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# HIGHLIGHTS



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**"Owned By Those We Serve"**



Main Street in Torrey in December, photo by Kellie Hansen

# Board approves rate adjustment

Garkane Energy Cooperative held a public hearing on Monday, October 25th, to discuss a proposed rate adjustment brought on by wholesale power increases from Deseret Power, Garkane's power supplier.

The Board of Directors carefully considered more than 500 member comments when deciding how to proceed with the rate increase. After reviewing all member input and much board discussion, the proposal to socialize the Twin Cities \$370,000 facilities charge among all Garkane members was not approved. Instead, it was decided that residential consumers would receive a 5.5% increase, which was 3% lower than what was suggested under the Twin Cities parity proposal. In addition to the residential rate increases, non-residential rate classes will also see increases

based on the cost-of-service study performed by Garkane's rate consultant. Although the Board decided not to lower the Twin Cities residential rates at this time, their existing rates will not increase as the Board determined to show a "good faith" effort toward rate parity in the future.

For Utah members, the rate adjustments take effect on January 1, 2022 but, because Garkane's meter readings are billed in the subsequent month, members will not see actual billing increases until the February statements are received. Adjustments for Arizona members billing changes will become effective when the Arizona Corporation Commission reviews and approves the changes.

A list of all approved rate changes can be found under the Rates tab of the [www.garkaneenergy.com](http://www.garkaneenergy.com) website.

## Call for Board of Director Nominations

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 6 of the Garkane Energy Cooperative Inc. Bylaws, members living in Districts 1, 4, 9, and 11 are hereby notified that elections will be held in said districts to select members for the Cooperative's Board of Directors, each board member will serve a term of three years.

### Districts Open for Nomination:

*District 1:* Koosharem, Antimony, Grass Valley, Burrville

*District 4:* Escalante, Boulder

*District 9:* Big Water, Centennial Park, Cane Beds

*District 11:* Hildale, Colorado City

Under Garkane's Bylaws, any member desiring to be a candidate may file a written Notice of Candidacy, provided it contains the signatures of at least fifteen (15) members of the district, including the candidate. A member may sign more than one notice of candidacy, but only one signature per voting account is permitted (example: a husband and wife from the same account cannot both sign the form).

A nomination application form of the Notice of Candidacy is included on Page 8 of this newsletter. Completed Notices of Candidacy must be filed (in person or by mail) prior to 5:00 p.m. on Fri. February 25, 2022.

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# GET PAID TO READ THE PAPER



## Win A \$25 CREDIT

We have inserted eight randomly selected Garkane Account Numbers in the text of various articles in this month's edition. **If you find your account number**, call Garkane toll-free at 1-800-747-5403 and we'll credit \$25.00 to your account as a lucky winner! Just one more reason to read HIGHLIGHTS.

**There are 8 hidden account numbers located in the text of the newsletter, find your # and win!**

# Calendar

January 31, 2022	<b>Board Meeting</b> Hatch, UT
February 21, 2022	<b>Presidents Day</b> Offices Closed
February 25, 2022	Board Candidate Applications Due
February 28, 2022	<b>Board Meeting</b> Hatch, UT
March 28, 2022	<b>Board Meeting</b> Hatch, UT
April 26,27,28 2022	<b>Annual Meetings</b> Koosharem, Escalante, Colorado City,

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## Garkane Energy Cooperative, Inc.

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**Submit a photo to the Garkane calendar contest every month in 2022 for a chance to win. Amateurs and professionals wanted**

Email [neal.brown@garkane](mailto:neal.brown@garkane) with your best shots throughout the year for a chance to win some prizes and be featured in the year-end Garkane Country calendar. Follow us on Facebook to see the winners each month. We are looking for photos that match the months and seasons, so keep that in mind when submitting. We would like them to be in Garkane's service territory. (176000)



*Photo by Deegan Swapp*



*Photo by Coutney Gordon*



*Shelly Wayne*  
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*Photo by Shelly Wayne*



*Photo by Kelli Hansen*



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*Photo by Andrea Jasper*



# ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!



## High-School Scholarships

The program will provide up to twenty-two \$1,000 scholarships for graduating seniors. These scholarships can be used at any institution of higher education. Judging criteria includes academic achievement, financial need, extracurricular and service activities, and a required essay. Scholarships are awarded only to students whose parents are members of the cooperative. (9999445)

Applications are available at area high schools through the school counselor or they may be downloaded from Garkane's website at [www.garkaneenergy.com](http://www.garkaneenergy.com) under Scholarships from the Member Service tab.

