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Capital Electric holds 72nd annual meeting

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Capital Electric Cooperative (CEC) held its 72nd annual meeting of the membership on June 12 at the Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center in Bismarck. More than 600 member-owners and their families attended the event. While they waited for the meeting to start, attendees enjoyed a free meal and music from Joe Friday’s Dixieland Jazz Band. They also got an up-close look at CEC’s new digger truck and a 2017 Tesla Model S.

Capital Credits. This year, the board of directors approved the retirement of capital credits from 1999, 2000 and 2001, totaling more than $1,950,000. Employees handed out checks to those in attendance and mailed unclaimed checks. Over the last ten years, the co-op has paid more than $10.4 million in capital credits.

Board members. The membership re-elected Dwight Wrangham (District 1), Deon Vilhauer (District 2) and Rex Hollenbeck (District 3) to serve on the co-op’s board of directors. Each director will serve a three-year term. CEC congratulates those elected and thanks the following District 3 candidates for vying for a board position and being active cooperative members: Brent Erickson, Dean Grunseth, Su-Lin Tschider and Kathy Tweeten.

Bylaw changes. The membership voted in favor of several amendments to the co-op’s bylaws. The most significant changes are related to voting options, capital credit administration and mediation and arbitration options for legal matters.

Democratic member control is one, and possibly the most valued, of the seven cooperative principles. Essentially, it means each member has a right to vote for the cooperative’s board of directors and decide on matters that come before the membership. In the past, members needed to be present at the annual meeting to vote. While CEC will continue the tradition of voting at the annual meeting, an amendment to the bylaws will allow the board of directors to implement alternative methods for members to cast a ballot, such as mail-in or online voting.

An amendment to the bylaws regarding capital credits provides the board with additional early, discounted capital credit retirement options. For example, if a member leaves the co-op and has a capital credit balance under a threshold predetermined by the board, the board has the option to discount those capital credits and pay the resulting amount immediately, saving administrative costs now and into the future. This will result in an overall cost savings and an increase in equity without being significant enough to alter the co-op’s normal capital credit retirement cycle.

Another amendment will help minimize risk of class action law suits and reduce potential legal costs associated with disputes that may otherwise end up in court. The amendment provides both CEC and members who have legal or policy disputes with the co-op the right to request mediation or arbitration as a method of settling a dispute.

These bylaw changes will be effective on Jan. 1, 2019.

Business meeting summary. Board President Wrangham and General Manager Paul Fitterer provided the president’s and manager’s report. They reported on past and current events and activities at the co-op, updated the membership on power-supply
issues and provided an update on infrastructure improvements.

Barb Handy-Marchello, board president of the Charitable Trust, gave a report on the cooperative’s Operation Round-Up program and urged members to opt into the program if they do not already participate.

Jared Mack, a certified public accountant with the auditing firm of Eide Bailly LLP, presented the 2017 financial report. The co-op received a clean audit opinion.

Transmission side updates. Central Power Electric Cooperative, CEC’s power provider, continues its strong commitment to the reliability of CEC’s system. As part of this commitment, Central Power recently completed a new substation in north Bismarck and purchased a redundant high voltage transformer northwest of Bismarck. Also, in 2017, Central Power acquired land for future 115 KV substations in both east and northeast Bismarck. These improvements will enhance the reliability of CEC’s system and provide additional capacity for the growth the co-op is experiencing.

About 90 percent of CEC’s wholesale power is generated or purchased by Basin Electric Power Cooperative with the remaining 10 percent coming from the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA).

Basin Electric doesn’t anticipate the need for any major rate increases in the near future. In addition, it’s projected that there was plenty of snowpack in 2018 to generate enough hydropower to meet WAPA’s contractual obligations without additional drought related fees.

Regulatory updates. There appears to be less immediate pressure from the Environmental Protection Agency’s Clean Power Plan and other federal administrative regulations that affect power generation. The Clean Power Plan is currently in a repeal and replace status. In its present form, the plan would have an immediate and significant effect on the cost of power in the U.S. with the largest percentage increase affecting Midwest states. Proposed regulations would give credit to the renewable efforts already being undertaken by Basin Electric.

