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2002 NRECA Wind Energy Conference Agenda

The Holidome in Lawrence, KS, is the location of four days of meetings focused on wind energy. From October 1-4, participants may attend the NRECA Wind Energy Workshop, the Wind Energy Conference, and the Kansas Renewable Energy Working Group's quarterly meeting.

Kansas Wind Energy Conference October 1-2

On October 1st, the focus will be on small wind and solar systems, and will include a discussion of policy needs and interconnection issues. On October 2nd, the focus will shift to large wind systems, and include breakout sessions dealing with transmission/integration and forecasting issues, landowner/leasing issues, and economic development; a discussion of environmental issues; and a status update on wind development activities in Kansas. The registration fee for both days is \$65. To register for this event, please visit www.pinnacle.com, or call (785) 832-8866.

NRECA Wind Energy Workshop October 3-4

This workshop on Oct. 3-4 will provide the practical information you need to identify and understand regional market opportunities in the near term, and to realistically assess wind energy's potential contribution in the future. Invited speakers include FERC Chairman Pat Wood III, U.S. Sen. Pat Roberts, U.S. Rep. Dennis Moore and U.S. Rep. Jerry Moran. For more information, visit www.crnweb.org under CRN events, or call AWS Scientific at (518) 437-8660. The registration fee is \$50

October 2

6:00 Reception – Rep. Dennis Moore

October 3

- 8:00 Welcome - Rep. Sloan; Sen. Brownback; Steve Lindenberg, NRECA; Colin Hansen, KMU
- 8:30 Harvesting a New Crop - L. Flowers, NREL
- 9:10 Local Economic Development Benefits
- 9:40 Transmission Planning - B. Rew, Southwest
- 10:30 Making Wind Work - S. Bishop, Waverly
- 10:45 Barriers to Wind Development in the Co-op and Public Power Sectors - Ed Torrero, NRECA & Colin Hansen, KMU
- 11:05 What NRECA and APPA are doing to Address Barriers to Co-ops and Public Wind Power - Torrero & Hansen
- 11:30 State and Federal Incentives
- 12:00 Lunch – U.S. Sen. Roberts
- 1:30 Panel: Wind Power Interconnection Issues
- 3:20 Marketing the Environmental Attributes of Wind Generation Separately from the Energy Commodity - Gabe Petlin, CRS
- 3:50 EPA's Green Power Partnership - John Pemberton, EPA
- 4:10 Community-Level Efforts to Make Wind Happen - Jeff Peters, MRES
- 4:40 A good wind site - Bob Putnam, AWS
- 5:00 Closing Remarks - KS Rep. Tom Sloan
- 6:00 Buffalo Buffet - Speaker – Rep. Jerry Moran
- ### October 4
- 8:00 Welcome by Rep. Sloan
- 8:15 Update on FERC's Interconnection Standard/SMD - Alison Silverstein, FERC
- 8:45 Compressed Air Energy Storage and Wind Hybrid Options - Tom Wind, IAMU
- 9:15 Green Power Markets: Status & Opportunities - Lori Bird, NREL
- 10:00 Panel: Ok, How do I really market this stuff?
- 11:30 Closing Remarks - Ed Torrero, NRECA



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Pioneer's Mary Fagala Retires After 39 Years

By Shannon Borders, Pioneer

A tear glistened in the corner of her eye and a smile spread across her face as Mary Fagala began to tell about her 39 years of service at Pioneer Electric. Love and loyalty best describe Fagala's devotion to her career.

When Fagala's husband Verlyn's job with Mobil was transferred to Ulysses in 1960, Fagala made the decision to be a stay-at-home mom until her youngest of two sons was ready to start school.

In 1963, a friend told Fagala about the opening for the billing supervisor position at Pioneer. Fagala applied on Friday and started work on Monday. This was the beginning of her long and prosperous career.

Fagala has seen the company grow from about 3,900 meters to

almost 15,000 meters, and has been housed in three office buildings. When Fagala started, the billing department consisted of three employees and all of the bills were calculated by hand.

"She's the one person who could run this place if the computers went down," said Richard James, Pioneer's systems administrator.

In addition to billing, Fagala also learned to take meter orders, trouble calls, payments and collections.

Today, Mary is the capital credits coordinator and is one of 50



Mary Fagala

employees on the Pioneer team. She calculates the capital credit payments for Pioneer's members, figures estate refunds, researches address information and is also on hand at Customer Appreciation Days to distribute capital credit checks.

Her supervisor, Roy Williams, Manager of Finance and

Administration, said, "Mary's many years of experience and knowledge of the customers have been of great assistance in seeking addresses of former consumers. She knows the family members and/or friends of these customers."

Sy Hileman, retired Manager of Special Projects, said Fagala's rapport with Pioneer customers has been one of the best assets the company has received from her service.

