Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative

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Be a Member of Our Board of Directors



BROOKS SHOEMAKER

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED RUNNING for a seat on our board of directors? As a Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative (REC) member, you can actively participate in the cooperative's operation by representing your district on the board.

Being a director is an interesting and challenging experience. The position requires people with vision and the willingness to work with others in guiding a complex, $30 million operation.

The next Bedford REC Annual Meeting will be held April 14. At that meeting, cooperative members will elect directors from District 2 (Harrison and Napier townships and Manns Choice, New Paris and Schellsburg boroughs in Bedford County); District 4 (Kimmel and King townships in Bedford County); and District 8 (Monroe and West Providence townships and Everett Borough in Bedford County). If you live in any of these districts, you may be eligible for nomination to run for a seat on the board.

In accordance with our bylaws, the election process begins with the appointment of a nominating committee, which is made up of one cooperative member from each of the nine districts. The committee then nominates qualified members for director in each district up for election.

No member of the board, employee or close relative can serve on the committee. The names of cooperative members appointed to the 2027 Nominating Committee and the qualifications necessary to become a director are enclosed with your September electric bill, which you received in early October. If becoming a director interests you, please contact any member of the committee. You can also contact the cooperative office at 814-624-3808, and we will provide your name to the committee.

Annual meeting

As I mentioned, the next Bedford REC Annual Meeting of the members will be held April 14. During the annual meeting, members will cast ballots to elect three of their fellow members to the Bedford REC Board of Directors. All cooperative members will receive a ballot in the mail.

Members may use that ballot to vote for one candidate in each of the three districts and then return the ballot by mail. Alternatively, members may also vote in person at the annual meeting. Regardless of how you choose to vote, every member is entitled to cast a single vote in each of the three districts.

The following, taken from the Bedford REC bylaws, is printed for your information in compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the federal Rural Utilities Services Bulletin 20-19:

Article III, Section 3:

Nominations: (a) It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, no later than August 31 of each year, a committee on nominations consisting of one (1) member from each District of the Cooperative.

The nominating committee shall meet for the purpose of making nominations at least ninety (90) days prior to the annual meeting. Five (5) or more members of the nominating committee shall constitute a quorum for making the nominations. It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate at least one (1) qualified member from each District in which a director's term of office is ending. No member of the Board, employee, or close relative

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ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Don't let phantom energy haunt your electric bill this October. Many electronics continue using electricity even when they're turned off. TVs, gaming systems, coffee makers and phone chargers can quietly draw power around the clock. While each device uses only a small amount, the energy waste can add up over time. Before heading out for Halloween fun, unplug devices you don't use regularly or plug them into a smart power strip that automatically cuts power when equipment is off. It's a simple trick that can help keep phantom energy waste in check.

Source: Dept. of Energy



Electric Billing Statement Undergoes New Look

CORY WILSON, MEMBER SERVICES MANAGER

BEGINNING WITH THE OCTOBER BILL, which members will receive in November, Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative (REC) will introduce a new billing statement format. The updated design is intended to make your use, charges, account details, and service information easier to find, read, and track.

The new bill includes several helpful additions, including a 13-month use graph with two lines indicating monthly high and low temperatures. It also features four summary bubbles that detail energy use and billing days for this month, last month, and the same month last year, along with the average daily cost for the current billing period.

A "How to Read Your Cooperative Bill" insert will be included with the first redesigned bill and will also be available at bedfordrec.com.

