

**Notice to Members of  
HomeWorks Tri-County Electric Cooperative**

**Tariff and Fee Changes Effective October 10, 2010**

The HomeWorks Tri-County Electric Cooperative Board of Directors adopted the following changes to the Cooperative's tariffs and fees at a Special Open Meeting held July 26, 2010, in accordance with P.A. 167.

- 1) Eligibility requirements for Retail Access Choice (Schedule PSDS-C) were changed so that members with a peak load of less than 1 MW are no longer be eligible for choice service.
- 2) A new LED Street Lighting tariff (Schedule SL) with two options was adopted, and the present tariffs were updated to include all current lighting options.
- 3) A distribution wheeling rate (Schedule DW) was established, setting requirements and charges for member-consumers using the cooperative's distribution system to wheel power for wholesale delivery purposes. This tariff applies to members installing distributed generation projects larger than 100 kW.
- 4) The Energy Optimization Surcharge for all classes of irrigation was changed from a fixed monthly rate to a per-kWh charge.
- 5) Miscellaneous fees and charges were updated to reflect actual current costs.

*For specific details of any HomeWorks tariffs or fees, please call us at 1-800-562-8232 or visit our website at [www.homeworks.org](http://www.homeworks.org).*

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The Board of Directors will consider several changes to the cooperative's rates, tariffs, and billing rules, including certain fees and charges, eligibility requirements for Retail Access Choice at its meeting on July 26, 2010, to be held at the cooperative office at 3681 Costabella Avenue, Blanchard, MI. The meeting will start at 2 p.m.

The meeting is open to all members of HomeWorks Tri-County Electric Cooperative, and members will have an opportunity to address the board on the proposal prior to board action.

The following items will be considered:

**Bullet points**

- 1) In 2000, the Michigan Legislature adopted the "Customer Choice and Electricity Reliability Act" (141 P.A. 2000), which required all regulated electric utilities to adopt rates and service rules to allow retail customers to buy their electricity from another supplier, called an Alternative Electric Supplier (AES), and have the electricity delivered to them over the local utility's distribution system. As required by the new law, your cooperative adopted the necessary changes to its service rates and rules to accommodate AES service. Since the changes were adopted in 2002, there has been no AES offering service to electric cooperative members anywhere in the state. In 2008, the Michigan Legislature amended the law to require cooperatives to only provide retail customer choice to customers with a peak electric load of 1 megawatt (MW) or

greater. (see MCL 460.10x) For reference, a customer with a peak electric load of 1 MW is comparable to the service required for a Meijer's superstore or larger. At the meeting, your cooperative's board of directors will consider changing the cooperative's eligibility requirements for customer choice service to parallel the new state law. If the proposed change to the eligibility requirement is adopted, members with a peak load of less than 1 MW would no longer be eligible for choice service.

2)

Notice of the board meeting shall be sent to all members, as required by P.A. 167, by publication in *Michigan Country Lines*.

**Participation:** Any interested member may attend and participate. The location of the board meeting site is accessible, including handicapped parking. Persons needing any accommodation to participate should contact HomeWorks Tri-County Electric at 800-562-8232 a week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

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