Distribution side updates. CEC continues to grow. In 2017, the co-op added 487 new accounts, an increase of 2.3 percent from 2016, and saw a 3 percent increase in kilowatt-hour sales. In the same year, the co-op added 20 miles of underground distribution line and retired of 5.8 miles of overhead distribution line, for a net plant addition of more than 14.2 miles of line.

The interest in electric vehicles (EVs) is on the rise, and CEC is preparing for the changes these cars will bring. “With a battery life reaching 200 miles per charge, the need for high speed charging infrastructure is growing,” said Fitterer. “CEC is investigating a new off-peak charging rate to encourage members to charge EVs and other batteries during off-peak times, such as during overnight hours.”

The co-op is in the process of leasing an all-electric Chevy Bolt for cooperative use and will monitor and track the costs, advantages and pitfalls of how it functions in North Dakota’s extreme weather conditions.

At the end of the meeting, the co-op drew five names for the $1,000 grand prize. Those drawn needed to be present to win. Since none were present, the co-op drew names for two $100 consolation prizes and presented checks to Steven Duewel and Eide Family, LLP.

CEC thanks all who participated in this year’s annual meeting. Cooperative membership is cooperative ownership, and member participation is a key element to the co-op’s success. By participating in the annual meeting, CEC’s member-owners hold the co-op accountable for decisions and help the co-op serve its members to the best of its ability. We hope to see you again next year! CEC

Members who attended CEC’s annual meeting got an up-close look at a 2017 Tesla Model S. The car accelerates from zero to sixty in about two seconds and can travel 300 miles per charge.

Capital Electric Cooperative served 1,162 meals to guests, member-owners and their families.
Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives celebrates 20 years of human connections

Twenty years ago, member-owned electric cooperatives acted together to start talking about their work and values in a new way.

When co-ops created the Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives brand in 1998, few imagined the impact it would have today. What began as an unknown brand with a single TV spot and a membership comprised of less than 300 cooperatives has evolved into one of the most recognizable brands and logos in the electric power industry – a brand now made up of more than 750 unified local electric cooperatives across 46 states.

Integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to community – these four values provide the foundation of every Touchstone Energy cooperative. Named after a tool used to test the quality and authenticity of gold or silver, the Touchstone Energy brand serves as the national “gold standard” for cooperatives. Its purpose is to demonstrate and enhance the value of the cooperative difference.

Twenty years after the brand’s launch, Touchstone Energy cooperatives have access to a comprehensive portfolio of resources and are part of a nationally recognized network. In addition, the brand leverages partnerships to help member cooperatives and their employees better engage and serve their members. By working together, Touchstone Energy cooperatives stand as a source of power and information to their 32 million member-owners every day.

“The combined value of the brand itself and the many resources it offers are unparalleled,” says General Manager and Executive Vice President Josh Kramer, North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives. “The electric industry is rapidly changing. By working together, cooperatives are better equipped to identify the best energy solutions for the future, while passing savings on to their member-owners.”

Membership in a Touchstone Energy cooperative is a powerful thing. For cooperative members, it means you have an energy source you can trust to look out for your community’s best interests, not a corporate bottom line. That’s because Touchstone Energy cooperatives are owned by the very members they serve – cooperatives built to deliver reliable electricity at the lowest possible price to members.

By connecting the people of America’s electric cooperatives, Touchstone Energy continues to prove the power of human connections as it empowers cooperatives to deliver high standards of excellence to their member-owners and the communities they serve – from the first mile to the last. As we move into the future, Touchstone Energy will embrace the ways cooperatives are changing and work to engage the new generations that will help shape the next 20 years.
Capital Electric awards $1,000 scholarship

As part of its commitment to community and area youth, Capital Electric Cooperative (CEC) awards a $1,000 scholarship every year to a student who demonstrates academic and extracurricular achievement. Funded by Basin Electric Power Cooperative (BEPC), the scholarship is available to children of cooperative members. CEC is proud to announce the recipient of this year’s scholarship, Lauren Fleming.

A graduate of Century High School, Fleming has big ambitions. “I’m getting my biology degree, because I’d like to go to medical school,” says Fleming. “Right now, I’m really interested in the field of oncology.”

When she’s not studying, Fleming commands the position of midfielder for the Wayne State Wildcats. It’s the busiest position on the soccer field, and it’s no surprise that’s where you’ll find her.