## Non-Traditional Scholarships

The non-traditional scholarship program provides two) \$1,000 scholarships to non-traditional college attendees who are seeking post secondary education. Applicants must be a member of Garkane at the time of applying and must be entering their sophomore year of college or be over the age of 25 at the time of application. Dependents or spouses of Garkane Energy employees, or directors, are not eligible for this scholarship award. Recipients will be selected on an "At-Large" basis among all director districts. Applications may be downloaded from Garkane's website at [www.garkaneenergy.com](http://www.garkaneenergy.com) under Scholarships from the Member Service tab.

## Heat Pump Rebate



**\$100 per/ton**  
**\$200 per/ton**

Garkane has a rebate program for heat pumps. A \$100 per ton rebate is available for all energy efficiency heat pumps 15.0 SEER or above, less than 65,000 btu/hr or 13.0 SEER, greater than 65,000 btu/hr. Garkane is also providing a \$200 per ton rebate on all ground-source or groundwater source heat pumps. Members interested in obtaining a rebate, must fill out a quick application, and provide an invoice for the purchase and installation of the heat pump. Garkane will issue a check after the heat pump has been installed in Garkane's service territory.



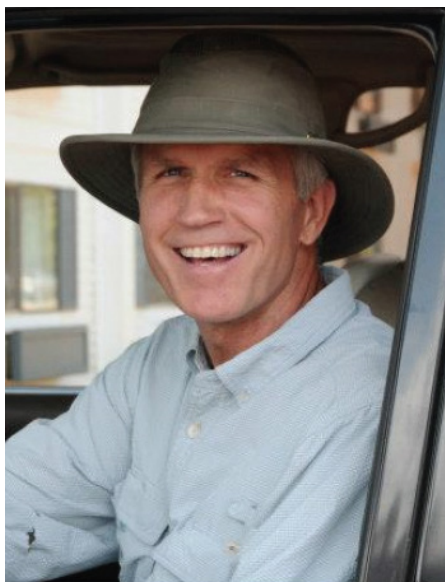
**Water Heater Rebate**  
**\$350**

Save big when you upgrade to an energy efficient water heater. Receive a \$350 rebate on all qualified water heater's. Contact: [James.clegg@garkane.com](mailto:James.clegg@garkane.com) to get an application. Fill it out first to ensure your prospective purchase qualifies under the program. Once the water heater has been verified to be installed, Garkane will send you the rebate check. Being energy efficient pays in multiple ways.





The Half-Price Power program was created to help people reduce their power bill, while also reducing peak demand on Garkane's system. Garkane saves money when it reduces its peak demand, so this program was created to incentivise those members who save energy will also save money. Garkane has nearly 600 participants in this program, helping reduce peak demand, while using less energy, and saving on average 20% off their power bill. Members receive half-price power when they consume energy during off-peak times. Visit the website for more info.



*"I have saved \$31.63 on my monthly power bill by utilizing the Half-Price Power Program" - Matt Brown*



The Pay-As-You-Go prepaid program is an optional program for residential members that allows pre-payment for electricity. This allows more flexibility and control over one's energy use. Avoid deposits and fees, customize payment schedules, purchase electricity when convenient, and monitor your daily electrical use. As a convenience, members who sign up for this program can have their deposit on file applied to their prepaid balance. If you find yourself consistently behind on your power bill, this can be a great program for you. (953101)

**DOWNLOAD**  
The Smarthub Mobile App  
To Make  
Prepaying Easier



By downloading the Garkane Smarthub app, you'll be able to easily make payments, view daily energy use, budget and plan for payments required, and get easier access to your account. The app can be found in Apples App store, or for Android smartphones, it can be downloaded from the Google Play app store. Make prepaying easier by downloading the app today. Call 800-747-5403 for more info.



The SHINE program was created to explore options to build solar projects within Garkane's service territory. Thanks to those who are participating in this program, Garkane was able to start production on a community solar project in Kanab, UT. Signing up for this pro-

**The SHINE program was created to give Garkane consumers the opportunity to financially support renewable energy projects in our community.**

**Help us SHINE Today!**

gram helps support Garkane's focus on renewable energy. By signing up, you can count on your dollars going towards local renewable energy projects. Members can get started by purchasing an extra 100 kWh block for as little as \$1.95 per month. Garkane has around 100 participants in this program, and we would love to see this number grow, so we can expand our solar energy offerings.



Giving back to the community is a big part of what Garkane Energy is all about, which is why you'll love the Operation Round-Up program. This program helps co-op members support worthy causes in their community by "rounding up" their monthly electric bills to the next dollar. For example, your bill of \$124.75 would be automatically rounded up to \$125, with the additional \$0.25 cents going to the Operation Round-Up fund. This may seem little, but multiplied by over 13,000 consumers, it can make a big impact in the community. We have 1,000 signed up, we would like to double our enrollment this year.



Garkane has been able to donate over \$35,000 to worthy causes. The program helped 6 Escalante residents become EMT certified, giving the town a much needed boost to their ambulance and search and rescue teams.

