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83rd Annual Meeting and Director Election Changes

Oronoco, MN (March 5, 2020) – Due to health concerns surrounding COVID-19/Coronavirus, People's Energy Cooperative (PEC) has made important changes to their 83rd Annual Meeting along with the Board of Directors election process. These arrangements were made under the guidance of information from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

PEC's 83rd Annual Meeting will be held in two parts. Unless otherwise directed by federal, state, or local authorities, the first part will take place on **Tuesday, March 24, 2020**. The sole purpose of part one of the meeting will be to allow members to cast their ballots for the director elections through a drive-through process and to announce the election results. **There will be no meal, no presentation of financial results, no remarks, no question and answer session, and no informational tables at this first event. Members will only be able to drop their ballot in a box located outside the main entrance of the Rochester International Event Center and can wait outside for the results.**

Members who intend to cast their ballot in person will be able to do so by driving through and dropping them off from **5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.** on March 24 under the covered entrance outside at the Rochester International Event Center located at 733 Airport View Drive SW, Rochester, Minnesota. There is no access to the building only to the ballot box which will be located outside. **Members are reminded that they may mail their ballot in the postage-paid return envelope as long as they allow sufficient time for delivery by March 23 or they cast their vote online until 10:30 a.m. on Monday, March 23, 2020. Instructions for doing so were mailed to each member at the beginning of March.**

The Board Chair will call the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. outside the entrance of the Event Center for the sole purpose of announcing the results of the director elections which is estimated to take less than five minutes. The meeting will then be adjourned and part two will be held at a later date. Results of the election will be posted outside of the Event Center immediately following adjournment of the meeting and on the Cooperative's website, Facebook page, and Twitter feed.

The second part of the meeting will be held at a later date yet to be determined to conduct the remaining business items required by cooperative bylaws. Members will receive their \$10 bill credit for attending part two of the Annual Meeting.

About People's Energy Cooperative

People's Energy Cooperative is a not-for-profit, member-owned and governed electric cooperative celebrating 83 years of delivering retail electric power to over 19,000 member-owners in Olmsted, Dodge, Fillmore, Mower, Wabasha, and Winona Counties. People's Energy Cooperative is a Touchstone Energy® cooperative and a member-owner in the Dairyland Power system of electric cooperatives that generates and transmits reliable electric power in 62 counties of four states (Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois). ###