“Lauren is an outstanding member of the Wayne State College soccer program. She works hard, cares about her teammates and has a competitive attitude,” says Head Soccer Coach Joseph Cleary, Wayne State College. “She has faced adversity in her college career and still maintained a great standing both academically and athletically.”

Fleming says the sport contributes to her successes both on and off of the field. “Soccer gives me motivation to keep working hard and to keep pushing toward what I’d like to become,” says Fleming. “I’ve been really blessed to be able to play soccer. It’s a family, and we keep each other accountable.”

Fleming competed against 13 worthy candidates for the scholarship. The judges awarded the scholarship to Fleming due to her outstanding academic achievements. She graduated Century High School with a 4.0 grade point average and earned the honor of serving as a class valedictorian. Currently in her junior year of college, she’s been on the dean’s list every semester. She also serves on the Student Athletic Advisory Committee.

“On behalf of Capital Electric, I would like to congratulate Lauren on her achievements,” says General Manager Paul Fitterer. “She is more than deserving of this award, and we are happy to help her work towards her bright future.”

The Basin Electric Power Cooperative and Member Cooperative Program is designed to encourage and recognize the achievements of the children of member-cooperative employees and consumers. Each year, the program awards 137 scholarships to children of member-cooperative consumers. CEC is proud to participate as a member-cooperative. For more information, visit capitalelec.com/content/scholarship.
Capital Credit Claims
Notice of Redemption by Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Listed below are names of former Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CEC) members who had capital credit checks mailed to them in June of the year 2012. These checks have been returned to CEC by the postal service because they could not locate the members at the address on file. A further search by CEC personnel has not turned up their whereabouts.

If you received electrical service from CEC any time during the year 1996 and your name is on this list, please contact our office. If you know of the whereabouts of members on this list who received electrical service from CEC any time during the year 1996, please have them contact our office at (701) 223-1513.

Please keep in mind that not all of the capital credit amounts are large. However, we desire to get the money due to those who earned it and clear up our records. We will redeem capital credits for those members on the following list who notify us prior to Dec. 1, 2018. Notice is hereby given that any of the aforementioned unclaimed capital credits outstanding after Dec. 1, 2018 will be forfeited pursuant to Section 10-15-34.1 and 10-15-23 of the North Dakota Century Code.

