
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

[NOTE: The examination set for September 20 was postponed at the request of the Trustee. A new date has not been set as of Oct. 2]

To the *Carbon County News*

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Trustee Lee A. Freeman is going to depose director Arlene Boyd and examine Beartooth Electric Cooperative on Friday, September 20. He has the right to do so, however it does appear to be intimidation and BEC members also have the right to express their opinion.

More than ever BEC members now have information to draw on that will help us make wise decisions about our future. Personally, I don't want to be served by any board that refuses to examine information and silently and blindly acquiesces to deals made without it's input. Because of that I support and commend our current board and the work of the various "member" committees including, Due Diligence, Finance, Communications and By-laws. I appreciate all the work and openness of the last two years and have confidence that Arlene and our attorneys have acted not only openly but properly. I also have grave reservations about Mr. Freeman's plan which requires BEC to continue to buy power from a reorganized Southern which has already imposed a great financial burden on our co-op.

While Mr. Freeman clearly doesn't think it proper for BEC directors to inform their members, I doubt that he can take action against members who wish to express themselves to him and each other. To share your opinion with him contact: mrazek68@gmail.com

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