

NEWS



**National Rural Electric
Cooperative Association**
A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

4301 WILSON BLVD. • ARLINGTON, VA 22203-1860 • TEL: 703.907.5500 • WWW.NRECA.ORG

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Climate Change on Agenda for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association 2008 Annual Meeting

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Tracy Warren
NRECA Newsroom
February 24 (Noon to 8:00 P.M.)
February 25-26 (8:00 A.M – 5:00 P.M.)
February 27 (8:00 A.M. -12:00 Noon)
714-765-2021
Mobile: 703-517-3411

ANAHEIM, CALIF., February 24, 2008 – More than 10,000 key staff and locally elected directors from the nation's electric cooperative convene today at the Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim, Calif., to set the agenda for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

On Monday, Feb. 25, NRECA presents **Rep. Earl Pomeroy** from North Dakota and **Sen. Craig Thomas** from Wyoming (posthumously) Distinguished Service Awards. In addition, NRECA CEO Glenn English delivers his "Report to the Membership" and **Bonnie McElveen-Hunter**, chair of the American Red Cross, delivers the keynote address.

On Tuesday, Feb. 26, former Secretary of Labor **Robert Reich** addresses the Cooperative Finance Corporation and on Wednesday, Feb. 27, **Cokie Roberts**, news analyst for ABC and National Public Radio, offers the keynote address at the closing session.

Below is an outline of the program. General Sessions are held at the Anaheim Convention Center. Newsroom facilities will be staffed and available from Noon on Sunday, Feb. 24 to Noon on Feb. 27, on the second level of the convention center in room 213 CD.

We will be glad to arrange interviews for you with speakers, VIPs, and delegates from your media market, state or region.

Sunday, February 24

- Reception for news media and cooperative communicators: 5:00-7:00 p.m., Ralph Brennan's Jazz Kitchen (714) 776-5200, 1590 S Disneyland Dr, Anaheim, CA *By invitation only.*

National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative Annual Meeting 3:00 p.m. (Anaheim Hilton)

- MORE -

Monday, February 25

First General Session 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. (Anaheim Convention Center)

- Distinguished Service Award: U.S. Rep. Earl Pomeroy (D-ND) U.S. Sen. Craig Thomas (R-WY)
- Report of NRECA CEO Glenn English
- Speaker: Bonnie McElveen-Hunter

Celebration Luncheon: 12 noon. (Anaheim Hilton)

Presentation of Community Service Awards. Quebe Sisters Band.

Forum Sessions 2:45 p.m. (Anaheim Convention Center)

- * Power Supply in a Carbon-Constrained World---How Can We Strike the Right Balance?
- * Renewables: Meeting the Demand
- * Energy Efficiency as Power Supply
- * Theft Proofing Your Identity

Entertainment Night 7:30 p.m.: "RAIN: the Beatles Experience" (Anaheim Convention Center)

Tuesday, February 26

Second General Session 8:30-11:30 a.m. (Anaheim Convention Center)

- Report of the Rural Utilities Service: Jim Andrew, RUS Administrator
- Youth Leadership Council: Kristina Bell, sponsored by Maquoketa Valley Electric Cooperative
- Touchstone Energy® Annual Meeting and Presentation
- Report of NRECA President Jack Wolfe

NRECA Annual Business Meeting 10:30 a.m.

Forum Sessions 1:00 p.m.

- * The Future of Coal: A Look at the Technology of Clean Coal
- * Effective Communication Strategies
- * Renewables: Meeting the Demand (Repeat)
- * Life: A Balancing Act

CFC Annual Meeting 2:30 p.m. (Anaheim Convention Center)

- Keynote address by Former Labor Secretary Robert Reich

Wednesday, February 27

Third General Session: 8:30-11:00 a.m. (Anaheim Convention Center)

- Keynote address by Cokie Roberts, news analyst for ABC and NPR
- Clyde W. Ellis Award: Bob Kabat, director, NRECA's Management Services Department
- Presentation of Haggard, Matson, ACRE Awards
- International Presentation

NRECA represents the nation's electric cooperative utilities, which serve more than 40 million people in 47 states. More than 10,000 people are expected at the association's Annual Meeting during which they will set NRECA's legislative and organizational agenda for 2008. In addition to considering and acting upon policy

resolutions, delegates receive reports from NRECA officials, hear addresses by key public figures, and attend panel sessions on major issues affecting electric cooperatives and their consumer-owners.

For more information: Patrick Lavigne (703-907-5732) or Tracy Warren (703-907-5746).