1st Notice – July 2018

Addabbo, Joe
Adudell, Mary E.
Albrecht, Michelle
Anderson, Cindy L.
Anderson, Pamela J.
Anderson, Richard D.
Anderson, Ryan
Appelgate, Christine
Appelgate, Scott
Archambault, Janet M.
Arline, Sara Jean.
Asplund, H C.
Auch, Sheri
Avco Financial Services
Babeck, Judy
Bachmeier, Darren
Bachmeier, Tamara
Bad Mocasin, Sidney
Badland Express
Baker, Donovan J.
Baker, Michelle
Balderama, Marcella
Barber, Troy
Barnes, Cindi L.
Bathie, Lincoln
Baumeister, Ridge
Bear, Kathy
Bechtold, Edward V.
Beehler, Jessica
Belgarde, Deanna
Bellon, Quinton
Bennett, Michael
Bercier, Ernestine
Berger, Billie Jo.
Bergman, David L.
Beston, Tara K.
Betlaf, Wade
Beyer, Ronald L.
Biberdorf, Brian
Biberdorf, Mike
Billman, Melissa
Bitz, Debbie
Bjornson, Scott K.
Bloom, Anne
Blue Bird, Athel
Boehm, Eileen
Bohannan, Jason
Bolte, Mark
Borgen, Karen M.
Borgen, Richard P.
Botner, Corey
Botner, Michelle
Bournival, Michael L.
Bower, Joanne
Braaten, Carly
Brattvet, Randy
Brockel, J E.
Brusven, Jessica
Buchholtz, Chris
Budeau, Eunice
Budeau, Garry
Burghart, Amanda
Burley, Aimee
Burley, Jason
Burns, Rebecca
Cain, Gerald S.
Carsen, Carol
Carson Construction
Casteel, Jennifer
Christiansen, Charlene
Circle N Trucking
Clark, Pamela
Cladenlenen, Bill
Cladenlenen, Tiffany
Conner, Bertha
Cook, Susan G.
Cooper, Joann M.
Cotton, Devonne
Crafters Country
Corner Inc
Crisller, Jennifer Lynn.
Crosby, Julie
Dakota Southern
Baptist
Davis, Shari L.
Davis, Vernon F.
Davison, Jody
Degner, Mary L.
Delkamp, Tina
Dillard, Derrah
Dillon, Teresa
Dockter, Jessica
Dockter, Marlin
Doolittle, Clarence F.
Doppler, Dennis
Dougherty, Colleen
Drengson, Rhonda
Dungan, Michelle
Dupre, Rolande F.
Ekerberg, Amy R.
Ekerberg, Mark J.
Ellingson, Darren
Enders, Lee
Entzi, Linda
Erickson, Calvin L.
Erickson, Mary P.
Erickson, Ross D.
Erickson, Stephanie A.
Farrell, Tom
Fischer, Diane
Fischer, Monte
Fleck, Anthony A.
Fleck, Jenny J.
Fontaine, Bradley J.
Fralicks, Alan
Fralicks, Amy J.
Frank, Kimberley
Freadrich, Leona
Frederick, Brenda
Freed, Kent
Fricke, Randy
Fricke, Lee S.
Frieze, Mark L.
Fuhrman, Paul
Gabel, Monica
Gader, Chad
Gahner, Darci J.
Gahner, Jay S.
Gange, James F.
Garner Graphics
Geiss, Cynthia L.
Geiss, David
Geiss, David G.
Gensburg, Debra S.
Gerzesek, Mike
Gervais, Allan
Gervais, Mary
Gesinger, Ruthie
Glaser, Todd R.
Gobeli, Kristie
Goodall, Tirzaxn
Goyne, Janice R.
Green Point Credit
Green, Angela
Green, Chris
Gregory, Linda
Grider, Camilla
Grider, Phil
Grinsteiner, Kari
Guillickson, Tracy
Haag, Susan
Hagen, Twilla A.
Hanson, Derek
Hanson, Kay
Harms, Vincent
Hartman, Lee A.
Hastings, Trevor
Hastings, Vicki L.
Hastings, William L.
Hegwood, Nanette
Heisler, Carrie
Held, Paula M.
Hellman, Kurt
Hellwag, Martin
Henderson, Marty
Hendrickson, David
Hertel, Elisabeth
Heupel, Jennifer
Heupel, Tonya L.
Heupel, William L.
Lauinger, Curtis R.
Larson, Lynn M.
Laducer, Jamie
Kvanvig, Margie
Kuntz, Paula
Kvanvig, Margie
Kuntz, Jason
Kuntz, Paula
Kvanvig, Margie
Kwartler, Jamie
Larson, Shelly M.
Laudong, Curtis R.
Leingang, Daryl
Leland, Emilee
Leland, Michael