Sign up today at:

[www.garkaneenergy.com](http://www.garkaneenergy.com)



# Rate Adjustments by rate class. Rates took affect January 1, 2022

	Current	Proposed	Change
<b>Residential-Utah</b>			
Base Charge	\$22.00	\$27.00	\$5.00
Minimum Bill	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$0.00
Energy Charge, per kWh kWh per month	\$0.075000	\$0.075800	\$0.000800
<b>Residential TOU-Utah</b>			
Base Charge	\$27.00	\$30.00	\$3.00
Minimum Bill	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$0.00
Energy Charge, per kWh kWh per month			
On-Peak kWh	\$0.102500	\$0.110000	\$0.007500
Off-Peak kWh	\$0.052500	\$0.055000	\$0.002500
<b>Residential-Arizona</b>			
Base Charge	\$22.00	\$27.00	\$5.00
Energy Charge, per kWh	\$0.071800	\$0.075800	\$0.004000
<b>Residential Prepaid -Arizona</b>			
Base Charge, per Day	\$0.72281	\$0.88767	\$0.164860
Energy Charge, per kWh	\$0.071800	\$0.075800	\$0.004000
<b>Residential TOU -Arizona</b>			
Base Charge	\$27.00	\$30.00	\$3.00
Energy Charge, per kWh			
On-Peak kWh	\$0.099300	\$0.110000	\$0.010700
Off-Peak kWh	\$0.049300	\$0.055000	\$0.005700
<b>Residential-Hildale</b>			
<b>Residential-Colorado City</b>			
Base Charge	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$0.00
Energy Charge, per kWh	\$0.099800	\$0.107800	\$0.008000
<b>Residential Prepaid-Hildale</b>			
<b>Residential Prepaid-Colorado City</b>			
Base Charge	\$0.72281	\$0.72281	\$0.000000
Energy Charge, per kWh	\$0.099800	\$0.107800	\$0.008000

	Current	Proposed	Change
<b>General Service No.2 - Utah</b>			
Base Charge	\$30.00	\$38.00	\$8.00
Demand Charge, per Billing kW	\$8.55	\$9.65	\$1.10
Energy Charge, per kWh	\$0.062800	\$0.063100	\$0.000300
<b>General Service No.2 - Arizona</b>			
Base Charge	\$30.00	\$38.00	\$8.00
Demand Charge, per Billing kW	\$8.55	\$9.65	\$1.10
Energy Charge, per kWh	\$0.058100	\$0.063100	\$0.005000
<b>General Service No.2 - Hildale</b>			
Base Charge	\$30.00	\$38.00	\$8.00
Demand Charge, per Billing kW	\$8.55	\$9.65	\$1.10
Energy Charge, per kWh	\$0.058100	\$0.063100	\$0.005000
<b>General Service No.3</b>			
Base Charge	\$35.00	\$43.00	\$8.00
Demand Charge, per Billing kW	\$9.95	\$10.05	\$0.10
Energy Charge, per kWh	\$0.090100	\$0.090100	\$0.000000
<b>General Service TOU - Utah</b>			
Base Charge	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$5.00
Demand Charge, per Billing kW			
First 3 Billing kW per month	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$1.00
Over 3 Billing kW per month	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$0.00
On Peak Energy Charge, per kWh	\$0.094500	\$0.101300	\$0.006800
Off Energy Charge, per kWh	\$0.044500	\$0.051300	\$0.006800
<b>General Service TOU - Arizona</b>			
Base Charge	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$5.00
Demand Charge, per Billing kW	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$0.00
On Peak Energy Charge, per kWh	\$0.091100	\$0.101300	\$0.010200
Off Energy Charge, per kWh	\$0.041100	\$0.051300	\$0.010200

	Current	Proposed	Change
Power Cost, per kWh Sold	\$0.043437	\$0.043437	\$0.000000
WPCA Base Cost, per kWh Sold	\$0.035346	\$0.043437	\$0.008091
WPCA Factor, per kWh	\$0.008091	\$0.000000	(\$0.008091)
<b>Residential TOU-Hildale</b>			
<b>Residential TOU-Colorado City</b>			
Base Charge	\$27.00	\$27.00	\$0.00
Energy Charge, per kWh			
On-Peak kWh	\$0.127300	\$0.135700	\$0.008400
Off-Peak kWh	\$0.077300	\$0.085700	\$0.008400
<b>General Service No.1-Utah</b>			
Base Charge	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$5.00
Minimum Bill	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$0.00
Demand Charge, per Billing kW			
First 3 Billing kW per month	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$1.00
Over 3 Billing kW per month	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$0.00
Energy Charge, per kWh kWh per month	\$0.060600	\$0.067400	\$0.006800
<b>General Service No.1-Arizona</b>			
Base Charge	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$5.00
Demand Charge, per Billing kW	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$0.00
Energy Charge, per kWh	\$0.057200	\$0.067400	\$0.010200
<b>General Service No.1 - Hildale</b>			
Base Charge	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$5.00
Demand Charge, per Billing kW	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$0.00
Energy Charge, per kWh	\$0.057200	\$0.067400	\$0.010200
<b>Net Metering (Res/GS1) -Arizona</b>			
Base Charge	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$5.00
Energy Charge, per kWh		Standard Applicable Rate	
Demand Charge, per kW		Standard Applicable Rate	
Energy Credit, per kWh	\$0.026000	\$0.030000	\$0.004000

