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### **Wheatland Electric No Longer Accepts Credit or Debit Cards**

**Scott City, KS --- March 23, 2005 ---** Wheatland Electric announced today the cessation of accepting credit, debit, and ATM cards as methods of payment.

On January 20, 2005, the Kansas Corporation Commission issued an order addressing the fees associated with the use of the above payment methods. Pursuant to the order, Wheatland Electric would be required to pass the transaction fee to the customer using these payment methods, typically a percent of the transaction.

Due to this decision, Wheatland Electric has elected to discontinue accepting credit, debit, and ATM cards for payment of utility services, effective April 1, 2005. This change in policy has no effect on payments made by check, cash, or money order.

Questions should be directed to Lynn Freese, Director of Member Services, at 620-874-4520 or 800-762-0436.

#### **About Wheatland Electric**

Wheatland Electric Cooperative, Inc., was established as a distribution and power cooperative, in the State of Kansas to provide a vitally needed service for the member consumers which they, as members, could not provide on an individual basis. The cooperative was formed in 1948 and currently serves over 40,000 customers. Wheatland Electric is committed to the promotion of a better community and way of life through encouragement of farm and rural area growth and development as well as that of small business and industry. Wheatland Electric also partners with other technology companies, statewide affiliated organizations, and national organizations to accomplish the one primary goal of building a better and stronger rural America.

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