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Mt. Wheeler Power Announces 2009 Board of Director Elections

ELY, NV — Mt. Wheeler Power is pleased to announce its 2009 board of director elections. One of the core principles of an electric cooperative is democratic member control. Mt. Wheeler Power, an electric coop for 37 years, holds true to this principle by holding board member elections each year for a portion of their 9 districts. This year district 1 (Ely), 3 (McGill), and 7 (Eureka) are up for election.

An open call for new board members was sent out in the Mt. Wheeler Power February newsletter as well as in the February monthly statements. Member-owners interested in serving on the board of directors completed a nomination form by obtaining 15 member signatures, attending a director orientation work shop as well as sending in a biographical sketch and a picture.

This year district one's incumbent is Kaye A. Kirkeby and his challenger is Kevin R. Briggs. District 3's incumbent is Joe Pescio and his challenger is Jerry T. Morrill. District 7 will not have an election as Sandy Green is running unopposed. Sandy will start her 3 year term following the 2008 Annual Meeting.

Elections are held via a mail-in balloting system. Candidate bios are sent along with the ballot cards and return envelopes direct to the homes of the member-owners in each of the districts. All ballots must be post marked or received by April 11th, 2008. Ballots are mailed to an independent company in Elko to be tallied. Winners are announced during the Mt. Wheeler Power Annual Meeting held on April 19th, 2008 at the Bristlecone convention center.

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Mt. Wheeler Power was incorporated in 1963 by local citizens who wanted to bring central station electricity to parts of Nevada and Utah. In 1971, their goal was realized as the cooperative started operation and began providing steady, low-cost power to White Pine Country; parts of Elko, Eureka, and Nye Counties in Nevada; and Western parts of Tooele, Juab and Millard County in Utah.

As a cooperative, Mt. Wheeler Power is directly owned by each of the members it serves. Any earnings in excess of operating expenses are returned to the member-owners after they have been held for a period of time to provide capital for essential services. Its board of directors is selected through democratic tri-annual district elections.

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