One of Fagala's favorite stories at Pioneer is the day she dropped a paper clip near a floor outlet. When she reached to pick it up, the paper clip slipped into the socket.

"I knocked all the electricity in the office off and burnt my hand, but I didn't miss any days of work," she said.

Phyllis Kinser, a retired Pioneer employee who has worked with Fagala since 1980, said one of the things she admires about Fagala is her dedication. She said Fagala is always at work early and rarely misses a day of work.

Upon retiring, Fagala plans to spend her time traveling and enjoying her family.

Fagala also enjoys being involved in her church. She has also been active on the bowling team and in the Business and Professional Women's Club.

Cooperative Calendar

October	1-2	Kansas Wind Energy 2002, Holiday Inn, Lawrence, KS.
	3-4	Regional Wind Energy Conference, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS.
	7-9	SCADA and Distribution System Automation, Madison, WI.
	9-11	KMSDA Meeting, Holiday Inn Select, Wichita, KS.
	11	Youth Tour Coordinators Meeting, Holiday Inn Select, Wichita, KS.
	17	KEPCo Board of Trustees Meeting, KEPCo Hdqtrs., Topeka, KS.
	18	Sunflower Board of Directors Meeting, Sunflower Hdqtrs., Hays, KS.
	21-23	2002 Energy Technology Showcase, Double Tree, Portland, OR.
	22-24	Region VII Meeting, DoubleTree Hotel, Denver, CO.
	29	Budget and Operations Committee, Holiday Inn Select, Wichita, 10 a.m.
	31	MDM Meeting, KEC Headquarters, Topeka, 10:00 a.m.
November	7	District 4 Meeting, Silver Spur Convention Center, Dodge City, KS.
	8	District 3 Meeting, KSU Agricultural Research Center, Hays, KS.
	12	District 2 Meeting, KEPCo Headquarters, Topeka, KS.
	13	District 1 Meeting, Flint Oak Lodge, Fall River, KS.
	19-22	Transformer Metering Workshop, Kaw Valley, Topeka, KS.
	20	KEPCo Annual Meeting - Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Meeting immediately following Dinner, Capitol Plaza Hotel, Topeka.
28-29	Thanksgiving Holiday - KEC Offices closed.	
December	4	KEC Standing Committees, Holiday Inn Select, Wichita, 8:30 a.m.
	5	KEC Board of Trustees Meeting, Holiday Inn Select, Wichita, 8:30 a.m.
	5	Women's Executive Committee, Holiday Inn Select, Wichita, 8:30 a.m.
	19	KEPCo Board of Trustees Meeting, KEPCo Hdqtrs., Topeka, 8:30 a.m.
	20	Sunflower Board of Directors Meeting, Sunflower Hdqtrs, Hays, 8:30 a.m.
January	12-15	NRECA's CEO Leadership Conference, Tucson, AZ.
	15-17	New & Emerging Technologies Conference and Expo, Tucson, AZ.
	25-28	KEC Annual Meeting, Capitol Plaza Hotel, Topeka, KS.
February	26-3/5	NRECA Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN.

National NREDA Award Given to Steve Miller

Sunflower Electric's Steve Miller was recently recognized for his leadership by the National Rural Economic Developers Association (NREDA) at their conference in Tuscon, AZ. The national "Rural Leadership Award" is notable since there were 18 leaders nominated from the U.S.



Steve Miller accepts the NREDA Award.

Miller was chosen for this honor for his involvement with the Western Kansas Rural Economic Development Alliance (wKREDA), and for his commitment to western Kansas.

Miller's passion for western Kansas and promoting growth in rural areas has resulted in the creation of

the western Kansas Rural Economic Development Alliance, which has created new jobs and improved the lives of many in western Kansas.

Miller's contributions to rural development include the Mentor program, that matches new members with

someone with similar interests; the education committee, that conducts quarterly educational sessions for members; and his creation of the new wKREDA website, a tremendous undertaking and critical to the ongoing success of the organization.

www.wKREDA.com is a very important part of the organization.

The website includes membership information, links to member websites, calendar of events, bylaws, membership application, demographic information, and meeting minutes.

Miller has also demonstrated his leadership skills through community activities. He was a member of the first group chosen for a Leadership Hays class. After graduating from the community leadership program he served as the chair for the Legislative Session, planning activities for future classes as they visited Topeka during the legislative session each year.

Miller was responsible for changing the focus of rural development activities at Sunflower. Today, Sunflower works with USDA Rural Development on behalf of their six distribution members. Since 1998, Sunflower's members have secured loans and grants totaling over \$3,300,000 for western Kansas projects. These projects have created over 65 jobs.

Co-op Members Fly In to Work on Energy Bill

Members of Kansas electric co-ops flew to Washington, D.C. in mid September at the request of NRECA to work on the Energy Bill being debated in Conference Committee. Representing Kansas were KEC Executive VP, Barry Hart; KEC Corporate Counsel, Stuart Lowry; KEPCo VP of Member Services & External Affairs, Bruce Graham; and Sunflower Manager of Marketing Services, Clare Gustin.

