



La Plata Electric Association, Inc.

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NEWS

Supplemental ballots to be mailed to LPEA members in Districts 2 and 4 *Mishaps occurring in the printing/distribution process to be rectified in coming days*

DURANGO, Colo. – La Plata Electric Association’s 2015 director election process experienced unanticipated issues this week when LPEA learned that some of the election materials were mailed without ballots in District 4, and with the incorrect ballots in District 2.

Of the 31,818 ballots mailed, 735 members in District 4 and 364 members in District 2 will receive supplemental (new) election materials. The Supplemental Ballots will be mailed tomorrow (Wednesday, April 29, 2015).

LPEA members in District 4, with essentially last names beginning P through S, received election packets without ballots. In District 2, the incorrect ballot was inserted in member packets with last names at the beginning of the alphabet.

“We are very sorry this has occurred with our election,” said Mike Dreyspring, LPEA CEO. “We’ve worked with our local printer to source the issues and identify the members who didn’t receive or received incorrect ballots and they will have their ballots in the next several days.”

The LPEA Election Supervisory Committee (ESC), made up of attorney Barry Spear, LPEA’s counsel from Maynes, Bradford, Shipp & Sheftel, La Plata County Clerk Tiffany Parker, and LPEA Billing Administrator Cindy Straight, convened this afternoon to determine actions going forward. The determination of the ESC was to mail the supplemental ballots as aforementioned.

In District 2, which includes approximately 8,300 members in south and west La Plata County, two new candidates, Gregg Dubit and Kohler McInnis are running for the seat.

Incumbent Heather Erb is defending her seat against new candidate Karen Barger in District 4. Approximately 7,900 eligible voters are in District 4, which covers north and east La Plata County.

Ballots must be returned by 4 p.m., Friday, May 15 to the La Plata County Clerk’s Office, either by mail or in person. If not voting by mail, members can vote in person at the LPEA

Annual Meeting at Pagosa Springs High School on Saturday, May 16. Registration for the Annual Meeting begins at 9 a.m. with the business meeting to commence at 10:30 a.m. Anyone voting at the Annual Meeting must do so prior to 10:30 a.m.

LPEA, a Touchstone Energy Cooperative established in 1939, provides to its more than 30,000 members, with in excess of 42,000 meters, safe, reliable electricity at the lowest reasonable cost, while being environmentally responsible.

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