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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 11 - 13**, 2018, at the Sand Pearl Resort, 500 Mandalay Ave., in Clearwater. The website is www.sandpearl.com. FECA has negotiated a special \$182 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 9 and rooms booked after May 9 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 \$29 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.

There is an IEEE Sponsored seminar scheduled for the first day on June 11. Attending the seminar will <u>earn 8 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 either emailing or 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. We estimate that the registration fee will be between \$200 - \$275 per attendee for the full conference, and between \$100 - \$125 per attendee for only attending on Monday, June 11.

If you have any questions, please let me know.