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September 4, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Shirley Lindstrom, Idaho Council Staff

SUBJECT: Presentation by five North Idaho Cooperatives

The Idaho Council Members invited five of the North Idaho Electric Cooperatives to come before the Council and tell you about their co-ops; share with you some of their challenges; and wrap up by telling you any issues they would like you to consider during the development of the Seventh Northwest Power Plan.

The five presenting are as follows:

Dave Hagen, Clearwater Power Company
Stephen Boorman, City of Bonners Ferry
Jake Eimers, Idaho County Light and Power
Annie Terracciano, Northern Lights Electric Cooperative
Doug Elliott, Kootenai Electric Cooperative

Idaho State Representative Eric Anderson will introduce the co-op managers. Eric is from Priest Lake, Idaho and is a director on the Northern Lights Electric Cooperative.



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Clearwater Power Company serves 11 counties in 3 states (Latah, Lewis, Nez Perce, Shoshone in Idaho; Asotin, Grant, Wallowa in Oregon.)

Here are a few statistics about our service territory:

Poles:	42,240
Miles of Line	2,862
Average Number of Accounts per Mile of Line:	3.64
Members:	over 8,000
Meters:	10,418
Acres of Right-of-Way:	10,000+
Capital Credits Refunded since 1988:	\$7,200,000+

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If you have an after hours utility emergency, please call the Boundary County Sheriff dispatch at **267-3151**



The City of Bonners Ferry offers water, sewer, garbage and electricity to the residents in its service area. The utility services are operated as non profit enterprises, with the goal of providing the best possible service at the lowest cost to the consumer.

Electric Department

The City of Bonners Ferry Electric Department is a municipal electric utility governed by the Bonners Ferry City Council and owned by the City since the 1920s. The City serves just over 2,400 customers, sells around 64,000 megawatt hours per year, with an annual budget of just under \$5 Million per year.

The electric department has four linemen, three power plant operators, and an electrician.

The City owns and operates the Moyie Hydroelectric

Utility Payments and Service Changes

Payments for utility services and changes in service may be made at City Hall. The forms listed below will assist you in applying for a new utility service or making a change to your existing service.

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process which generates approximate 1/3 of its customer's electricity requirements. The remainder of the power is purchased from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). The City currently has contracts with BPA extending through 2018.

Water and Sewer Department

Water for the City is provided primarily from Myrtle Creek, which provides excellent tasting water for our customers. The Kootenai River is used as a backup source, and we are also interconnected with the Cabinet Mountain Water District as an emergency back-up source. The water treatment plant uses rapid sand filtration, and we have three storage tanks with a combined capacity of 950,000 gallons. Waste water is treated in a four cell lagoon system.

More information about our water system can be found in our water quality reports:

- [!\[\]\(7a8011739ec4e250e2f89a547d75fb0a_img.jpg\) 2011 Water Quality Report](#)
- [!\[\]\(07dce76283bf618e2364d95ae0021e26_img.jpg\) 2010 Water Quality Report](#)
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Garbage

The City contracts with Bonners Ferry Garbage Company for residential garbage pickup. This service is required for all homes in the City, and is billed by the City. Businesses contract directly with Bonners Ferry Garbage for service.

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Mission Statement

"The mission of the Cooperative is to be 'Your Energy Cooperative' for North Central Idaho, providing you with reliable electrical services for your modern rural lifestyles."

Description of Services

IDAHO COUNTY LIGHT & POWER provides electrical distribution service to North Central Idaho. The cooperative is headquartered just east of Grangeville, Idaho on Highway 13. The co-op's business hours are from 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday. Call "Your Energy Cooperative" toll free at 877-212-0424 or in Grangeville or Cottonwood call 983-1610.

History

Incorporated in 1938, the cooperative's twelve original incorporators took advantage of one of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "New Deal" programs to electrify the rural areas of Idaho County.

The cooperative's first 60 homes were energized in September of 1939. Today, the cooperative serves over 3,000 homes, farms and businesses located in the mostly unincorporated areas of Idaho County and southern Lewis County. The Cooperative also serves the City of White Bird and sections of the City of Kamiah.