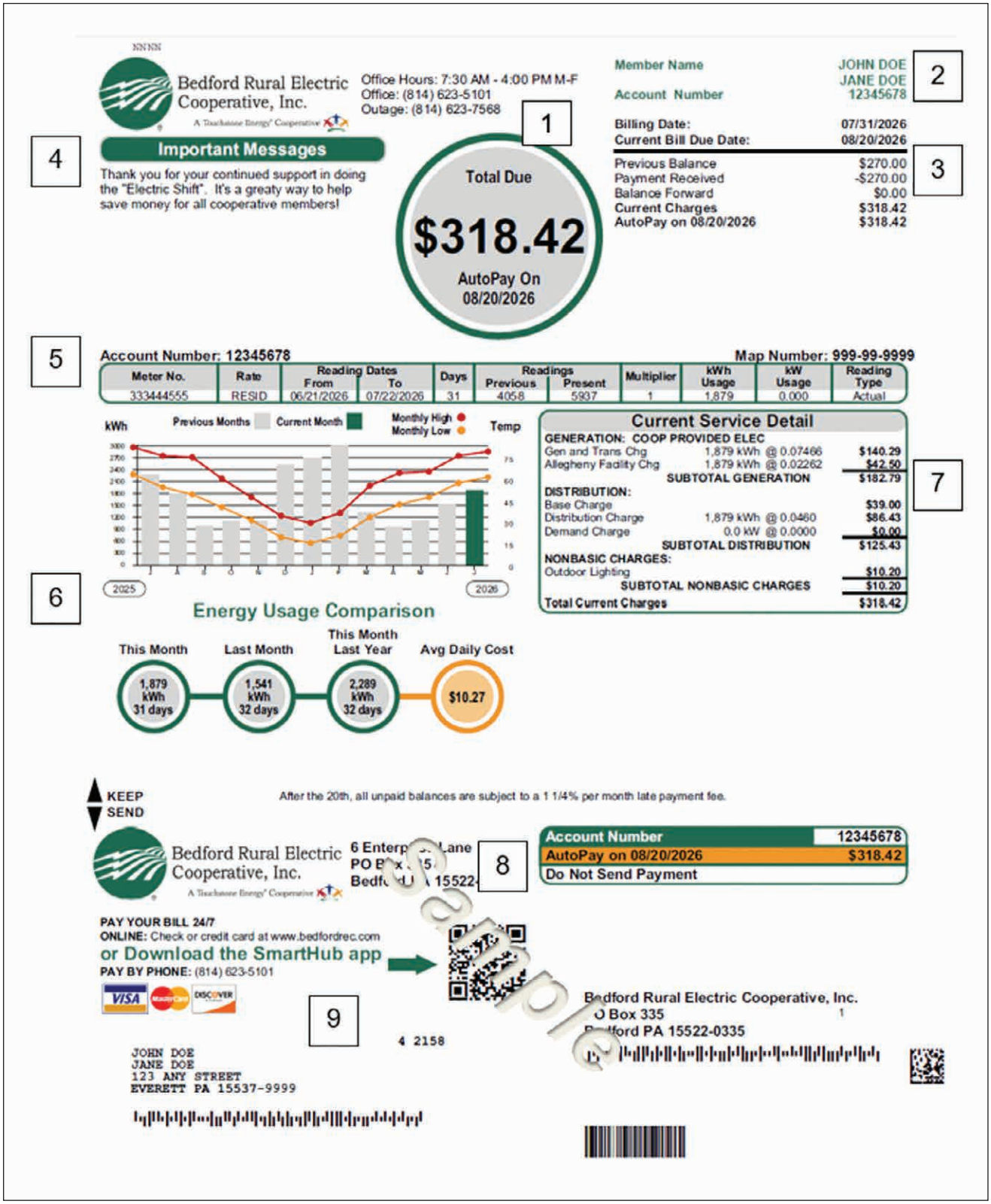
Follow the numbers below as a guide to reading the sample of Bedford REC's new billing statement that's shown on the opposite page:

1. Amount due on account.
2. Your account number. Please refer to this number when calling the office or making payments.
3. Billing summary, which shows activity since last statement.
4. Message Center, where you'll find important messages from Bedford REC.
5. Meter number and meter reading information.
6. Energy-use comparison graph, which includes monthly high and low temperatures. You can compare your current use (kWh) with the previous year. The current month's use is shown with the green bar on the right; the grey bars indicate your use during the previous 12 months.
7. Current charges for electric use.
8. Account number and amount due. Return stub with your check or cash payment.
9. New ways to pay online and on our SmartHub app. We now accept Mastercard, Visa and Discover.

On the reverse side of the bill, members will find helpful information about power outages, contact details, past-due bills and payment options. At the bottom of the page, there is a section that members can use to update their personal information.

