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Sam Houston EC Members to Elect Board of Directors

Livingston—Ballots for the Sam Houston Electric Cooperative Board of Directors election have been distributed by mail to Sam Houston EC member-owners. All voting will be conducted by mail. In order to be valid, ballots must be returned no later than 10 a.m., Monday, Nov. 9, 2009.

Members who return their ballot by the Early Bird deadline of Nov. 3, 2009, will be eligible for a grand prize drawing to take place at the Co-op's Annual Meeting of Members on Nov. 10, 2009. Top prizes include an off-road utility vehicle, a flat panel television and a \$1,000 electric bill credit. This year's meeting will once again be held at the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe's Multipurpose Facility located at 571 State Park Road 56 (off Highway 190 halfway between Livingston and Woodville). Shuttles from the parking lot to the facility will be available.

A quorum of at least 10 percent of the membership is required to elect the Board of Directors.

To ensure equal representation of more than 51,000 Sam Houston EC members living in parts of 10 counties, the Cooperative's service area is divided into five districts. Eleven Board members collectively serve the districts.

The Cooperative Election Committee met Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009, to review candidates. Three incumbents for re-election were placed on the ballot. The Committee received no petitions for election from the membership.

District One, serving Angelina, Polk and Trinity counties; District Two, serving San Jacinto County; and District Four, serving Hardin and Liberty counties each have one Director up for re-election. The Election Committee recommends members re-elect R.C. Thomas, Sr. to fill Place Three in District One, Truitt Thomson to fill Place Two in District Two and Arnold Ursprung to fill Place Two in District Four. Voting is at large, so all Sam Houston EC members can vote for Directors in all districts.

Also on the ballot is a proposed revision to Article IV of the Cooperative's Articles of Incorporation, including a change to five-year terms for Directors.

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"As a member-owner, you are an important part of the decision-making at Sam Houston EC," Sam Houston EC General Manager and CEO Kyle J. Kuntz wrote in a letter to members published with the ballot materials. "That means you have the right to vote on Cooperative issues and for your Board of Directors. I urge you to once again help guide the future of Sam Houston EC."

Sam Houston EC members are encouraged to attend the Co-op's 70th anniversary celebration at the Annual Meeting of Members on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009. Food, door prizes and entertainment provided by Walter Plant create a festive atmosphere for the meeting. Cooperative managers will also report on Co-op business, including the announcement of Board election results.