

CWA Questions	Christi Clement	Sandra Jenkins
<p>1. What is your opinion on global warming? Do you believe it is happening? What do you think is causing it?</p>	<p>My initial exposure to the concept of global warming was in the early 1990's. I studied computer modeling at that time that indicated a strong correlation between growing world population/human activity and rising world temperatures. As time has passed, additional phenomena confirm to me that global warming is real, is occurring and is progressing at accelerated rates. Growing scientific consensus is reflected in IPCC reports. I recognize the belief that the electric utility industry is a large contributor to greenhouse gases making it almost certain that PEC will be called upon to take action in the foreseeable future. My belief is that a global community response is our only hope, and I have been disappointed that the U.S. was reluctant to join that effort until recently. We have a lot of catching up to do.</p>	<p>I am sure the excesses (especially in the US) have contributed to global warming. We have not been good stewards of our world and we will reap what we have sewn. However, I also realize that our lives and our globe are ever-changing. It is a fact of life. We must begin to protect the future of our world and our future generations. Perhaps the greatest legacy we can leave our children and our grandchildren lies in the small steps we can make as individual citizens through organizations like yours to promote conservation, efficiency and renewable energy.</p>
<p>2. Will you commit to solar incentive package for homes; small businesses; ranches; local governments?</p>	<p>I welcome the opportunity to consider various types of incentive packages for solar applications for interested members, businesses, ranchers and local governments. The incentives should be structured in such a way as to make good business sense for PEC and its members/owners, and should of course be introduced only when we know that PEC's financial condition</p>	<p>ABSOLUTELY</p>

	is sound enough to support them.	
3. Will you commit to energy efficiency loans/ retrofits programs for homes; small businesses; ranches; local governments?	I would support development of an energy efficiency loan program to assist PEC members with upfront costs for retrofitting inefficient homes, places of business, ranches or local government entities. Again, the program should be structured to make good business sense for PEC and its member/owners and should be introduced only when we know that PEC's financial condition is sound enough to support them.	Incentive programs are our best hope to enlist our members and commit them to energy efficiency.
4. Thirty-four percent of LCRA energy comes from coal plants, and if LCRA decides to purchase energy from the coal plant now under construction at Sandy Creek, this would increase to 38%. Would you support a moratorium on any <u>additional</u> purchases of coal-fired power from LCRA?	As the largest customer of LCRA, PEC could be effective in de-incentivizing LCRA from further investments in coal-fired plants. A threatened moratorium on the purchase of additional coal-based generated energy could be one way to discourage LCRA from even greater reliance on coal, provided that sufficient alternatives existed to allow us to purchase the power our members/owners require.	Such a commitment would be premature and would be a last resort.
5. What is your position on whether PEC should purchase energy from nuclear power plants?	? I would discourage PEC from purchasing nuclear power energy now due to the high volume of water used in the process. Water conservation is as necessary as energy conservation for our members/owners. The challenge remains on what to do with radiation waste.	Not a good choice. Nuclear energy is both dangerous and expensive.
6. Rank in order your choice of energy resource options. Explain your	__1__ energy efficiency __5__ natural gas __6__ coal	__1__ energy efficiency __5__ natural gas __6__ coal

<p>ranking below if you wish.</p> <p>___energy efficiency ___natural gas ___coal ___nuclear</p> <p>___wind ___large-scale solar ___small scale solar</p>	<p>___7_nuclear</p> <p>___3_wind ___4_large-scale solar ___2_small scale solar</p> <p>Energy efficiency saves directly by lowering the members/owners bill, and indirectly by lowering demand. That in turn reduces the need for generation capacity, thereby lowering investment costs, and ultimately, we hope, to reduce power charges. This could allow for rate reductions and with less generation, emission rates should decline.</p>	<p>___7_nuclear</p> <p>___3_wind ___4_large-scale solar ___2_small scale solar</p>
<p>7. In recognition that the federal government will soon put a price on greenhouse gas emissions, what steps should PEC take to reduce the financial risk associated with fossil fuel energy to its members?</p>	<p>One fundamental step that PEC can take quickly would be to implement aggressive energy conservation programs. In addition, we should have some conservation credit or recognition value negotiated and modified into our LCRA supply contract. Conservation should be rewarded and should help lower LCRA emissions.</p> <p>I am presuming that LCRA would feel the initial brunt of any potential fines and would attempt to pass those down to PEC in the form of higher power costs. If the cost of purchased power increased substantially due to LCRA's carbon footprint penalties, migration to</p>	<p>Information and education. The membership needs to know and understand these risks. Incentive programs for energy efficiency and the systematic reduction of the use of fossil fuel energy.</p>

	wind- or solar- generated energy might happen sooner rather than later. However this plays out, the members/owners must be apprised immediately. Further loss of trust is just unacceptable. PEC must respond quickly to educate member/owners with the imminent market realities and of any potential of rate hikes due to penalties.	
8. Many of PEC's service trucks are off-road vehicles that use diesel fuel that is not subject to clean air standards. Do you support vehicle emissions standards for PEC?	Yes. Given the sizeable vehicle fleet within PEC, this area is ripe for adoption of an emissions reduction plan and could be a field test site for innovative approaches.	If there are some PEC service trucks that are not in compliance with clean air standards, they should be phased out ASAP.
9. What steps do you want to see the PEC take regarding energy efficiency and renewable energy in the next two years?	<p>? I can see PEC paving the way to establish a financially feasible retrofit program to remediate the most energy inefficient homes and businesses in our service areas. The program should incorporate features that take into account the most energy improvement versus least amount of cost. A financial needs assessment could also be a factor and could result in a cost share ratio for PEC and the PEC member/owners.</p> <p>Perhaps in the commercial property new starts area, an incentive could be designed around the concept of</p>	Member incentive programs and education (especially in the schools).

	<p>a credit being given for improvement on the existing but not always enforced State Energy Code.</p>	
<p><i>Biographical Statement</i></p>	<p>I decided to enter the race in order to help maintain the reform efforts currently underway.</p> <p>I have the formal training, the business and cooperative experience (13 years), plus the fiduciary record and financial literacy as an Air Force Contracting Officer (24 years) to help reform PEC in a constructive manner. I will work to help the cooperative eliminate wasteful spending and improve efficiencies. PEC must deliver a reliable product at the lowest rate possible, consistent with sound management practices. I want to encourage conservation as a good business practice, field efficient energy delivery systems, and make appropriate use of renewable sources. PEC must be ready to adapt to newer, cleaner energy technologies and</p>	<p>My husband Bob and I started ABC Pest Control over 40 years ago. Under the continued leadership of my sons, our family business has grown to be the largest independent pest control company in Texas with over 700 employees. I am a real estate broker and I own and operate Double Eagle Ranch near Marble Falls. I have hosted several group on my ranch, from the Boy Scouts to the Army Wounded Warriors to the Air Force Recruiters to the high school choir. I have served on numerous boards in my community: the Hill Country Foundation, Crises, Center, CASA for the Highland Lakes and currently the Hill Country Community Theatre and the Marble Falls Chamber of Commerce Advisory Board. I also served in years past as the Burnet County Republican</p>

	prepare for 21 st century markets.	Chairman, State Republican Executive Committeewoman and alternate delegate to the National Republican Convention. For fun I started a ladies drill team called "The Plungettes" which meets weekly for practice, food and fellowship. I am an independent candidate and I pledge to serve the individual members of the PEC to the best of my ability. I am a PEOPLE PERSON and I have the experience, the time, and the desire to learn.
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