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*Happy
New Year!*

*Trico wishes
you a wonderful
new year!*

Trico is CLOSED on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Day after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day.

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The Livewire

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2010: A New Year!

There are a lot of 'what if's' surrounding electric power these days. People everywhere are concerned about things like rising electric rates, climate change and energy supply, as well as what they can do to hold down their costs.

That's why Trico is opening its doors to its Members this year with regular Town Hall meetings as well as Energy Efficiency and Conservation Workshops.

The first Town Hall meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 27 at 6 p.m. at Trico's offices. Trico CEO and General Manager Vin Nitido will be on hand to update you on the latest developments on Trico's future power supply and to answer your questions about Trico, its rates and its future.

We also invite you to attend the Energy Efficiency & Conservation Workshop here at Trico on January 16 at 9 a.m.

We'll show you easy and inexpensive ways to make your home more energy efficient. If you can't attend this workshop, don't worry! We'll be having more throughout the year. Watch the Livewire and our web site at www.trico.coop for details. •



Trico Town Hall

January 27, 2010
6:00 p.m. to
8:00 p.m.

Trico | 8600 W. Tangerine
Marana, AZ 85658

Keep out the cold with weather stripping

There's no mistaking it: winter has arrived. Even though we live in the desert Southwest where winters are generally mild, it can still get cold. Any drafts around doors and windows not only make your home uncomfortable, they add to your energy bills.

Weather stripping offers a relatively quick and inexpensive fix for drafty doors. To determine if a door needs new weather stripping, look for daylight peeking through around the door. If even a sliver of daylight remains visible between the door and its frame or the floor, add weather stripping.

Here's another test you can perform: Shut the door or window on a piece of paper. If you can pull the paper out without tearing it, you're losing energy.

There are a variety of weather stripping materials available, each good for fitting different types of door



Weather stripping is a quick and cheap way to make your home more comfortable.

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We've hidden three account numbers in the Livewire! Find yours to get a \$20 credit on our electric bill. You must match your complete account number. If you have an exact match, call 744-2944, ext. 1303, for verification.

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**Vin Nitido,
Trico GM and CEO**

**“As for the big
issues facing Trico,
future power
supply and rates
top our list.”**

A look at 2010: the challenges of the future

As we begin a new year, everyone has a lot of challenges facing them. Concerns about the economy and rising costs top the list.

We here at Trico know you're concerned about energy rates as well, and we know you have questions. That's why Trico is scheduling a variety of events over the next year for you to attend, including Town Halls, Energy Efficiency Workshops and Renewable Energy Workshops.

I'll be at each Town Hall event and will update everyone on Trico's power supply and rates, changes to our renewable energy program as well as Trico's energy efficiency programs. I'll also answer any questions you may have and hear your concerns.

Trico also wants to give you what you need to lower your energy bills. Our Energy Efficiency and Conservation Workshops will show you simple and inexpensive ways to make your home more energy efficient and help you manage your electric bills. Please see the calendar below for more details.

And plan on attending Trico's Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for Saturday, May 1 at the Sahuarita District Auditorium. You'll have the opportunity to hear from your Board of Directors and to vote on the two districts up for election this year.

As for the big issues facing Trico in the coming year, future power supply and rates are at the top of our list. Historically Trico has always been an all-requirements Member of Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (AEPSCO). This means that Trico was required to purchase 100 percent of the energy it supplies to your homes and businesses from AEPSCO.

After much deliberation, the Trico Board of Directors decided to approve the move to partial-requirements status. In November, Trico notified AEPSCO of its intention to become a partial requirements Member.

As a partial requirements Member of AEPSCO, Trico will still be required to purchase its current level of power from AEPSCO. However, anything above that level can be purchased from other parties. This will give Trico more options in negotiating for future power supply and we hope this will help us keep rates down.

Becoming a partial requirements Member of AEPSCO will take about one year due to the necessary contract negotiations and regulatory approvals. Once our partial requirements status goes into effect, Trico will be able to purchase its future power supply from whichever entity it chooses.

This move won't have an immediate effect on the rates you pay for electricity, but it better

positions Trico to negotiate future power contracts. This will help us to secure more favorable energy prices, which we will, in turn, pass along to you, our Member.

I'll keep you updated here in the Livewire as we move through this process. In the meantime, you can contact me at vnitido@trico.coop. And I hope to see you at a Town Hall event, an Energy Workshop or the Annual Meeting. •

Upcoming Events at Trico*		
January 16	Energy Efficiency & Conservation Workshop	9a to 11a
January 27	Trico Town Hall	6p to 8p
February 20	Energy Efficiency & Conservation Workshop	9a to 11a
March 10	Trico Town Hall	6p to 8p
April 17	Energy Efficiency & Conservation Workshop	9a to 11a
May 1	Annual Meeting at Sahuarita District Auditorium	

**meeting dates and times are subject to change. Check the Trico web site at www.trico.coop for the latest information. Or, call us at 744-2944.*

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and window frames. Most are made of rubber, foam, metal, vinyl, or a combination of materials.

Installation techniques range from simple to technical, depending on the type of material being used. If replacing old, worn weather stripping, be sure to note how it was installed as you remove it.

Here are a few basic guidelines:

- Weather stripping should be applied to clean, dry surfaces in temperatures above 20°F.
- Measure the area to be weather stripped twice before you cut anything.
- Apply weather stripping snugly against both surfaces. The material should compress when the window or door is shut.

When weather stripping doors:

- Choose the appropriate door sweeps and thresholds.
- Weather strip the entire door jamb.
- Apply one continuous strip along each side.
- Make sure the weather stripping meets tightly at the corners.
- Use a thickness that causes the weather stripping to tightly press between the door and the door jamb, without making it difficult to shut.

