



Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Inc.

# Update



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## A Message From The General Manager/CEO

By Dan Laws

*Annual Meeting: “It’s done to give you a better understanding of  
the business you own.”*

Soon it will be time for Rio Grande’s Annual Meeting. This year it will be held in Alpine, Texas Saturday, October 9, 2010. I hope everyone plans to attend; it would be great to see a big turnout. The Annual Meeting is a special time for our employees. We get to showcase some of the things that have been done on your behalf over the last year, and we get to enjoy fellowship with employees we don’t ordinarily get to see, because of our vast service area.

We try to make the Annual Meeting as interesting as possible, and yes, we give away donated door prizes to entice you to come. We do so because a member-owned system can only be strong when members are involved. So, we conduct business, but we mix it with door prizes and entertainment so things don’t get too boring. Regrettably, you will have to listen to a report from me. When I get a bunch of you in one place, I just can’t pass up the opportunity to share what is going on.

With the Annual Meeting comes another important event...the election of board members. As you know, we conduct our election by mail-out ballot. In fact, any and every issue that requires input from the membership is handled by mail-out ballot. Starting with last year’s election, we made it even easier for members to participate in our elections by making internet voting available. This newest addition to our process allows you to vote all the way up to the deadline without worrying the mail process is going to invalidate your vote.

While at the Annual Meeting, you will have an opportunity to meet our board of directors. You will hear first hand from our board president the activities of the board and what they have been working on over the last year. I know I have said this often, but there is much done every year on your behalf that you never know about. The Annual Meeting is a great opportunity for you to learn.

In addition to everything else I have mentioned, there will be displays for you to peruse. There will be our RioNet/Wildblue internet booth. We will have a member service booth. And, this year, we will have a display of problems we have had on the line. There will be a display of actual damaged equipment removed from the line for you to study. You will see what causes problems on the line and get a better understanding about how difficult it can be, sometimes, to find recurring problems.

A lot of work, time and expense go in to putting on the Annual Meeting. It is done for you...it is done because we want to be accountable...it’s done to give you a better understanding of the business you own. Please make every effort to be present at the meeting...you will be glad you did.

**The official director election ballot, candidate profiles brochure, and Reservation/Registration cards will be coming to you by mail this month. You will also have the option of voting electronically. Please take part in the democratic election process!**