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TO: All Managers, Engineers, FECA Member-Cooperatives

FROM: Raymond G. Trusik

RE: Annual FECA Engineers Conference

FECA's Annual Engineers Conference is scheduled for **June 8 - 10**, 2015, at the Sand Pearl Resort, 500 Mandalay Ave., in Clearwater. The website is www.sandpearl.com. FECA has negotiated a special \$166 room rate for a single or double. Advise the hotel that you are with FECA when making your reservations. The number for reservations is (877) 726-3111. The hotel has a limited number of rooms blocked, so please make your reservations early. **The deadline for reservations is May 8 and rooms booked after May 8 will be at rack rate.** Cancellations must be made no less than 7 days prior to arrival in order to avoid a penalty equal to one night's rate plus tax. The hotel room fee includes a \$25 per day resort fee which covers access to the fitness center, free local & 800 number calls, wired & wireless internet access, newspaper, in room coffee & bottled water, etc. The hotel only offers valet parking and there is a fee of \$20 per night for this.

This year we have a two seminars offered, a 6 hour seminar on Tuesday titled Bills, Bucks, & Business and a half day seminar on Distribution Planning/Engineering through UCF on Wednesday, June 10. Bills, Bucks, & Business will teach you how your job and the Engineering department impact your Co-op's financial success. This is presented by Kim Mikkelsen, who has taught this many times through NRECA's Management Essentials program. For those that only want to attend this day we offer a reduced registration rate.

The Distribution Planning/Engineering seminar will be presented by Bob Reedy with the University of Central Florida. Those that attend this portion of the conference will <u>earn 4 professional development hours</u>. For those that only want to attend this day we offer a reduced registration rate.

Enclosed are the program agenda and registration form. If your cooperative will not attend, please let us know by stating so on the enclosed registration form and faxing it to me.

The conference registration fees will be billed after the conference and will be based on the total expenses incurred divided by the number of attendees. The registration

will be more than usual due to two professional speaker fees. We estimate that the registration fee will be between \$400 - \$475 per attendee for the full conference, between \$250-\$325 for attending only on Tuesday, June 9, and between \$75 - \$125 per attendee for only attending Wednesday, June 10.

GRESCO has again agreed to host a dinner for attendees & spouses on June 8. Please be sure to indicate on the registration form if you plan to attend the dinner. Please note that GRESCO would appreciate advance notice should you need to cancel for the 6/8 dinner, as GRESCO must give the hotel a firm dinner count 7 days prior.

If you have any questions, please call me at (850) 877-6166, Ext 5.