When weather stripping windows:

- Apply weather stripping between the sash and frame.
- The weather stripping shouldn't interfere with the operation of the window. • 1512101



Trico will show you how!

Energy Efficiency & Conservation Workshop

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9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
@ Trico**

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workshops throughout the year.
Watch the Livewire and the web site for
dates and times.

Summary of the November 2009 Regular Meeting of Trico Board of Directors

- 1) Policy Review – the Board reviewed its policies EL-18, Annual Examination of the CEO/General Manager; and EL-20, Fraud. The Board took action approving policies EL-18 and EL-20.
- 2) Monthly Financials – Staff reviewed the monthly financials with the Board.
- 3) Monthly Write-Off - Staff presented 110 non-pay accounts totaling \$24,937.67 for write-offs representing uncollectible accounts submitted through the month of November 2009 for consideration. The Board approved the monthly write-offs as presented.
- 4) Miscellaneous/Routine - the Board discussed many other issues and took action on routine monthly items such as meeting minutes and electric service agreements.

Get on Board! Call for nominations to Trico's Board of Directors

Two Trico Board seats are up for election this year and we encourage anyone interested in running to get a nomination petition.

The Trico Board of Directors is an intergral part of Trico's business operations. The board makes financial, strategic and other key decisions for the co-op. Each year, two to three seats come up for election. Any Trico member can run for one of these seats, provided they reside or operate a business in the district up for election that year.

The districts up for election are District 4, which covers the Sahuarita area, and District 7, which covers the Mt. Lemmon and Saddlebrooke areas. If you reside in one of these districts and would like more information about what's involved in being a Board member, contact Romi Carrell Wittman at 744-2944, ext. 1362, or email: rwittman@trico.coop

Nomination petitions require thirty (30) or more signatures of members from the district from which the director is to be elected. The deadline for submitting completed nomination petitions is **February 15, 2010, at 3:30 p.m.** Petitions are available at Trico's front desk or by calling the number above.

The directors will be formally elected at **Trico's Annual Meeting of the Membership**, to be held **May 1, 2010**, at the Sahuarita District Auditorium.

The Trico Trading Post

To place ads, call 744-2944, ext. 1604. We'll accept ads for the following month until the issue is full.

Help Our Community through Operation Round-Up: Trico will round up your bill to the next dollar. The extra cents help those in need. Call 744-2944.

2005 Buick La Crosse: V6, auto., 30+ mpg, like new, only 31K miles, pwr windows, locks, seats, ABS brakes, On Star, must see, \$9,700, OBO, no sales tax. Call Jim 818-6375.

Retired Collector: Paying \$5-\$500 cash for old watches, knives, jewelry, coins, gold wedding bands. Call Sterling 888-1109.

For Sale: '85, 14'x65' mobile home, 2BR, 2BA, excellent condition, \$9,500, OBO. Call 343-9862.

For Sale: 1991 Coleman canoe, 15x8, \$450. Call 682-7524.

For Sale: Used VHS movies (500+), \$1.75 ea. Vol. discounts. NIB misc. dog/cat items, \$2-\$25. NIB garden foldable crate (tote) \$19. Trico/Avra Rds. Call Robert @ 616-9520.

For Sale: 2 acres, with each acre ready for mobile home, Sierrita Mtn. Rd. near 3 Pts., \$69,900 OWC. Call 304-4812.

3 Stained Glass Panels: 18"x41", \$125 ea. 1920's Burroughs banking mach. w/clear glass sides, shelves, rolling rack, \$150. 1918 South Bend pocket watch, \$165. 883-7418.

Free: 6 hand painted wine glasses w/purchase of Proform 56 Sears model 831.283180 stationary bike, 6 built in programs, WR included, \$150. Call 243-3004.

For Sale: 1995 Mitsubishi pickup, all or parts. Make offer. Call 883-0259.

Must Sell Due to Health Reasons: 2 red tiny toy poodles, the male is 2 yrs old and the female is 3 yrs old, all shots, \$25 each. Call 883-1389.

For Sale: Solid walnut self expansion dining table, w/sliders, closed 20"x37", opens to seat 8, includes 3 leaves, Shaker style, tapered legs, \$250, OBO. Call 818-2534, NW.

For Sale: 43" Projection T.V. with custom stand, good condition, \$500. Please call Bob at 818-6605 or rfbrohas@msn.com.

For Sale: 2005 Grand Caravan SXT, white, well cared for, Loaded! \$9,500. Call 825-1309.

For Sale: 16th century European castle furniture and 2 bronze fountains, exceptional yet reasonable. Large collection of Africa antiques and collectibles. Call 883-3349.

'87 Ford Van: \$1,700. 6'x12' utility trailer, \$900. '00 Kawasaki Lakota 300, \$2,500. '00 Suzuki 50, \$600. 4'x8' utility trailer, \$600. Wrought iron custom panels. Call 239-6241.

For Sale: Dual tandem axel flatbed car trailer, 8'x28', \$900. Chevy small block rebuilt heads, \$50/ea. 2 Plymouth 318 engines, \$200 ea. Electric stove/oven, \$30. 861-0913.

For Sale: Beautiful '06 Kawasaki Vulcan classic 1600cc, custom seat, bags, windshield, 4,500 miles, value is \$9,995, sell for \$6,500. Call Mike at 395-1027.

For Sale: 2 matching maroon fabric covered recliners, \$75/ea. or both for \$125, can deliver, excellent cond. 682-2153 leave msg.

Want More Classifieds? Go to our Online Trading Post. Members can post ads for free. Everyone can view, but you must register with your Trico account number to post. Visit www.trico.coop.

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