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September 14, 2009

Dear Co-operative/Community Leader:

Please accept this invitation to you and your co-operative colleagues to join our fourth annual Co-op Week, ACCA Rise and Shine Breakfast. Our theme this year is: *Alternative Energy and Co-operatives*.

As the term implies, alternative energy stands as a different way to power our energy dependant society. Alternative energy offers the hope of reducing greenhouse gases and in a world in which energy prices are likely to climb in the longer term, alternative energy is becoming an affordable substitute. Farmers, foresters, and municipalities may also realize an added source of income for the energy feed-stocks that they can provide.

The potential for local ownership of alternative energy generation is highly significant. And where local ownership has merit, co-operatives should be a natural fit. What is more local than an enterprise owned by and accountable to the people in the community that use it (i.e., a co-operative)?

Our fourth annual Rise and Shine breakfast will look at local ownership of alternative energy. What is the potential? What are the advantages?

We'll also hear from those who are currently involved in locally owned energy operations. Our Alternative Energy Marketplace will give you the opportunity to further browse and learn about some of the initiatives that are taking place in Alberta.

Then we want to hear from you. Table discussions will focus on identifying the challenges of local ownership for alternative energy and determining ways to overcome those challenges.

This is a time of opportunity for co-operatives and alternative energy. We hope you will join us on October 15th as we explore, learn, and hopefully, help to advance the role of co-operatives in this emerging field.

Please feel free circulate this invitation to others who may be interested.

Regards,

Michele Aasgard
Executive Director

4th Annual

Rise & Shine Breakfast Forum



**Thank you to
our sponsors:**



Thursday, October 15, 2009

7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

“Alternative Energy and Co-operatives”

Join us to examine and identify:

- The diversity/array of local ownership alternative energy projects underway and potential for new initiatives
- Opportunities for and advantages of local ownership options (particularly the co-operative model) for renewable energy;
- Regulatory challenges/obstacles and what needs to be done to overcome the challenges/level the playing field, etc.

Speakers Include:

- **Susan Carlisle**, Manager of Alternative and Renewable Energy, Electricity and Alternative Energy Division Alberta Department of Energy
- **Steve Rison**, Chair, Peace Energy Cooperative
- **Dr. Noel Keough**, Faculty of Environmental Design, University of Calgary
- **Jim Jones**, Senior Development Officer, Bio-Industrial Development, Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development

Table discussions will follow the presentations with the objective of developing ideas and strategies for co-op projects that address the issues and opportunities.

Alternative Energy Marketplace! Does your group have an alternative energy initiative? If so, this is your opportunity to tell other participants about it. We're providing a display table plus a brief opportunity to outline your initiative in a presentation to the forum.

Venue: Executive Royal Inn - North Calgary
2828 23 Street NE, Calgary, AB

Cost: \$50 per person/\$350 table of 8

To register:
Contact **Liane** at ACCA
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**You must register
by October 13th!**

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REGISTRATION FORM

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Affiliation _____

Street Address _____

City _____

Postal Code _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

- Our organization requests display space and an opportunity to present information about our alternative energy initiative(s).

Registration fees (includes the program panel session, breakfast and networking break)

Tickets are \$50 each or \$350 for a table of eight, payable by cheque. All items plus 5% GST.

_____ tickets @ \$50 each plus \$2.50 GST = \$52.50

_____ tables @ \$350 each plus \$17.50 GST = \$367.50

TOTAL _____

- Please invoice my organization

- Please charge the following credit card: Exp date: ___ / ___

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**RETURN REGISTRATION FORM TO LIANE BY TUESDAY,
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