	Current	Proposed	Change	
<b>Irrigation-Utah</b>				
Base Charge	\$30.00	\$38.00	\$8.00	
Demand Charge, per Billing kW	\$7.30	\$8.00	\$0.70	
Energy Charge, per kWh	\$0.060600	\$0.060000	(\$0.000600)	
<b>Municipal Cullinary and Irrigation Pumping-Utah</b>				
Base Charge	\$30.00	\$38.00	\$8.00	
Demand Charge, per Billing kW	\$8.70	\$9.50	\$0.80	
Energy Charge, per kWh				
On Peak kWh per month	\$0.085000	\$0.107000	\$0.022000	
Off Peak kWh per month	\$0.056000	\$0.056000	\$0.000000	
<b>Irrigation-Arizona</b>				
Base Annual Charge Single Phase	\$75.00	\$135.00	\$60.00	
Base Annual Charge, Three Phase	\$125.00	\$185.00	\$60.00	
Demand Charge, per Billing kW	\$7.30	\$8.00	\$0.70	
Energy Charge, per kWh	\$0.057000	\$0.065700	\$0.008700	
<b>Extra Large Power Service</b>				
Base Charge	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	
Demand Charge, per Billing kW	\$6.70	\$8.30	\$1.60	
Base Load Energy, per kWh	\$0.055000	\$0.055000	\$0.000000	
Marginal Load Energy, per kWh	\$0.067000	\$0.067000	\$0.000000	
<b>Street &amp; Security Lighting - Utah /Arizona</b>				
<u>Cooperative Owned</u>				
100 Watt HPS or LED	40 kWh/Mo	\$8.35	\$8.80	\$0.45
250 Watt HPS or LED	100 kWh/Mo	\$13.35	\$14.30	\$0.95
400 Watt HPS or LED	160 kWh/Mo	\$18.20	\$19.65	\$1.45
1,000 Watt HPS or LED	400 kWh/Mo	\$47.50	\$53.00	\$5.50
1,800 Watt HPS or LED	720 kWh/Mo	\$85.00	\$94.75	\$9.75
<u>Consumer Funded</u>				
100 Watt HPS or LED	40 kWh/Mo	\$4.97	\$5.15	\$0.18
250 Watt HPS or LED	100 kWh/Mo	\$9.97	\$10.40	\$0.43
400 Watt HPS or LED	160 kWh/Mo	\$14.82	\$15.50	\$0.68



## Busting the Myths about “smart meters”

By now, most Americans have likely heard of the “smart grid.” This phrase is being used to describe the computerization of America’s electrical infrastructure. The purpose of this computerization is to improve the reliability, efficiency, resiliency and security of the electric grid.

A key component of the smart grid is an advanced metering infrastructure, also known as AMI in the utility world. AMI systems utilize digital meters as well as computer technology to measure electric use at homes and businesses more precisely than was possible with analog meters. The digital meters communicate via radio or the existing power lines and have been loosely termed as “smart meters.” AMI benefits Garkane members with greater accuracy in billing, faster outage restoration, operational savings versus manual meter reading and detailed data that you and your co-op can use to manage electric use much more accurately. (9998273)

Unfortunately, a number of myths

have developed over the years concerning smart meters. These myths can be classified into three categories: **privacy concerns**, **security** and **health effects**. Let’s take a look at each, starting with privacy.

Garkane Energy takes great strides to keep your information private – and that information includes the details of your electric use. The only people who see that data are co-op employees and you. Garkane will not release this information to anyone else without your specific permission. The myths are that the data collected can tell when you are home or away, exactly what you are doing when you are there, and that this data is being given to the government. Naturally, the data will show when you are home because for most families, energy consumption is higher when your home. But having said that, the current smart meter cannot identify what activities are taking place down to the specific appliance in use. This myth is simply unfounded.

Garkane’s AMI meters are power-



line carrier based (PLX), which means they transmit data through the powerline, versus radio waves. which makes it more secure against hacks. While hackers continually attempt to break into electric systems, their focus is at higher levels in the operation.