NRECA lobbyists updated statewide and G&T staff from across the country on the proposals being offered, and asked them to voice opposition to Rep. Baron's version to their representatives.

The Kansas delegation met with Representatives Ryun, Moran, Moore, and energy staff for Tiahrt. The delegation expressed opposition to the House Energy Bill and explained how it would be harmful to rural Kansas.

After learning that Rep. Lucas (OK) was sending a letter to the Chair of the House Energy Committee, Billy Tauzin (LA), expressing concern of the harmful effects,



Bruce Graham (KEPCo), Stuart Lowry (KEC), Rep. Ryun, Barry Hart (KEC), and Clare Gustin (Sunflower) pose for a photo during the Legislative Fly-In.

Moran and Ryun both agreed to sign the letter. In addition, Ryun visited with Tauzin expressing his concern with the House electricity provisions.

The Kansas delegation met with Senators Roberts and Brownback to thank them for their support for the Senate Energy Bill. The delegation asked the senators to oppose the anti-consumer provisions in the House Bill when it returns to the Senate.

1st Annual *Kansas Country Living* Ornament Contest

Although the summer sun is still bringing warm temperatures, we are already beginning to think of Christmas. This year, we are introducing the 1st Annual *Kansas Country Living* Ornament Contest.

The contest will run from October 1, 2002 through November 1, 2002. We are looking for ornaments crafted by our readers. The ornaments must be original works made of lightbulbs, and the ornaments must be able to be hung on a Christmas tree.



The "grand prize" winner will have their ornament featured in the December 2002 issue of *Kansas Country Living*. Honorable mentions will receive a Kansas Electric Co-op coffee mug. Ornaments will be judged on creativity and craftsmanship.

Send your ornaments to *Kansas Country Living*, PO Box 4267, Topeka, KS 66604. Please include your name, address, phone number and the name of your electric co-op.

Ornaments will not be returned. If you have questions, contact Larry Freeze, editor, at (785) 478-4554, or email lfreeze@kec.org.

News from Kansas Cooperatives

Leavenworth-Jefferson holds Annual Meeting

Despite the tragic date, the attendance at L-J's annual meeting was the best it has been in years. 151 members registered for the meeting, and 310 were in attendance. Board Members Larry Stevens and Ken Bailey were reelected, and Mark Gratney was elected to fill a vacancy on the board. Youth Tour Winners Caleb Poterbin (DC) and Ryan Bishop (CO) spoke at the meeting.

\$752 Million in Aid for Farmers

On Sept. 19th, The Bush administration said it would provide emergency aid for drought-stricken livestock producers.

The program was announced by Ag. Secretary Ann Veneman and Rep. John Thune (SD - R) who is in one of the closest Senate races with control of the chamber at stake.

Through this program, the drought has emerged as a political issue not only in SD, but in other farm states (all sites of Senate races) such as MN, IA, and MO.

Victory Hires New Member Services Director

Victory Electric has recently hired Jerry King as their new Director of Member Services.



Jerry King

King, a native of Spearville, has lived in Ford County for 35 years. He has worked for a kitchen and bath cabinetry business for 19 years.

King said, "After being in the private sector, I feel that I have the experience necessary to become a very good Director of Member Services."

Jerry and his wife, Barbara, have been married for 19 years. Jerry and Barbara have a daughter named Tarah who is a freshman at Dodge City Community College, and a son named Ryon who is in 5th grade at Spearville Grade School.

Workshops and Conferences

KMSDA / Youth Tour Meeting

The fall meeting of the Kansas Member Services Directors Association (KMSDA) will be held October 9 -11, 2002 in Wichita, KS. A youth tour coordinator roundtable will be held following the meeting at 1 p.m. on Oct. 11 at the Holiday Inn Select (316) 686-7131. The room rate is \$69 each night.

Region VII Meeting

The Region VII meeting will be held at DoubleTree Hotel, in Denver, CO, Oct. 22-24. Pre-meeting classes will be held Oct. 21: Communicating the Cooperative: The Board's Role, Understanding the Electric Business, and a workshop on System Security for Key Management Staff.

Successful Utility System Automation

The "Successful Utility System Automation" conference will be held October 7-9 in Madison, WI. Contact John Raksany at 1-800-462-0876, or visit their website <http://epdweb.engr.wisc.edu/brochures/A880.html>.

Energy Technology Showcase

This conference-exhibit, held Oct. 21 - 23 in Portland, OR, will get you on track with the future of major distributed energy developments and deployments. To register and for more information, contact Energy NewsData at www.newsdata.com or call (206) 285-4848 ext. 210. Energy NewsData is an independent provider of energy industry information.