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**COOS-CURRY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. MEMBERS
APPROVE CHANGES TO BYLAWS**

Daryl Robison was re-elected to the Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CCEC) board of directors and all bylaws and articles of association amendments presented to the membership passed as announced by the Certified Public Accounting firm of Wall & Wall at the cooperative's annual meeting held last Saturday in Coquille, Oregon.

Robison represents District 4.

This year, members received two ballots with their annual meeting packet with details about the board elections and details about the proposed changes to the cooperative's bylaws and articles of association. Changes were categorized as general cleanup items, legal issues needing to be resolved and increasing the board of directors from five to seven members. According to the amended bylaws, the cooperative will have seven directors, five directly representing the five districts and two at-large. One at-large position will represent Districts 1 and 2 (Brookings/Harbor) and one will represent Districts 3, 4 and 5 (Gold Beach, Port Orford/Langlois, and Coquille/Myrtle Point/Bandon).

President/Chairman of the Board Grant Combs outlined the process the board of directors will use to appoint the two new at-large positions approved by the membership. In July, the cooperative will advertise in local newspapers, in Ruralite magazine and in the member newsletter which members will receive with their electric bill. The process will also be posted to the CCEC website at www.ccec.coop under About Us and News and Events. Members interested in being appointed to one of these

positions may pick up an application, list of qualifications and application instructions at the Port Orford office. Applications and resumes must be returned no later than August 1, 2008.

During August, the board of directors will interview qualified applicants and will appoint members to fill the at-large board positions as soon as possible after completing the interviews. Board members appointed in this process will serve until the 2009 annual meeting. In the 2009 election process, the membership will elect a representative for Districts 1 and 2 for a two-year term and a representative for Districts 3, 4 and 5 for a one-year term as outlined in the new bylaws and articles of incorporation.

On a sunny day in Coquille, barely a quorum of the cooperative's members gathered at the annual meeting. According to the bylaws, the cooperative must have at least 50 members present to conduct the meeting. After about a quarter-hour delay, General Manager/CEO Roger Meader announced that a quorum had been met and apologized for the delay in starting the business meeting. "In 30 years, I've never seen this," Meader told the audience. "I've heard about it, but never seen it." Meader continued with a discussion of wholesale power supply, climate change initiatives, renewable energy and energy conservation. "We need to protect our hydropower asset, which is the envy of the nation," Meader explained. "In addition a certain amount of our power moving forward will have to be from other renewable." He explained that green power is popular, but every resource has drawbacks. "What do you do when the wind doesn't blow," he asked the audience. Chuckling, he went on to say that he knew people living in Bandon and on the coast don't believe that the wind doesn't always blow. The load factor on renewables such as wind, solar and even wave energy are less than 50 percent which means a back-up source of energy has to be in place. "Bottom line is we're in an enviable position, but we have to be actively protecting what we have," he cautioned.

Meader also reported that approximately 11,000 out of 17,000 meters in the cooperative's system have been replaced with the new automated meter reading (AMR)

meters; the cooperative's outdated computer system, including the billing system is being converted; engineering work is currently being done to complete the transmission line upgrade project and the cooperative is exploring alternatives to improve the telephone system. Meader completed his remarks by saying, "I thank you guys for coming – each and every one of you."

Rounding out the annual meeting events was a special presentation to retiring board member Grant Combs. "I am honored to present this gold watch and meter lamp to you for 28 years of terrific service on the CCEC board of directors," Daryl Robison said as he made the presentation. "Anytime someone serves on a volunteer board and there's a marriage, it usually means there's two involved," he continued as he presented two Bandon Showcase season ticket passes to Mapril Combs. "You can bet she's been a part of it for all those years," he commented.

In a board meeting held after the annual meeting, Daryl Robison was elected as Chairman of the Board, John Herzog as Vice Chairman and Peter Radabaugh as Secretary/Treasurer.

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About Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CCEC) was founded in 1939 by a group of Coos County, Oregon, residents who wanted central-station electricity in their area. Today, the nonprofit cooperative has more than 14,000 members 17,000 meters in Coos, Curry, and Douglas Counties, and more than 1,500 miles of line, including almost 53 miles of transmission line, between Gold Beach and Brookings. CCEC serves the rural populations east and south of Coos Bay in Coos County and all of Curry County except for the town of Langlois. Headquartered in Port Orford, Oregon, CCEC has area business offices in Port Orford, Coquille, Gold Beach and Brookings.