Finally, there are the myths surrounding smart meters and ill effects on health. The myth is unfounded, and lets look at why. Garkane does not use radio-wave based meters. As stated above, the meters use powerline carrier methods to transmit data, so fear of radio signals or cell towers are unfounded. Even if Garkane used radio-

wave meters, or if it utilizes them in the future, as one doctor observed, the radio waves emitted are more like those of a cordless phone or wireless router. Radio waves emitted by smart meters are much weaker and less frequent than other sources we use on a daily basis.

We will all benefit from the continued development of America’s smart grid and can rest easy with the knowledge that the rumors surrounding radio-based smart meters are simply untrue.

## Thinking of switching propane providers?



## Now is the time to switch to Garkane Propane

If Garkane propane is not your current propane provider, give us a call. We would like to provide you with exceptional service and a price you can appreciate. By pre-buying bulk propane when costs are down and using bulk storage, we are able to pass the savings to all of our customers. Garkane propane has offices in Kanab, Hatch, and Loa. Our service-techs and delivery drivers in Kanab and Hatch can meet our customer’s needs, while monitoring your tanks and providing the

best customer service in the area.

Garkane propane would like to thank each member of the cooperative for allowing us the opportunity to provide services to everyone in our service territory. We enjoy what we do and look forward to meeting your needs.

**CALL**  
**800-747-5403**



## Garkane employees progress through certification process



Left to Right: Terek Esplin, Jake Sawyer, Trevor Lathim, Kim Lathim, Brock Hutchings, Derek Woolsey

Garkane places a high priority on training, and ensuring its employees are certified professionals. Each year, we have many employees go through different certification processes to stay current on industry standard best-practices and safety protocols. Garkane utilizes the Intermountain Power Superintendents' Association (IPSA) for training and certifications.

One major program that Garkane utilizes is the Lineworker Apprenticeship program, which is designed to provide related technical instruction for students currently employed as apprentice lineworkers in the power transmission and distribution industry.

Garkane's apprentice lineman attended a weeklong distribution training in St. George put on by IPSA Hot Line School. They attended specific classes on rubber gloving, hot sticking, hot tension, transformer connections, phasing and grounding classes.

A lineworker constructs, maintains,

and repairs the transmission and distribution network required to deliver electric power to customers. The IPSA program covers topics related to construction, maintenance, and operation of underground and overhead electrical systems including: (428000)

AC and DC electrical theory

- Safety protocols required when working with electricity
- Climbing wooden poles and other structures
- Transformer theory and transformer connections
- Ropes and rigging
- Grounding
- Switchgear and metering
- Working on energized lines

Garkane would like to congratulate recognize that Tyler Gates, Todd Crowther, and Terek Esplin recently pass their Journeyman Lineman tests and welcome them to the Journeymen crew.

## Garkane Energy and CoBank donate to the education efforts in its communities

Garkane Energy, along with a matching grant from CoBank donated a total of \$10,000 to the local school districts of Kane, Wayne and Garfield Counties. Each school district will receive 1/3 of the total proceeds to increase their education programs.

Kane County's portion was donated to the Kane Education Foundation, which is the fund-raising arm of the district. Executive Director of the Kane Education Foundation Calli Kelly said, "We are totally funded by outside organizations to help us run our programs for the students of Kane County, and we are so grateful that Garkane Energy supports our efforts." The Kane Education Foundation is able to fund its 5 major focus areas, which include: Preschool and Early Learning, Counseling for Students, STEM, CTE, and Fine Arts. Un-

der the Preschool and Early Learning program, the KEF has partnered with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to provide free books to all students in Kane County every year until they reach Kindergarten.

Garkane CEO Dan McClendon said, "Concern for community is one of the seven guiding principles that governs the cooperative. Garkane works not only to provide reliable service, but to improve the quality of life in our communities. We are delighted to support opportunities for learning and growth among our local students and teachers." (107401)

Garkane is proud to implement the sharing success matching grant program on behalf of its education partners and for the benefit of the students. Dan said, "the matching grant program allows our dollars to go a lot farther."



Garkane CEO Dan McClendon presents a check to the Kane Education Foundation Director Calli Kelly. (l to r): KEF Board Members Danielle Ramsay, Lexie Little, Executive Director Calli Kelly, and Board President Elizabeth Davis.



# Garkane Refunds \$1.1 Million In Capital Credits

Garkane Energy Cooperative returned \$1,100,000 to its members in 2021, following a board commitment to reduce the retirement cycle from thirty years to twenty-five. Garkane members who had accounts in 1994 and a portion in 1995 received the refund in the form of a check or a credit on their December bill.

In a given year whenever revenue exceed costs, it is considered an operating margin. That operating margin gets allocated to the members, which shows up as equity on the cooperative's books. For example, if Garkane had a net operating margin of \$500,000 in 1991, that "margin" would be allocated to all the members who used power in 1991. At a later date, the Board au-

thorizes a return of those funds in the form of a capital credit refund.

