July 9 - 14, 2018. The Youth Rally is designed to develop leadership skills, foster teamwork, strengthen communication techniques, highlight the unique qualities of electric cooperatives and increase the awareness regarding important issues faced by the utility industry. To apply, the applicant must be a high school sophomore or junior in the Kenai Peninsula School District served by Homer Electric Association. The application deadline is Friday, March 30, 2018.

### **ELECTRICAL 44499002 SAFETY POSTER CONTEST**

Homer Electric's annual Safety Poster Contest elevates awareness of electrical energy by challenging third and fourth graders to think about the benefits, as well as potential hazards, associated with electric use. Students are encouraged to create an electrical safety message that can be expressed through art in the form of a poster. Deadline to submit entries is Friday, March 30, 2018. For more information on these outreach programs, please contact Tanya Lautaret at 283-2305 or [tlautaret@homerelectric.com](mailto:tlautaret@homerelectric.com).

# Powering Up After an Outage

When the power goes out, we expect it to be restored within a few hours. But when a major storm or natural disaster causes widespread damage, extended outages may result. Our line crews work long, hard hours to restore service safely to the greatest number of consumers in the shortest time possible. Here's what's going on if you find yourself in the dark:

## 1. High-Voltage Transmission Lines:

Transmission towers and cables that supply power to transmission substations (and thousands of members) rarely fail. But when damaged, these facilities must be repaired before other parts of the system can operate.

## 2. Distribution Substation:

A substation can serve hundreds or thousands of consumers. When a major outage occurs, line crews inspect substations to determine if problems stem from transmission lines feeding into the substation, the substation itself or if problems exist further down the line.

## 3. Main Distribution Lines:

If the problem cannot be isolated at a distribution substation, distribution lines are checked. These lines carry power to large groups of consumers in communities or housing developments.

## 4. Tap Lines:

If local outages persist, supply lines (also known as tap lines) are inspected. These lines deliver power to transformers, either mounted on poles or placed on pads for underground service, outside businesses, schools and homes.

## 5. Individual Homes:

If your home remains without power, the service line between a transformer and your residence may need to be repaired. Always call to report an outage to help line crews isolate local issue.

**HIDDEN ACCOUNT NUMBERS**  
Three randomly chosen italicized account numbers are hidden in the Kilowatt Courier.  
If you find YOUR account number, call 235-3338 and you'll receive a \$50 credit which will be reflected on your next bill. Thanks for reading!

## CURRENT RESIDENTIAL RATES

As of January 1, 2018

All Residential Customers  
Energy charge = 14.866 cents/kWh  
Customer charge = \$20.00  
System delivery charge = \$22.30\*  
(\*If usage is less than 150 kWh)

Cost of Power Adjustment (COPA)  
7.08 cents per kWh\*  
(\*Subject to change on a quarterly basis and upon RCA approval.)

See [www.homerelectric.com](http://www.homerelectric.com) for the 72462001 latest residential and commercial rates.

## BOARD of DIRECTORS & MANAGER

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**CALL 1-888-8OUTAGE (888-868-8243) TO REPORT AN OUTAGE**

## MONTHLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Homer Electric finished the month of November 2017 with a total asset base of \$242.6 million. Operating revenue for the year was \$90.6 million and total costs were \$86.2 million, bringing net operating margins to \$4.4 million through November 30, 2017. This chart is a breakdown of key financial indicators for 2017 as compared to 2016.

Year to Date	November 30, 2017	November 30, 2016
Operating Revenue	\$90.6 million	\$85.8 million
Cost of Purchased Power	\$57.4 million	\$55.1 million
Cost of Electric Service	\$28.8 million	\$26.7 million
Operating Margins	\$4.4 million	\$4.0 million
Total Kilowatt Hours Sold	436.4 million	411.9 million
Total Number of Meters	34,220	33,634