To go paperless, please visit bedfordrec.com and sign up for SmartHub, a fast and convenient way to make your payment and view use history.

SAMPLE NEW ELECTRIC BILL



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(as defined by Article III, Section 2) shall serve on such committee.

The committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative, by January 20 of each year, a list of nominations for directors. Any fifteen (15) or more members residing in one District, by January 15, may make other nominations for their District by a petition in writing under their signatures. The Board Secretary shall cause to be posted the same at the same place as the list of nominations made by the committee is posted. The Board Secretary shall cause to be mailed to each member by March 31 a statement of the number of directors to be elected and showing separately the nominations by District made by the committee on nominations and the nominations made by petition, if any. Notwithstanding the provisions contained in this Section, failure to comply with any of such provisions shall not affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken by the Board of Directors after the election of directors

Article III, Section 4

Credentials & Election Committee: The Board of Directors shall, at least twenty (20) days before (or by February 28, for the Annual Meeting) any meeting of the members at which election of directors shall occur, appoint a Credentials & Election Committee. The committee shall consist of an uneven number of members of the Cooperative who are not existing Cooperative employees, agents, officers, directors or known candidates for director election, and who are not close relatives (as defined in Article III, Section 2) or members of the same household of existing Cooperative employees, agents, officers, directors or known candidates for director election. In appointing the committee, the Board shall have regard for the equitable representation of the several areas served by the Cooperative and shall not appoint more than one (1) committee member from a District. The committee shall meet and elect its own chairman and secretary prior to the member meeting. It shall be the responsibility of the committee to:

(1) Establish or approve the manner of conducting member registration and to decide all questions regarding registration of members;

(2) Count all ballots cast for the election of directors in person at the annual meeting or other voting by count;

(3) Rule upon the effect of any ballot or vote irregularly or indecisively cast;

(4) Rule upon all other questions which may arise relating to member voting and regularity of the election of directors; and,

(5) Pass upon any protest or objection filed with regard to the election of directors or conduct affecting the results of any election.

In the exercise of its duties, the committee shall have available to it the advice of legal counsel provided by the Cooperative.

In the event a protest or objection is to be filed concerning any election or voting matter, such protest or objection must be in writing and filed with the chairman of the committee not later than three (3) business days following the date of meeting adjournment. The chairman shall reconvene the committee for a hearing not later than ten (10) business days following the filing of such protest or objection. The committee shall hear such evidence as may be presented by the protestor(s), the objector(s), who may be heard in person, by counsel, or both, and any opposing evidence, and the committee, by majority vote of the committee members present and voting, shall decide the matter within a reasonable time thereafter, but not more than thirty (30) days following close of the hearing. The committee may affirm the initial results of the election, in whole or in part, or the committee may change the initial results of the election, but only upon recount of ballots and only in conformity with law, or the committee may set aside the results of the election and call for a new election, but only for proper and lawful cause shown. The committee's decisions shall be final and binding. The committee shall not act unless at least a quorum is present. A quorum shall be a majority of committee members.

Article III, Section 5

Elections: At each annual meeting, directors shall be elected by and from the members to succeed those directors whose terms of office are ending. Their respective terms of office shall be for a period of three (3) years, or until their successors shall have been elected and shall have been qualified. Each member of the cooperative present and registered to vote at the meeting shall be entitled to vote for one candidate from each District in which a director's term of office is ending. The candidate from each District receiving the highest number of votes cast at this meeting shall be considered elected as a director to represent his or her District. In the event of a tie vote, the tie shall be resolved by a drawing of lot between or among the candidates in the tie. The drawing of lots shall be conducted under the supervision of the Credentials & Election Committee.

BROOKS SHOEMAKER
GENERAL MANAGER & CEO

OUTAGE REPORTING

In case of an outage...

1. Check your fuses or circuit breakers.
2. Check with your neighbors, if convenient, to see if they have been affected by the power failure.
3. Call the 24-hour number, 814-623-7568, OR call 814-623-5101 during office hours.

Please have the account holder's name, phone number, physical address or account number available. Any specific information about the outage will also be helpful in pinpointing the problem.

To report an outage call: 814-623-7568