Instead of borrowing money the co-op utilizes those funds for a number of years to fund capital intensive projects like transmission/distribution lines, which helps keep rates lower than if the co-op had to borrow more money. This capital structure is one of the hallmarks of cooperatives. It effectively helps keep the rates as low as possible and is one of the reasons Garkane's rates are often considerably lower than neighboring investor-owned utilities.

Garkane is currently working toward a 25-year capital credit retirement rotation cycle, which is standard in the electric co-op world.

## Garkane recovers all money lost from theft case

On January 20, 2022, the Sixth District Court of Utah awarded Garkane Energy Cooperative full restitution of all funds as a recovery for stolen item relating to the matter of State of Utah v. Clinton Ralph Chynoweth, Case No. 201600071. All lost value and money has been paid back to the Garkane membership.

After the first hearing in October, 2020, and as permitted by the court, Garkane extended an internal investigation on the matter in order to ensure all damages were recovered. The result of that investigation, uncovered additional items lost and Garkane filed to recover internal accounting losses as well. Correspondingly, a new hear-

ing was scheduled to consider said losses by the court.

Judge Marvin D. Bagley asked Garkane to appear and answer questions regarding the matter. William Hammon, Garkane's Board President appeared at the hearing and presented a thorough statement of Garkane's position. As in the past, Garkane cooperated fully with law enforcement and the prosecutor's office to address questions related to this matter in order to facilitate the prosecution of this case and to secure full restitution for Garkane members, which has been accomplished. For further information about the case, visit: <https://www.utcourts.gov/courts/dist/distsites/6th/>

## CAPITAL CREDIT TIPS

- 1) Your capital credits are reserved for you even if you move out of the area. Garkane will make a diligent effort to send you a check by mail.**
- 2) If your check is not cashed or is returned by mail, your name will be published in the Garkane HIGHLIGHTS newsletter and on our website at [www.garkaneenergy.com](http://www.garkaneenergy.com).**
- 3) If your check is still unclaimed after two years, it will be published in the local newspapers where you last received electric service. To claim your check, you must provide proper identification.**
- 4) To help yourself in future years, keep Garkane informed of address changes. You may receive checks for several years.**



**BATMOBILE or BUCKET TRUCK?**

**PUTTING OUR MEMBERS FIRST IS OUR SUPER POWER**

**Garkane**  
energy  
A Touchstone Energy Cooperative



# Call For Board of Director Nominations

**District 1:**

Includes members/consumers having accounts in Koosharem, Antimony, Fish Lake, Grass Valley and surrounding areas. LaDon Torgersen currently represents this district.

**District 4:**

Includes members/consumers having accounts in Escalante, Boulder, and surrounding areas. Reed Munson currently represents this district.

**District 9:**

Includes members/consumers having accounts in Centennial Park, Cane Beds and Big Water. William Hammon currently represents this district.

**District 11:**

Includes members/consumers having accounts in Colorado City, Hildale and surrounding areas. Guy Timpson currently represents this district.

All signatures and account numbers must be verified according to Garkane's Bylaws before the deadline of **Friday, Feb. 25, 2022.**

It is the responsibility of the candidate to ensure all signatures qualify. **Names/Signatures listed must be the actual account holder in order to qualify.** A member may sign more than one nomination petition.

Only one signature per voting account is permitted (example: a husband and wife from the same account cannot both sign the form).

## MEMBER PETITION DIRECTOR NOMINATION PETITION

The following candidate is hereby nominated to stand for election as a Director for Garkane Energy Cooperative's District No. \_\_\_\_\_.

**Candidate Information**

Name to appear on ballot: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Candidate Signature: 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Account#: \_\_\_\_\_

We, the undersigned members of the above-referenced District, hereby petition for the candidate listed above to be nominated for Director.

<u>Name/Signature</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Name/Signature</u>	<u>Account #</u>
2. _____	_____	9. _____	_____
3. _____	_____	10. _____	_____
4. _____	_____	11. _____	_____
5. _____	_____	12. _____	_____
6. _____	_____	13. _____	_____
7. _____	_____	14. _____	_____
8. _____	_____	15. _____	_____

Completed Member Petition Nomination forms must be submitted to:  
 Garkane Energy Attn: Board Applications 1802 S. Hwy 89a Kanab, UT 84741  
 Email: [neal.brown@garkane.com](mailto:neal.brown@garkane.com)

**Deadline for submission: Friday, February 25, 2022 by 5:00 p.m.**





# Board of Director Qualifications and Duties

## Qualifications

Here is a brief list of some of the most important qualifications:

1. A director **MUST** be a member and in good standing.
2. A director **MUST** be a resident of the district he or she will represent and reside within said district for at least one year prior to running.
3. A director **MUST** be willing to serve all members and not merely want to serve.
4. A director **MUST NOT** be involved in a competing business or one which sells energy to the co-op. There must be no material conflicts of interest.

