**AGENDA – 2014 Legislative Conference**

**Sunday, May 4, 2014**

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. **Registration Desk Open**

 *Foyer, Ballroom Level*

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. **Welcome Reception**

 *Regency Ballroom*

*Sponsored by National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation and National Cooperative Services Corporation*

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**Monday, May 5, 2014**

***Monday morning’s coffee break sponsored by FarmerMac (Insert Logo)***

7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Registration Desk Open**

 *Foyer, Ballroom Level*

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Action.Coop Center Lounge, *sponsored by NISC (INSERT Logo)***

 *Foyer, Ballroom Level*

8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **FIRST SET OF FORUMS**

**● *Environmental Policy: Capitol Hill Perspective and Overview of Regulatory Challenges***

Congressional staff and leading co-op experts will be featured in panel discussions on environmental policy debates consuming Capitol Hill and industry lessons learned from the “Polar Vortex.”

*Regency A, Ballroom Level*

*●* ***From Legislators to Consumers, Everyone’s Interested in Distributed Generation****!*

Everyone “inside the Beltway” is talking about Distributed Generation, but, at the end of the day DG primarily is a state and local issue. This forum will look at the challenges co-ops are facing in their backyards on DG and ways to balance the needs of member-consumers with their obligations to provide affordable, safe, and reliable service.

*Regency B-C, Ballroom Level*

**Monday, May 5, 2014 (continued)**

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **SECOND SET OF FORUMS**

● ***Co-op Grassroots and the Political Landscape***

Getting and keeping lawmakers’ attention requires planning, determination and innovation. Electric co-ops meet this challenge every day working on a broad cross-section of issues. This forum will combine practical tips and inspirationalcase studies you can take back home to boost your action.coop work, grow ACRE®, and engage your community.

*Regency A, Ballroom Level*

● ***Co-ops’ Role in Protecting the Grid***

Lawmakers, regulators and now the media are focused on whether the grid is strong enough to withstand physical and cyber-attacks. Electric coops have a great story to tell about the measures we’ve taken to strengthen, modernize and secure our critical assets. This forum will update you on the latest policy cross-currents and help you anticipate questions you may receive from government officials and the public.

*Regency B-C, Ballroom Level*

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **General Session and Legislative Briefing**

Keynote speaker Rep. and Minority Whip Steny Hoyer (D-MD) will provide his outlook for the rest of the 113th Congress. Your Legislative Affairs team will also provide an overview of the priority issues electric co-ops can take with them on Hill visits. Come to understand the political context of our issues and the details of this year’s efforts.

*Regency Ballroom*

**Tuesday, May 6, 2014**

***Tuesday morning’s coffee break sponsored by Farmer Mac (Insert Logo)***

7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Registration Desk Open**

 *Foyer, Ballroom Level*

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Action.Coop Center Lounge, *sponsored by NISC (INSERT Logo)***

 *Foyer, Ballroom Level*

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **General Session**

Keynote speakers Sen. John Thune (R-SD) and NRECA’s 2014 Distinguished Service Award winner Chairman Frank Lucas (R-OK) will cover how energy and rural issues are playing out in the 113th Congress and provide insights on how electric co-op leaders can make a difference. Noted Washington Post political reporter Chris Cizilla will share his thoughts on the mid-term elections and other hot topics.

*Regency Ballroom*