

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

NEA Operations Department

Operations Manager, Jason Fish, accepts the
No Lost Time Accident Award
from Federated Rural Electric
Insurance Exchange.



Recently Dan Hollow with TESCO, came to NEA and delivered new meter testing equipment. Journeyman and lead Meter Tech, Will Smith, is primarily responsible for testing system meters, however training for Current Transformer (typical for commercial consumers) rated services included Line Foremen as well.

The all day training provided updated education and practice with the new shop testing and field testing equipment.

The goal is accuracy and consistency in dealing with the complexity of metering.

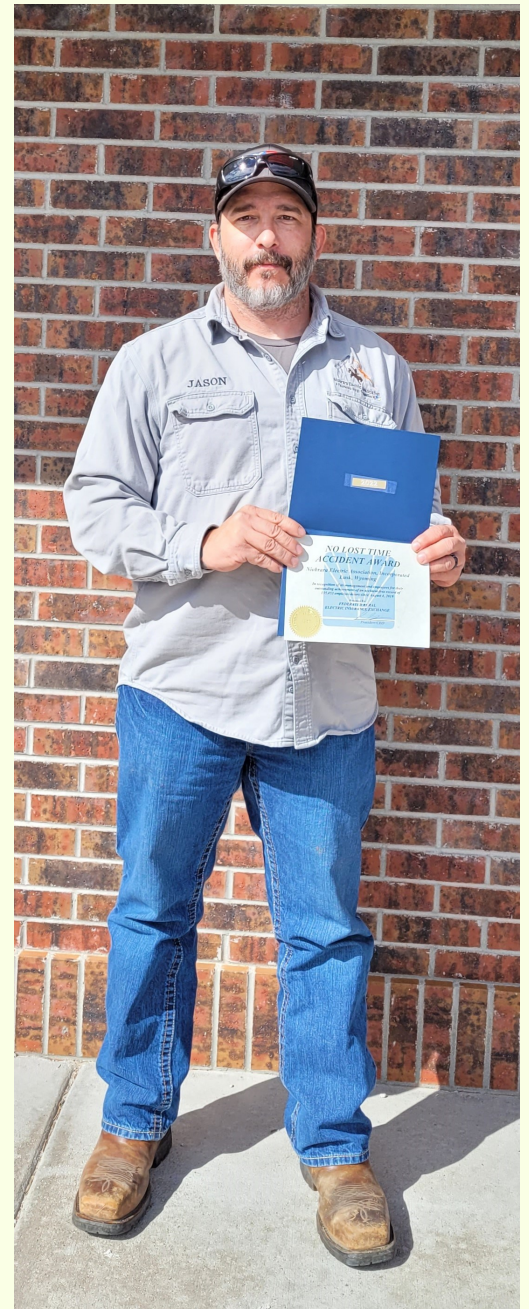
The recognition came from NEA's insurance carrier, for having 135,453 employee hours between August of 2019 and December of 2022 without a lost time accident occurring.

The line crew works long hours maintaining 2,320 miles of energized line in over 5,400 square miles of territory. Many of these hours are in less than favorable conditions, for instance last year our crew worked over night restoring an outage when the weather was 57 degrees below 0 with the windchill factor.

Reliable electricity for our members, focus on the job and safety awareness are always at the forefront of line crew operations.

NEA is also a member of the JT&S Safety Program sponsored by Nebraska Rural Electric Association.

Job Well Done!!



Office Hours

Monday—Thursday

7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.

Closed Fridays and Holidays

(New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas)

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After hours:

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LEGISLATIVE NEWS

The Wyoming Cooperatives are facing many legislative and regulatory challenges in 2023. We are still struggling to maintain the integrity of our certificated territories as defined by State Statute. Senate File 105 which was heard by the Corporations Committee at the Joint Corporations Meeting in Douglas in August, is still alive but not making much progress. This bill would make it illegal for entities to serve members in another utilities certificated territory without an agreement between both parties. Director Wasserburger along with Director Michael Lerwick (High West), Andy Hewitt (CEO Bridger Valley) Quentin Rogers (Powder River) and Travis McNivin (Basin) testified at the committee meeting on behalf of the Wyoming Cooperatives. You can watch the committee proceedings on YouTube, our testimony begins around 2:50 into the recording:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NumnE9UCn0U>

We are also working against the concept of 3rd Party Generation. The Public Service Commission (PSC) is holding a Technical Conference on it at 9:00 a.m., October 17th, 2023 in Cheyenne where they will discuss the revision of Commission Rules, Chapter 3.

They are proposing establishing a process by which specific arrangements will be made for commercial and or industrial customers to be able to provide power to a 3rd Party Customer without requiring a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity as is required for all Public Utilities.

You can find out more information about this proposed rule change on the WY Public Service Commission website:

<https://psc.wyo.gov>

Our certificated territories are being threatened from many directions, which is why we have initiated our Grass Roots effort to enable our members to have a voice when the time comes to try and let it be known that all Wyoming Consumers matter, no matter how large or how small.



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