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## YOUR CO-OP EMPLOYEES



Eileen Goodgame started to work at Big Country Electric on April 27, 1998. Her present duties are that of Plant Accountant. Eileen loves to crunch numbers because she says “numbers never lie”.

She has three children David, Amy and Ryan and loves to spend as much time with them as possible. Her son David and his wife Gail live in California where he is stationed at Beale Air Force Base. Eileen has two grandchildren, Avery and Alayna.

Eileen enjoys working in her yard, reading and camping when she finds time away from her work. Ryan also keeps her busy with his activities. Her parents R.L. and Louise Goodgame have been members of Big Country Electric Co-op since 1969.

Eileen’s contagious smile and hard work ethic are what co-workers enjoy about her at BCEC.

Consumer Accounts Coordinator Erika Ramirez has been at Big Country Electric Cooperative since January 31, 2000. Even before then she was working part time at Big Country Electric while attending college. Erika resides in Snyder.

Erika is the daughter of Jimmy and Mary Alice Ramirez of Roby and has one sister. The chance to meet and interact with new and potential members is the favorite part of her job at Big Country Electric. Erika’s hearty laugh and friendly greeting are always a big part of the day at BCEC in Snyder.



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be prepared this storm season

NOAA All Hazards alert weather radios available at Big country electric cooperative offices. \$29.99 plus tax.

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## BIG COUNTRY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

November 2007

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship applications are now available for the 2007-2008 school year. Each scholarship has slightly different criteria and different deadlines. Applications may be obtained at any Big Country Electric office.

### **TEC Loss Control Scholarship**

Available to sons and daughters of electric cooperative employees participating in TEC’s Loss Control services. **Applications must be postmarked no later than January 15, 2008.**

### **Texas Rural Women’s Association (TREWA)**

A cooperative employee must join TREWA for their son or daughter to be eligible for this scholarship. **Applications are not in as of this printing so we are not sure of the deadline but it is usually in April.**

### **Golden Spread Electric Cooperatives Directors Memorial Scholarship**

If you are a member of Big Country Electric, this scholarship is available to your entering freshman college or university student. **Applications must be postmarked no later than March 15, 2008.**

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## *HAPPY THANKSGIVING*

*Big Country Electric cooperative would like to wish you and yours a Happy and safe Thanksgiving. Big Country Electric will be closed November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> for the Thanksgiving holiday.*

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## Your Electric Co-op Does More Than Keep the Lights On

The seventh Cooperative Principle is “Concern for Community.” Big Country Electric Cooperative believes in that principle. You can always find Big Country Electric Co-op there ready to help the communities in which they serve. Your Co-op donates countless hours and resources for the betterment of its communities. This includes hanging Christmas decorations and banners for livestock shows and rodeos, helping out with community events, and working on lighting for ball fields. Big Country Electric Co-op has developed a new time-of-use rate for those ball fields, which will provide another service option.

Big Country Electric Co-op employees serve on local city councils and church boards, take part in Chamber of Commerce activities, and belong to civic organizations. Employees can also be seen coaching Little League teams and helping out at bake sales and yearly events such as rodeos and car shows.

Maybe this is why members of electric cooperatives express higher than average levels of customer satisfaction. Electric cooperatives are different from other forms of business, and member-owners of cooperatives notice the difference. For one thing co-ops put consumers first because the consumers are the owners. Big Country Electric Co-op makes a difference in our communities and we are proud of that fact.

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### FOR SALE

1997 Ford F-150 4x4 Extended Cab Pickup truck.  
4.6L engine  
Side tool boxes

Mail sealed bids to: Big Country Electric Co-op PO  
Box 518, Roby TX, 79543 attn: Scott Thomson.  
Sealed bids to be opened at 5:00 pm Nov. 16, 2007  
Minimum bid \$2000.00

For more information please contact Scott Thomson at  
325.776-3907.



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## Winter Energy Saving Tips

During the heating season, keep the draperies and shades on your south facing windows open during the day to allow the sunlight to enter your home and closed at night to reduce the chill you may feel from cold windows.

Set your thermostat as low as is comfortable when home.

By resetting your programmable thermostat from 72 degrees to 65 degrees for eight hours a day (for instance, while no one is home or while everyone is tucked in bed) you can cut your heating bill by up to 10 percent.

Weatherize your home—caulk and weatherstrip any doors and windows that leak air.

Properly maintain and clean heating equipment.

Replace furnace filters regularly.

Check the insulation in your attic, ceilings, exterior and basement walls, floors, and crawl spaces to see if it meets the levels recommended for your area.

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## Big Country Electric Snyder District Manager



Big Country Electric Cooperative welcomes Richard Powell as the Snyder District Manager. Richard and his wife Cathy come to Snyder from Terrell where he was employed as the Operations Supervisor for TXU for 32 years. Richard’s wealth of knowledge of the electric industry will be an asset to the member/owners of Big Country Electric Co-op.

Richard’s hobbies include hunting and camping as well as traveling in his RV when not at work. He and his wife of 27 years enjoy time with their 5 children; Richard, Kenneth, Thomas, Catherine, and Alicia. The Powells have always loved West Texas so the decision to relocate to Snyder was not a difficult one. They have encountered the hometown hospitality that makes Snyder known throughout the region. “The people here are very friendly and easy going, and that’s what I like about Snyder,” he stated.

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