In 1996, in order to be more responsive to consumers' needs and to be more flexible

in a rapidly changing industry, the cooperative's Board of Directors approved the refinancing of the co-op's debt with funds from the private sector. This ended a fifty-seven year association with the Rural Electrification Administration and its successor the Rural Utilities Service. They then set a course of creating a diversified cooperative, one that could offer additional energy services and energy related services to our region.

In July of 1997, the cooperative began offering propane service to the cooperative's membership and to the neighboring communities of north central Idaho. As of January 1, 2003, this successful business was split-off from the cooperative into a for-profit corporation. The new corporation, "ICP, Inc.", continues to provide propane services to North Central Idaho. ICP is a wholly owned subsidiary of the cooperative. For service requests or information, ICP may be contacted toll free at 1-877-215-3855 or at 1-208-983-0597.

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About Northern Lights, Inc.

Northern Lights, Inc., (NLI) based in Sagle, Idaho, is a member-owned rural electric cooperative serving northern Idaho, western Montana and northeast Washington. It's our job to deliver electricity and other energy services to more than 2,700 miles of distribution line to the rural residents of one of the most beautiful and rugged areas in the country. Formed in 1935, we're the oldest rural electric cooperative west of the Mississippi River.

Whether you are a member, are moving into our area of coverage, or are merely visiting, we hope you will find our Web site informative. Please [contact us](#) if you have specific questions not answered here. We're dedicated to our members and to the communities we call home... because that's the power of local service.

Members like you run Northern Lights, Inc. through a seven-member Board of Directors. The directors are elected at the membership meeting held during the month of May each year.

The Board is the policy-making body of the Cooperative. The directors hold regular monthly meetings to establish policies, review Co-op activities, and make other decisions affecting the Cooperative.

The Board hires a General Manager to carry out the policies it has established. The General Manager, in turn, hires a staff to handle the operational details and to implement the policies set forth by the Board. Northern Lights' staff of well-trained employees is committed to keeping your cooperative running smoothly.

Board Meeting

Your Board of Directors meets a minimum of once a month on a scheduled basis. It is your privilege to request to speak to the Board regarding any matter. An appointment should be made with the President of the Board or the General Manager prior to the meeting.

Have you ever wondered what board members do and how they get chosen? We'll tell you on our ["Directors Page"](#).

Annual Meeting of Members

Northern Lights prides itself in being a democratic organization that gives its members a voice. Your chance to become involved and help decide the direction your co-op will take, happens at the annual meeting of the members. The meeting is held primarily to inform the membership of the financial and operating condition of the Cooperative, to discuss important issues affecting the Co-op and to elect directors.

The annual report is available at the annual meeting and will be mailed to any member who requests it. This report details the financial standing of the Cooperative.

The annual meeting is very important for the continued success of your cooperative. We hope you also feel it is important and will plan to attend every year. More about annual members' meetings, nominations, elections of directors and how to use a mail-in ballot can be found in the Bylaws of Northern Lights.

Current copies of NLI's annual report and our articles of incorporation and bylaws are available. Call or [email us](#).

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Kootenai Electric Cooperative, Inc. (KEC) is a member-owned electric utility in Hayden, Idaho. The Cooperative provides competitively priced, quality energy services to its members and is governed by an independent seven-member elected Board of Directors. Kootenai Electric has more than 22,000 member accounts and nearly 2,000 miles of electric line in parts of Kootenai, Benewah, Bonner and Spokane counties. Kootenai Electric employs 75 people and is the largest electric cooperative in Idaho.

KEC purchases all the electricity it sells from the Bonneville Power Administration. Kootenai Electric is a private, nonprofit electric utility owned by the members it serves. We sell power at cost. In the early 1930s, prior to the establishment of electric cooperatives like KEC, nearly 90 percent of rural America was without electricity. While more populated areas had power, it was not cost effective for investor-owned electric utilities to bring power out to the rural areas. In 1936, Congress acted by creating the Rural Electric Administration. The agency offered the loans to rural citizens wishing to form locally-owned electric cooperatives. On May 19, 1939 KEC began supplying power to 385 members. Since then KEC has been steadily growing and provides power to our member owners the Cooperative Way.

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