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CONSUMERS ENERGY'S ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 3, 2009

Marshalltown, Iowa. (August 18, 2009) Consumers Energy will hold its Annual Business Meeting for its membership on Thursday, September 3, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the cooperative's headquarters located at 2074 242nd Street at the intersection of Highways 30 and 330 west of Marshalltown. With the rising cost of energy and increasing attention from legislators dealing with the future of energy use, the cooperative's Annual Business Meeting provides its members an opportunity to become engaged in these important energy issues and in cooperative business that includes exercising their right to vote for three directors to serve on Consumers Energy's Board of Directors.

Registration for the Annual Business Meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. on September 3. The cooperative's Energy Resource Center, Sensible Energy Road Show, and PHEV (Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicle) will be open at that time for members to tour and learn about the co-op's energy products and services, as well as "sensible" energy efficiency tips and ideas for their home, farm, and/or business.

Consumers Energy's Nominating Committee met on June 2, 2009, and nominated the candidates listed below to be voted on at the Annual Business Meeting for the election of three directors, one director from each of its three districts. Each director elected will serve a 3-year term. All cooperative members will receive a director election mailing and ballot via mail. Members may vote for the candidates of their choice by return mail or at the Annual Business Meeting. Election results will be announced at the Annual Business Meeting on September 3.

- **District No. 1 for Marshall and Tama Counties:**
 - **Jeff Edler, State Center**
 - **Dan Hassman, Marshalltown**

- **District No. 2 for Hardin and Story Counties:**
 - **Robert Collins, Colo**
 - **Larry Jacobson, Maxwell**

- **District No. 3 for Jasper and Polk Counties:**
 - **John Barber, Elkhart**
 - **Randy A. Sorenson, Elkhart**

Consumers Energy is a local, member-owned energy solutions cooperative specializing in energy delivery and energy management. The cooperative serves over 5,000 members and customers throughout six counties in Central Iowa: Marshall, Story, Jasper, Polk, Tama and Hardin.