



Manager Mark Mengenhauser would like to invite all members to attend the October 8, 2008, annual meeting, with a chance to win this beautiful Terry Redlin print. Entitled "Bountiful Harvest", the picture will be given away as the Grand Prize at the conclusion of the meeting. Several other prizes will be given away as well. It's just another good reason to attend your cooperative's annual meeting!

To: All Members of Charles Mix Electric Association, Inc.

The Charles Mix Electric Association, Inc. will hold its annual meeting on October 8, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium in the City of Lake Andes, South Dakota.

At this meeting, there will be two (2) directors elected, one (1) from Election District III, and one (1) from the county At-Large.

Nominations Made by Petition: Any fifteen (15) or more members acting together may make other nominations by petition and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the bylaws are posted. Nominations made by petition, if any, received at least five (5) days before the meeting shall be included on the official ballot. Later nominations shall be rejected as untimely and illegal.


Ron Samuelson, Secretary

The Board decides ...

Capital Credit Refunds to Resume in 2008

In the October, 2007, issue of the "Cooperative Connections", we announced to you that there would be no capital credit refund that year. At that time, the decision was made by the Board of Directors to forego the refund, due to the financial position of the cooperative and the impending rate adjustment. This wasn't an easy or a very popular decision, but we feel that most members understood that it was made for the financial good of the cooperative. This year, the Board has approved resuming the annual refund by returning the capital credits earned by members in 1988.

The refund will total just over \$82,000, and will keep

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CME on their desired 20-year cycle for returning credits to members.

Checks will be prepared and signed and ready for dispersal at the October 8th, 2008 annual meeting. If you were a member of Charles Mix Electric in 1988, you may pick up your check at the meeting, or watch for it to arrive in the mail shortly afterward.

CME will continue to strive every day to hold down costs while continuing to provide reliable, dependable service.



Many CME members will once again receive a capital credit refund check at the registration table of the 2008 annual meeting. The refund check represents one of the principals of cooperative membership: that profits are returned to the members rather than retained by the business. After choosing not to pay credits in 2007 for financial reasons, CME will be back on track for 2008.

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Regular meetings of the board of directors of this cooperative are held on the third Thursday of each month.

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You have the power to make a difference.

Fuels used to generate electricity are getting more expensive. That's driving prices up. Your electric cooperative is working to make a difference.

And you can do your part, too.

Turn your heating thermostat down at night and when you're away to make your home more energy-efficient. In the summer, raise your thermostat settings. About half of your electric bill is spent on heating and cooling your home. Contact Charles Mix Electric for more information.



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Open over noon hour
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Holidays

Read meter 1st of each month. Bills due by 6th of month. Add \$2 to any bill paid after the 6th of the month.