

Thousands of American consumers have started the dialogue

By the time you read this nearly 1.5 million American consumers will have sent email messages to their elected officials, voicing concerns about future energy and climate policies. Some Perennial customers made their voices heard, by filling out



a dialogue card found in their November bill. Others took the opportunity to go to www.ourenergy.coop to send an email to their representatives.

Go to the website to find out more, and to make your voice heard. You can help shape future energy policies.

Happy Holidays from the Perennial employees and directors



E-bill is coming

Plans are underway to make electronic billing (E-bill) available to Perennial customers during the first quarter of 2009. Customers signed up for E-bill would receive their monthly bill by email instead of regular mail. To participate in E-bill, customers would need to provide their **name, address, phone number and email address**, to setup an account. Each customer would be issued a secure user name and password to view and pay their bill online.

Signup now so you can start receiving your E-bill when the program is launched!



Clip and return to Perennial to signup for E-bill

Name (printed) _____

Name (signed) _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Save energy this holiday season by installing LED lights

LEDs produce more light per watt than other types of lighting. Each bulb uses only 0.04 watts and is up to 90% more efficient than its incandescent counterpart. For a household that displays 10 strands of lights for 8 hours a day for a month, LED Christmas lights would only cost \$7.20 for a season (at about 8.5 cents per kilowatt-hour). Compare that to \$127.67 the homeowner would spend to hang 10 strands of large incandescent bulbs. Bottom line, although they may cost more upfront, because of their long life and low-cost to run LEDs can save money over time.

Longtime board members end terms

In January 2009 we will no longer see these two familiar faces in the Perennial board room, as both men have decided to end their terms on the Perennial Board of Directors.



Winton Wright

Winton Wright was elected to board on January 16, 1973, replacing his father Marshall M. Wright who had served since 1957. Winton became a board member during a time of great transition at Perennial, which at that time was called York County Rural Public Power District.

The 'Ice Storm of 1976' four years after Wright was elected, would forever change the district in many ways. A new headquarters was completed in 1978 and larger trucks were added to the fleet to make transmission line maintenance possible for the first time.

Irrigation load management, a program used to shave electric irrigation motor loads during peak times, began in 1978. This program would save the district millions of dollars during the next three decades by lowering our power costs.

Bob Nunns was elected to the board in January of 1988 in the midst of another change for the district. Much of his first year would be spent helping to work out details of a large annexation by the City of York, which would result in the district serving 5 towns and redefining service territories in both counties.

Both Nunns and Wright saw the district get two ethanol plants which today bring much value to the district and its customers. The first is located north of York and was built in 1993. The second plant was built west of Fairmont in 2007.

These are just a few of the high-

lights that these directors have been involved with. Perhaps the most important contributions that these two made, was their commitment to learning all they could about the com-

pany, so they could make informed decisions in the board room. They took their 'jobs' as board members seriously, and any decisions they made were always in the best interest of the customers they represented.

We want to take this opportunity to say farewell, and thank you to these men for a job well done.



Bob Nunns

Utility line college graduate hired full-time

Dane Steube of York, was hired full-time as an apprentice line technician on November 3, 2008. Steube is a graduate of Metro Community College of Omaha, where he received a degree in utility line. He had been working for Perennial over the summer as an intern.



Dane Steube

Steube grew up in York and graduated from York High School. We welcome Dane to Perennial.

Monsanto plant is big part of 2009 workplan



Monsanto plant at the intersection of Hwy 34/69

Temporary services are built and construction is in full-swing at the Monsanto plant 3 miles east of Waco on Hwy 34. Crews will begin building 8 miles of transmission line to the new site starting around March 1, 2009. They will also build a new substation to serve the expected 18 megawatt load. Monsanto hopes to have the plant fully operational by June, 2009.

Perennial crews are rebuilding the east circuit out of the Milligan Substation, as well as working on rebuilding the Village of Exeter. Work orders will be start soon on irrigation services for 2009.

Most of our work is scheduled weeks or months in advance. If you are planning a project, please contact us well in advance, so we can meet with you go over the details.

Annual awards banquet held at Waco

Perennial employees, directors and retirees, enjoyed their annual awards banquet this year at Waco. The event took place in the Waco Community Building, and was catered by Hunters Lounge. Each year the group gathers to give recognition to employees and directors for their years of service, apprenticeship accomplishments and safety awards.



(L-R) Lance Ring Apprentice 4 and Safety Committee (2) yrs, Steve Gerken Appr 2 and Safety Committee (2) yrs.



Dan Rowedder (R) talking with retired employee Leroy Miller (L)



(Front L-R) Shayde Linabery Apprentice 3, Jeff Rhodes Appr 2 (Back L-R) Luke Johnson Appr 3, Keith Hoffman Appr 3, Kyle Kester Appr 4



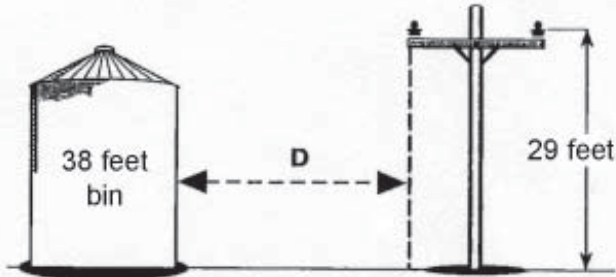
Josh Strope Apprentice 3



(Front L-R) Dean Due 20 yrs, Winton Wright 35 yrs, Tim Schepers 5 yrs, Steve Wait 5 yrs, Bob Nunns 20 yrs (Back L-R) Mick Northrop 25 yrs, Jeremy Styskal 15 yrs, Jim Rumery 15 yrs, Kory McManigal 5 yrs, Jason Abell 5 yrs

Overhead Power Lines & Grain Bin Locations

The illustration below shows the minimal horizontal distances needed between grain bins and power lines. Placing bins at these distances reduces the chance of an electrical accident and avoids the need for special power line construction. Please contact us before construction begins so we can verify proper clearances.



Height of Grain Storage Structure	D = Minimum Distance From Line* To Bin Wall
38 feet	122 feet
50 feet	152 feet
60 feet	177 feet
70 feet	202 feet
80 feet	227 feet

The pole in this illustration is 35 feet tall.

County Regulations: All bins, buildings must be 30 feet or more from the county R.O.W. (33' from the section line in most cases. There are exceptions to this also.) A 100' triangle needs to be observed at all intersections. No bins or buildings can be constructed in this area. Be sure to check with your county zoning office as these rules change from time to time.

Safety

Never touch a downed power line!
Stay away and keep others away.



If you see a downed line, call your power company or local law enforcement agency right away.

Recipe

Chocolate Caramel Bars

- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour, divided
- 2 cups quick-cooking oats
- 1 1/2 cups packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups cold butter or margarine
- 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 (12 ounce) jar caramel ice cream topping

1. In a bowl, combine 2 cups flour, oats, brown sugar, baking soda and salt. Cut in butter until crumbly. Set half aside for topping. Press the remaining crumb mixture into a greased 13-in. x 9-in. x 2-in. baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees F for 15 minutes. Sprinkle with the chocolate chips and pecans.
2. Whisk caramel topping and remaining flour until smooth; drizzle over top. Sprinkle with the reserved crumb mixture. Bake for 18-20 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on a wire rack for 2 hours before cutting.

Yield: 54 servings

Perennial Public Power District Board of Directors

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Regular Board Meetings held third Tuesday at 9:00 A.M. November thru March and 7:00 P.M. April thru October. A continuously revised agenda is available for public inspection at the York office headquarters.

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