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Minnesota Seasonal Recreational Property Owners

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Lake Country Power Socks it to Seasonal Property Owners

Dear [firstname]:

If you are a LAKE COUNTRY POWER customer/member and looked on page 3 of the January 2010 issue of *The Newsliner*, you saw a 12.5 percent increase to the MONTHLY FACILITIES CHARGE. You are now paying \$22.50 plus taxes every month for this facilities charge in addition to the baseline Power Cost Rider, the special summer rates, the security lighting fee, the KWH usage charge, etc.

Did you know that some Energy Coops, including Lake Country Power, charge Seasonal Property Owners much more than homesteads or commercial/industrial users?

This rip-off of seasonal property owners by local power utilities is not uncommon.

As long as there is no incentive for power companies to change -- and no consequence for their behavior -- the **RIP-OFF** rate structure and the **SOCK IT TO THE SEASONALS** policy and mind-set will continue. If, as a Seasonal Property Owner, this **concerns** or **upsets** you and you are able and willing to try to change it, as a first step we ask you to do one or more of the following:

- 1.) Join MSRPO at whatever membership level you can afford. MSRPO is the only voice Seasonal Property Owners have, and we are not afraid to take on the power cooperatives.
- 2.) Send the email below to Lake Country Power. Forward it to your family, friends, and/or neighbors who are cabin owners. Feel free to add your own postscript (PS) to the email if you wish. The more emails they receive the greater the chance of getting their attention.
- 3.) Let us know your thoughts on the issue and any reply you receive.

ACTION NUMBER TWO, MAKING LAKE COUNTRY POWER SUBJECT TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Minnesota Statute allows members of a cooperative electric association to elect to become subject to rate regulation by the commission. In March, a group of owners began the process of getting such a measure on the annual Lake Country Coop ballot.

VOTE YES to place Lake Country Power under the regulation of the Public Utilities Commission. Send a clear message to power utilities across the state the seasonal owners must be treated fairly.

Regulation by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission would subject any rate increases to review and would provide members with a effective means to object to abusive and discriminating practices in the future.

Are you still subject to summer rate hikes? Do you still pay monthly facilities charges several times larger than the norm? NOW IS THE TIME TO HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD! Vote to place Lake Country Power under the Public Utilities Commission. With your help we may be able to get some control, correct some of these practices/polices and make a difference.

Please do join MSRPO. It is the only group with a hired lobbyist working to promote your interests as a seasonal property owner. If you value clean water, healthy habitat, a fair and reasonable tax structure, and a voice in local affairs, **please join MSRPO today**. We need you in order

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to be able to continue the critical work we are doing on your behalf.

[Send Rick Lemonds at Lake Country Power an Email.](#)

Sincerely,



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