Lesmeister, Laverne L.
Lincoln Baptist Church
Link, Christopher B.
Link, Dawn
Lippert, Sharon
Lopez-Palominio, Miguel
Lorenz, Gil
Lytle, Julie
Lytle, Ross
Magstadt, Gene W.
Mahlum, Jared
Mandan Home Improvement
Markey, Anita B.
Markey, James A.
Martel, Ray
Martin, Athena
Materi, Glen
Mccaughtry, F. Rex.
McQuitty, Amy F.
McQuitty, Dwayne A.
Meidinger, Kyle
MG Homes
Mihulka, Melissa S.
Miller, Tammy
Mock, Tammy
Mock, Valeriy
Moe, Marilynn
Moore, Linda
Moore, William
Moos, Paula A.
Moos, Warren G.
Morgan, Sheila
Mosbrucker, Chad
Mosbrucker, Paula
Moser, Gary D.
Mund, Robert R.
Nathan, Linda
National Surface Cleaning Inc.
Nell, Barbara J.
Nelson, Anita
Nelson, Terry W.
Nelson, Vicki L.
Norris, Joseph
Oberlander, Thomas E.
Ogden, Jennifer M.
Ogden, Philip D.
Olander, Samantha
Olen, Curtis
Olen, Lynne
Orvik, Douglas G.
Ostby-Malling, Ronne
Osterlund, Joyce
Ostrom, Janae
Ozbun, Debra
Packineau, Rhonda
Pat's Auto
Patel, Shil
Pegors, Russell
Pelster, Kirt
Perrin, Sherman
Perrin, Tiffany
Perry, Patty
Plum, Chris
Poitra, Janie
Privratsky, Paul
Pruitt, Timothy G.
Purmal, David S.
Purmal, Kelly A.
Putzier, Jerry
Rader, Mary
Rader, Tim
Rallapalli, Murthy
Rask, Jason
Rath, Lori
Rath, Terrie
Reddog, Lucille
Reeves, Annie G.
Reichenberger, Scott
Ridley, Christy
Ridley, Mike
Roadmakers Inc
Roberson, Katherine A.
Roberson, R. R.
Robinson, Mari
Roehrich, Joseph
Rogers, Mary
Rogerson, Jeff A.
Rohrich, Clemens C.
Rolfson, Larry A.
Romans, James B.
Roth, Marvalyn
Rueb, Alice
Rusch, Rynell
Sailer, Paul
Sailer, Travis J.
Schall, Shelly R.
Schell, Debra
Scherr, Darin M.
Scherr, Lisa
Schiermeister, Sharon
Schmidt, Douglas J.
Schmidt, Glenda K.
Schneider, Krissy
Schneider, Leo
Scholz, Marion
Schon, James
Schon, Melissa
Schonert, Thomas
Schroeder, Aleja-Laura
Schroeder, David
Schwartz, Carole A.
Schwartz, Michael L.
Schweigert, Doug
Sease, Misti
Seitz, Chantel R.
Senger, Dawn B.
Senger, Paul A.
Shaffer, J. K.
Shannon, Marvin
Shannon, Mark
Shannon, Terri
Shaw, Connie
Shaw, Kenneth
Silbernagel, Cory A.
Simmons, Betty
Sims, John
Sims, Lisa
Singer, Glen
Singer, Lauren
Small, Erna
Smith, F. Jeremiah.
Smith, Julia A.
Smith, Sherry
Snider, Ken
Snider, Rebecca
Solomonson, Maita
Spotts, Charlene
Stagl, Perry
Staller, Douglas W.
Staller, Marjorie D.
Staudinger, Matt
Steckler, Corey E.
Steckler, Lisa L.
Steckler, Shawn
Steffes, Tim
Stork, Barbara J.
Straquand, Anthony
Straquand, Judi
Strecker, Marsha
Sund, Chuck
Swallow, Kathy
T & M Partnership
Tekippe, Bernice
Tekippe, Douglas
Tekippe, George
Thiel, Laurie Ann.
Thompson, Connie
Timmins, Michelle C.
Todd, Jennifer L.
Todd, Steven J.
Tollerud, Tara
Turner, Jenille
Unterseher, June
Unverzagt, Jannabell
The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Capital Electric Cooperative, Inc., was held on Friday, May 25, 2018 at co-op headquarters in Bismarck, North Dakota. All of the directors were present. Also present were General Manager Paul Fitterer, Business Manager Luke Steen, Director of Communications Wes Engbrecht and Attorney Carol K. Larson of Pringle & Herigstad, P.C., who acted as recording secretary.

