



Washington Electric Cooperative, Inc.



Your Vote is Important

Washington Electric Cooperative is an equal opportunity employer and energy provider owned by its members since 1939. As a member/owner, you have the benefit of participating in the "one member = one vote" democratic process that is unique to cooperatives. This means you not only have the ability to elect member/owners to the Board of Directors but you also have the opportunity to participate in the meetings of the member/owners.

This year you are being asked to vote for up to three (3) candidates for the three (3) positions on the board. Learn about the candidates by reading the material enclosed in the Annual Meeting issue of *Co-op Currents*.

Who Can Vote?

Only the person duly authorized by the corporation, municipality or institution, as indicated on the back of this form, may vote.

Where and How You Can Vote?

Voting must be done by mail or in person at the annual meeting to be held on Thursday, May 4, 2017, at Union 32 High School in Montpelier. All mailed ballots must be received by the Barre Post Office by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3, in order to be counted. Please allow 3-4 days for in-state delivery and 6-8 days for out-of-state delivery. Ballots mailed or dropped off at the Co-op will NOT be counted.

How To Make Sure Your Ballot Counts

Corporations, municipalities, schools and churches must complete the authorization form on the reverse side of this sheet for their ballot to be counted.

After reading about the candidates,

- Mark your ballot for no more than three (3) candidates.
- Securely seal the ballot inside the enclosed official ballot envelope. For additional privacy you may place the ballot in your own envelope before placing it in the official ballot envelope.
- Sign the official ballot envelope. Ballots not signed will NOT be counted.
- Place the official ballot envelope in the business reply envelope and drop in the mail so as to be received by the Barre Post Office no later than 3 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3.

When is a Ballot Considered Spoiled or a Vote Void?

A ballot/vote will be marked spoiled/void if any of the following conditions are met:

- No signature on the official envelope.
- Signature does not match name on the envelope.
- Too many candidates or write-ins.
- Ballot not mailed in the business reply envelope.
- More than one ballot in a reply envelope.
- The intent of the voter is not clear, too many votes cast on a ballot, or write-in is not a WEC member.

BALLOT

Vote for no more than three (3) of the following candidates for WEC's Board of Directors by filling in the circle of the candidate(s) or write-in(s). If you choose to vote for a write-in, please print the name(s) legibly and be sure she/he is a WEC Member.

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| <input type="radio"/> Donald Douglas | <input type="radio"/> Write-in _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Jean Hamilton | <input type="radio"/> Write-in _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Mary Just Skinner | <input type="radio"/> Write-in _____ |

Place ballot in the official ballot envelope, sign the envelope, and place in the business reply envelope before mailing. For additional privacy you may place the ballot in your own envelope before placing it in the business reply envelope.

Sole proprietorships and self-owned businesses do not need to submit this authorization form in order to vote. Simply return your ballot in the official ballot envelope provided.

Corporations, government agencies, municipal bodies, schools and churches must complete this voting authorization form and enclose it with the ballot in the return envelope after it has been notarized.

Voting Authorization Form For Corporations, Government Agencies, Municipal Bodies, Schools and Churches

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I, _____ of _____,
Vermont, WEC Account No. _____, certify that on _____, 2017, a quorum of the members
of _____ met and duly authorized the undersigned to cast the enclose ballot as marked for
the WEC Annual Meeting to be held on May 4, 2017.

Dated at _____ on this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Signed: _____
Authorized Officer

Sworn and subscribed to before me this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Notary Public