## Duties

Here is a brief list of some of the most important qualifications:

1. Make sure the cooperative operates legally and that policies are followed and modified as needed.
2. Attend board meetings each month and attend training and other associated meetings as assigned.
3. Serve on board committees as assigned.
4. Make and provide for the effective planning and communication of long-range goals to protect the investment of the members and to ensure a level of service to which co-op members deserve.

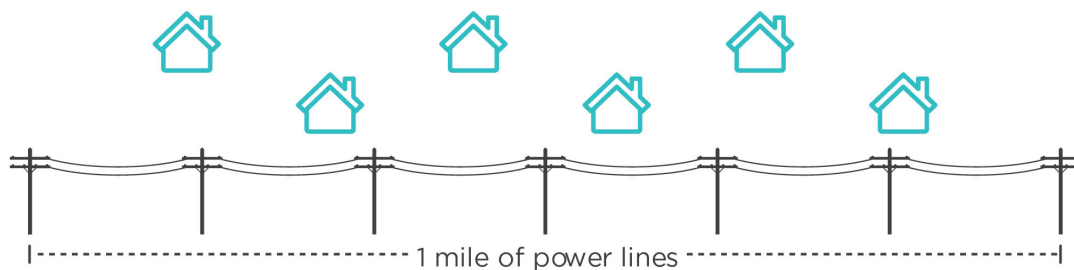


2022 Board of Directors, **top row left to right:** Guy Timpson-Dist.11, Rod Ence-Dist. 8, Reed Munson-Dist.4, Chad Williams-Dist.2, Ray Clark-Dist.10, George Thompson-Dist.5, **bottom row left to right:** LaDon Torgersen-Dist.1, William Hammon-Dist.9, Terry Griffiths-Dist.5, Tracy Potter-Dist.3, Andy Gant-Dist.7.

## GOING THE EXTRA MILE

Electric co-ops maintain more miles of power lines per consumer than other electric utilities. Even though we power fewer consumers on our lines compared to other utilities, we'll always go the extra mile for you, the consumer-members we proudly serve. It is more costly to operate and maintain a rural system.

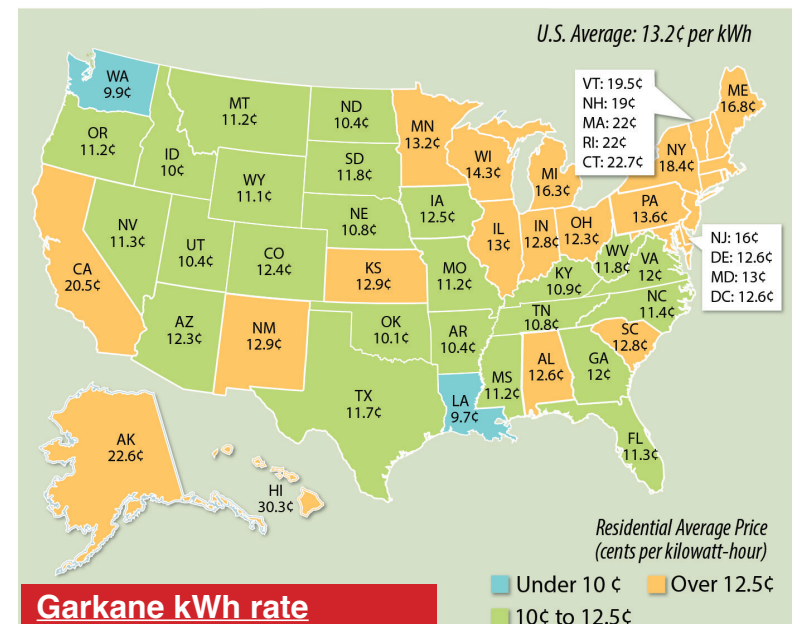
### GARKANE ENERGY COOPERATIVE Serves 6 consumer members per mile of line



### OTHER ELECTRIC UTILITIES Serve 32 consumers per mile of line

## Average Prices for Residential Electricity

2020 figures, in cents per kWh



**Garkane kWh rate**  
**\$0.0758 kWh**  
(\$0.0282 lower than Utah's avg.)

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration  
Numbers rounded to nearest tenth of a cent



# From the CEO's Desk

by Dan McClendon



Dear Members of Garkane,

As I reflect on the past and consider the new year, I can't help but think of the word "commitment" and what it means with reference to our members.

