

TRINITY VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. NOTICE OF PROCEEDING TO CONSIDER PURPA EISA 2007 STANDARDS AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS IN PROJECT NO. 2008-TX162-0001

On Sept. 23, 2008, Trinity Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. (co-op) adopted a resolution initiating a rulemaking project to consider and determine whether to implement federal ratemaking standards under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA), as amended by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA), Public Law No. 110-140, 121 Stat. 1492 (2007) to: 1) integrate energy efficiency into the co-op's integrated resource plans and establish cost-effective energy efficiency as a priority resource; 2) establish electric rates to align utility incentives with the delivery of cost effective energy efficiency and to promote energy efficiency investments; 3) consider smart grid investments; and 4) give co-op members direct written or electronic access and other interested persons limited access to information on time-based electricity prices at wholesale and retail, prices and usage on at least a daily basis, and sources of power provided by the co-op. The proceeding has been designated Project No. 2008-TX162-0001, *Proceeding to Consider and Determine Whether to Implement the Federal Ratemaking Standards for Integrated Resource Planning, Rate Design Modifications to Promote Energy Efficiency Investments, Consideration of Smart Grid Investments, and Smart Grid Information pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 2621(d)(16), (17), (16) and (17) as amended by Pub. L. No. 110-140, 121 Stat. 1492 (2007)*. Persons interested in the proceeding are invited to notify the co-op of their intent to participate in the project and to submit comments, data, views, arguments, and other evidence on the standards being considered. Responses and any comments, data, views, arguments, and other evidence must include the person's name, contact information, and relationship to the co-op, reference Project No. 2008-TX162-0001, and be submitted in writing to the cooperative at P.O. Box 888, Kaufman, TX 75142 or by e-mail to timcraig@tvec.coop **no later than December 5, 2008**. A public hearing on this project will be convened to give interested participants an opportunity to comment and ask questions about whether the co-op should implement the PURPA EISA Standards. Questions about this notice or project may be directed to Tim Craig at (972) 932-2214. **All further information about this project, including the resolution, all comments received, and the date, time, and location of the hearing will be posted on the co-op's web site at www.tvec.net.**

ENERGY TIP!

Got a second, older refrigerator? Unplug It! Remember: It can cost between \$100 and \$200 a year to keep it plugged in. Remove the door or lock and seal the unused refrigerator to avoid accidents.

'LIGHTEN UP' FOR SAFETY

Strategically placing a few lights around your home and yard can deter vandals, help you and your guests find your way to the front door, show off your home after dark, and extend the number of hours you can use your yard and deck.

Here are some tips for lighting your yard and home:

- Install lights on both sides and on top of each door so the steps, door, house number, and lock are easy to see.
- Aim directional lights away from the front door. Pointing lights at the door can obstruct your view of visitors.
- Replace incandescent light bulbs in post lanterns and porch light fixtures with long-life compact fluorescent light bulbs.
- Up-light trees and line walkways with low-voltage bulbs in weatherproof packages. Buy bulbs and fixtures rated for outdoor use by Underwriters Laboratories.
- Light gardens and shrubbery that you can see from your living room window. They can become part of the room's decor after dark.
- Add safety lighting to the driveway and yard with spot lights and floodlights.

Outdoor lighting is decorative and practical, and can make your home safer.

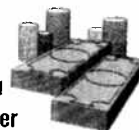
Are You Prepared For a Disaster?

The Insurance Information Institute says that when it comes to disasters some households are more prepared than others. Here are some statistics from the Institute about household preparedness:

- In an emergency, 88 percent of households have some one who knows how to turn off the electricity.
- In an emergency, 87 percent of households have some one who knows how to turn off the water.
- In an emergency, 74 percent of households have some one who knows how to turn off the gas.
- Only 67 percent of households have disaster preparedness kits.
- Only 57 percent of households have a fire escape plan.
- Only 42 percent of households have an inventory of its contents.

READERSHIP PRIZE

Somewhere hidden in our TVEC Newsletter is a TVEC account number. Read closely, and if you find this account number and it is yours, contact our Member Services Department to receive a \$25 credit on your electric bill. Don't miss out—you could be this month's winner.



ATTENTION MEMBERS

Please make sure your accounts are updated with your current **PHONE NUMBER** and **SERVICE ADDRESS**. This will aid in the reporting of outages on the automated answering system and for general information purposes. Call our Customer Service Department today at 1-800-766-9576.