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BALDWIN EMC ELECTRIC BILL.
NOTICE OF VOTE ON BY-LAW AMENDMENTS.
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Most members can't use the power we give them.

Give the right to vote to every member/owner.

Under current Baldwin EMC by-laws, only those present at our annual meeting can vote on important cooperative decisions. However, this antiquated system silences a majority of today's membership.

This includes our elderly, who may not be able to physically attend meetings, as well as people who must tend their retail shops, gas stations and other businesses.

We think it's time to allow everyone a voice. We think it's time for voting by mail.

You deserve a vote

Absentee ballots are provided if you are unable to go to the polls for a local, state or national election. But until we change our by-laws, this convenience is not available to co-op members.

In addition, the voting process at our meetings has become lengthy and requires standing in long lines. This deters many of our members from participating.

Typically, less than 2,000 members currently vote in person, leaving 30,000 who do not. This means vital decisions are not being made by the majority of our membership.

However, it is important to note that members will still be able to vote and/or nominate at cooperative meetings if they so desire. The mail in option allows members who are unable to attend to have a say in business decisions.

Exercise your right

Attached you will find a simple ballot which will determine whether our members will benefit from voting by mail on cooperative business. We ask that you read it carefully, make your decision and return it to us by July 29, 1999.

Receive \$5 off your electric bill

Those who return the attached ballot will automatically receive \$5 off an upcoming Baldwin EMC bill. To be eligible, you must sign and vote either yes or no on the ballot. This is the same amount of money provided those who have voted at EMC meetings in the past. Only one ballot per member will be accepted regarding this offer.

Proposed by-law changes


Following are the proposed changes in our by-laws to allow mail in balloting. These changes are italicized in red.

ARTICLE III

SECTION 6. Mail Voting. Any member who is absent from an annual meeting or special meeting of the members may vote by mail at such meeting *in the election of trustees, on any proposed changes in or additions to the by-laws, and* upon any motion or resolution pertaining to the borrowing of funds from the United States of America, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, or from any financing institutions organized on a cooperative plan for the purpose of financing its members' programs, projects or undertakings, in which the Cooperative holds membership or the sale, mortgage, lease or other disposition or encumbrance of the Cooperative's property to the United States of America, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, or to any financing institution organized on a cooperative plan for the purpose of financing its members' programs, projects, or undertakings in which the Cooperative holds membership. The Secretary shall be responsible for the enclosure with the notice of such meeting of an exact copy of such motion or resolution to be acted upon and such absent member shall express his vote thereon by placing a cross (X) in the space provided therefore opposite each such motion or resolution. Such member shall enclose each such copy so marked in a sealed envelope bearing his name and addressed to the Secretary. When such written vote so enclosed is received by mail from any absent member, it shall be counted as the vote of such member at such meeting, *provided that it is post-marked on or before the date set by the board of trustees as the mailing deadline for the vote to be taken.* In case of a joint membership, if husband and wife are both absent from such meeting, a written vote received from either of them shall constitute one joint vote. The failure of any absent member to receive a copy of any such motion shall not invalidate any action which may be taken by the members at any such meeting. *Provided, however, if a member is present at a meeting in person, he may vote on such matters only if he has not already voted thereon by mail ballot.*

Notice of proposed by-law amendment

State law permits Baldwin County EMC members to vote by mail ballots to amend the cooperative's by-laws. This vote is being held for the purpose of submitting proposed by-law amendments which, if adopted, would allow members to vote by mail in the election of Trustees and, in conformity with state law, on proposed changes in or additions to the by-laws.

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Your Mail In Ballot

Please place an (X) in the appropriate box below indicating your favor or opposition to mail in balloting for Baldwin EMC members. All mailed ballots must be postmarked July 29, 1999. No postage is necessary.

Be sure the ballot is signed below by the member whose name appears on your account at Baldwin EMC.

(Member Signature)

Yes, I'm in favor of the by-law changes that will allow co-op members to vote by mail in the election of Trustees and on proposed changes in or additions to the by-laws.

No, I'm not in favor of the by-law changes that will allow co-op members to vote by mail in the election of Trustees and on proposed changes in or additions to the by-laws.

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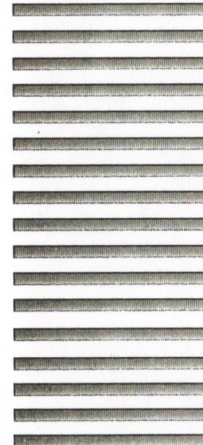


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