First off, our number one goal and "commitment" is to ensure all our members have access to safe, reliable and affordable energy. This requires an ongoing focus on the part of all Garkane Energy employees and Board members to act in a way that protects member assets and, produces the best value. Similar to a new year resolution or setting a goal, when we are challenged with hardships, we must step up and re-commit to do all that is necessary to ensure success.

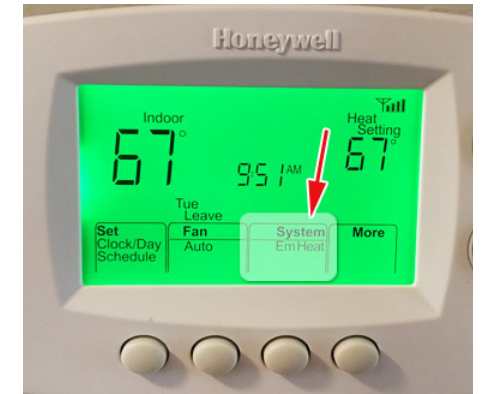
Garkane faced some real challenges this year. One hurdle was the implementation of a rate increase at the member level that had to be imposed due to rising wholesale power costs. Garkane has had to pay an increase of more than 9% for its power to the suppliers. As a part of the rate increase decision, the Garkane Board of Directors considered the idea to socialize all member costs and bring everyone's rates to the same level. The Twin Cities members (Hildale & Colorado City) have been pay-

ing higher rates than the other Garkane members since 2009. This is because they had to be charged a premium in order to return as Garkane members after they left the co-op system in 1994. When the Twin Cities asked to return as co-op members, Garkane had to find electric generation for them and correspondingly had to pay more for the Twin Cities wholesale power than for the rest of the members power, thus they have been charged the premium. In relation to this, during the rate proposal process and after reviewing survey information from other Garkane members, the Board of Directors decided not to socialize all of the Twin Cities cost at this time.

For residential consumers, the base monthly rate increased \$5, and the kWh rate raised slightly from \$0.075 to \$0.0758. Other rate class adjustments can be viewed on page 6 of this newsletter. From a management standpoint, and in relation to dealing with rate increases, I want our membership to know that we are always looking for ways to keep our operating costs as low as possible and we constantly strive to run the cooperative efficiently.

Another challenge Garkane faced in 2021, was the great effort involved in dealing with financial theft by one of our former employees. Since April of 2020, the Garkane Board and Staff have worked closely with the Kane County Sheriff and District Attorney's office to complete a thorough investigation and ensure the case was presented to the legal and court system. As of January 20th, I am pleased to report that Garkane was able to recover all stolen funds and associated administrative costs associated with this occurrence. Garkane has been fully paid back in cash. It was an unfortunate situation for all parties involved and we are looking forward to healing now that we know the membership has been made whole financially.

Also, as the COVID pandemic continues this winter, I hope everyone stays safe and healthy. At Garkane, we will work hard to keep "the lights on" to meet the needs of



## Emergency Heat causing your bill to skyrocket?

**All regular thermostats have a special setting labeled "EM heat." But what is it?**

Many people falsely assume it's a setting for you to switch on during freezing temperatures. However, this isn't true. "EM" stands for emergency, and this secondary heating system is a back-up to keep your house warm when your primary heat fails. So, you don't want to go switching it on without knowing what you're doing.

What is EM heat on thermostat settings? Short for "emergency heat," it is a setting that controls your home's back-up heating system. If you have an emergency heat thermostat setting, you likely have a heat pump, as well as a gas, oil, electric, or hot-water back-up system.

Most systems have a heat pump as

its primary setting and activate their secondary (gas, oil, or electric) heating when supplemental, or second-stage, heating is required. In colder climates (below 35° Fahrenheit), all heat pumps need a secondary heating source because your heater taps into this setting when outside temperatures drop too low. (1330201)

### Will it affect my power bill?

If you turn on your EM heat manually, you begin drawing heat only from the secondary source. Now, instead of working with your main heat pump, your backup is working solo. This is way less efficient than your primary heating system, so you should only use it in real emergencies unless you want to pay exorbitant heating bills.

our members. One challenge that Garkane is facing related to the pandemic is ongoing supply chain shortages. We are experiencing many delays in receiving products and equipment that limit our ability to provide new services in a timely manner. We have had to become creative in acquiring sufficient materials to be ready to meet member schedules...but we are running into problems in some cases. We have ordered many items that have delivery dates far into the future. Although our inventory is looking adequate right now, later in the year, we may be forced to delay con-

struction projects as we wait on materials.

As with any problem we face, it's how we respond to challenges that measure our character. As in the past, the Garkane Board of Directors and Staff are committed to the membership to do our very best on all fronts. We look to the future with positivity. Garkane will provide its members safe and affordable power. Garkane will listen to the members and consider their needs primarily as we operate on their behalf. That is our character.

Sincerely, Dan McClendon