Manager of Engineering Ron Lipp and Energy Services Supervisor Josh Schaffner were also present for portions of the meeting.

Audit Report: Derek Flanagan of Eide Bailly gave the 2018 audit report with a "clean" unmodified opinion. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the audit results as presented.

Financial Review: Prior to the board meeting, Directors Richard Koski and Deon Vilhauer reviewed the April 2018 check register and expenditures. Koski reported that all checks were in order. It was moved, seconded and carried to approve May expenditures in the amount of $2,979,156.78.

Management Reports (Business Department, Operations and Engineering, Member Services and Public Relations/Communications):

Business Department Report: The business manager presented the financial and statistical report to the Board. The total kWh sales for April exceeded budget by 23.8 percent. The actual monthly electric revenue is above budget by 15.5 percent.

CEC’s load factor was under budget, resulting in an increased power cost of $157,263. The total margin for April was $171,635, under budget by $67,205.

CEC began billing 15 new services in April, bringing active services to 20,646 versus 20,236 at this time last year, or a net increase of 410 new services over the last 12 months.

The business manager reviewed the comparison of actual to budgeted expenses, statement of cash flows and monthly power cost for the month of April 2018. Accounts receivable balances as of May 24, 2018 were reviewed.

IRS Form 990 Submission: The 2017 IRS Form 990 has been submitted.

Denhoff Substation Land Transfer: The lien releases were received and forwarded to Mr. Walter Lipp for recording. This transfer is now complete.

RUS AL8 Loan: The loan application is through committee.

Thrift of Power Case: The defendant plead guilty on May 17 and agreed to pay restitution to CEC.

RUS AK8 Loan Advance: CEC has scheduled a $3 million advance for June 11.

EIA Form 861 Submission: The Energy Information Administration’s annual reporting requirement has been submitted.

Benefit Plan Audits: CEC’s retirement and group benefits plans were all thoroughly examined. There were no material findings.

General Retirement of Capital Credits: CEC will send out 7,983 checks. Of those, 4,888 will go to active members while 3,095 will go to inactive members.

Estate Retirements: Following review of the financial condition of the cooperative and recommendation by management, it was moved, seconded and carried to authorize payment of capital credits to the following deceased members’ estates:

- Keith Salter $3,690.86
- Norma Williams $2,020.87
- Archie Riedinger $920.71
- Frieda Wahl $3,064.04
- Roger W. Becker $559.76
- Terry A. Peterson $5.65
- Inez Becker $559.77

CFC Integrity Fund: Following discussion, it was moved, seconded and carried to contribute $500 to the fund.

Engineering and Operations Report: Ron Lipp reviewed the written report from the engineering and operations department. CEC completed 14 work orders this month, adding four new consumer to the system. The May outage report was also reviewed.

CEC crews are working on tree trimming, line maintenance and outages.

Ram Utilities started testing poles in the Moffit and Driscoll area.

CEC was not approved for the 2nd LED light efficiency grant. The co-op withdrew its application and will re-apply for a new grant.

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve all contractor bids for the 2018 construction season.

Energy Services Department: Schaffner reviewed the Energy Services Report.

Seventeen service orders were completed in April.

Schaffner and Jared Nygaard attended SunPumps Training. The training covered sizing and installation for the solar pumps systems, as well as grid tied solar systems.

The permit for the new parking lot sign has been submitted and the existing sign and concrete will be removed in coordination with the delivery schedule.

CEC is reviewing and modifying vehicle wrap designs from Indigo Sign Works and Under Wraps for the Chevy Bolt.

The energy services department will be hosting display booths at the annual meeting. CEC will have electric vehicles and a display model of a solar well system.

Communications, Public Relations and IT Department: Engbrecht reviewed topics of interest.

Nominating Committee Results: The nominating committee met on April 24 and put forth seven candidates for three open board positions:

- District 1: Dwight Wrangham of Bismarck
- District 2: Deon Vilhauer of Bismarck
- District 3: Brent Erickson, Dean Grunseth, Su-Lin Tschider, and Kathy Tweenet of Bismarck and Rex Hollenbeck of McClusky

Paperless Billing Promotion: CEC’s free tree giveaway in conjunction with Earth Day yielded an additional 105 paperless billing members, saving 1,260 mailings per year. The winners were Tahnee and Nick Magnus and Glenda and Joseph Jennings of Bismarck.

Annual Meeting: The annual meeting is scheduled for June 12.

Safety Report: There were no lost time accidents in April.

Steve Homes, Safety Instructor from Statewide, was at CEC’s shop on May 15, 2018 to conduct a safety meeting on Mayday procedures and pole top rescue procedures.

Policies: The following policies were reviewed:

Policy No. E-15 – Jury Duty. It was moved, seconded and carried to approve Policy No. E-15 as revised.

Policy No. E-16 – Workplace Violence. It was moved, seconded and carried to approve Policy No. E-16 as revised.

Bank: Dave Raatz from Basin Electric met with the board. He provided an update on Basin matters concerning rate components and wholesale market opportunities.

Fitterer reviewed other Basin matters.

Central Power: Haugen-Hoffart reviewed Central Power matters.

Statewide Report: No meeting was held this month.

The CEC annual meeting will be held on June 12, 2018.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the meeting, without objection, the regular meeting was adjourned.