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Educating members

“Going green” is a catch phrase that everyone is hearing these days. Whether in legislatures, advertising or Hollywood, this seems to be a current point of focus. Without question, Americans need to take a long, hard look at our energy consumption, and consider how to best provide for increased demand in the future. I recommend to our members that they take time to educate themselves on the subject, by obtaining accurate information from reliable sources. During the past year, I have seen many instances of individuals communicating incorrect or misleading information in an effort to join in on this current topic of conversation.

President's Report

By
Glenn Miller



The future of energy production and consumption is of obvious interest to Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative and its members. Hopefully, you have been reading the information provided through this publication during the last few months. If not, I strongly encourage you to take the time to learn more about the topics of “green energy,” energy production, consumption and conservation. This month you can read about the future of coal as a fuel for energy production, construction updates relating to the Cardinal Power Plant and the efforts to reduce carbon emissions. Also, review energy efficiency recommendations. Other articles of interest to be published in the upcoming year will discuss such subjects as: cost impact on consumers, your carbon footprint, growing capacity shortages, wind and solar as renewable resources and the politics of climate change policies.

Our goal with this and other upcoming communications is to help educate our members on the various angles and views on “green energy.” As you will realize, there is no magic answer to this puzzling issue, and as we have communicated in the past, we feel that a combination of reducing consumption through efficiencies, limiting carbon emissions and investing in smart green energy options, will lead to a solution that may limit the economic and environmental impacts.

Your Cooperative, along with the other 24 rural Cooperatives serving Ohio, have invested in researching three primary forms of green energy for Ohio — wind, solar and landfill methane gas. You can view real-time data from these pilot programs at the Web site of our generation supplier at www.buckeyepower.com. These options are being explored to determine if any of these green resources can consistently provide energy to meet the needs of our members at a reasonable cost.

We understand that Holmes-Wayne Electric has a responsibility to assist in the education of its members on the options available to the industry and to consumers. We hope that the members also will take an active role in this process and review the information that we will be providing in the future by way of this publication, pamphlets that will be distributed with your bill, and information available on our Web site.

