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## **Examination of Beartooth Electric postponed**

The examination of Beartooth Electric Cooperative representative Arleen Boyd, scheduled for Friday, September 20, in Billings, has been postponed. A new date has not been set.

On Sept. 5, U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge Ralph Kirscher granted a motion authorizing Southern Montana Electric Generation and Transmission Cooperative Trustee Lee Freeman to examine Boyd and requiring Beartooth to produce certain documents and communications.

The Trustee's *Motion for Rule 2004 Examination* asks Beartooth to produce documents and answer questions regarding "statements, representations, beliefs, criticisms, and communications in relation to the Trustee's plans of reorganization and disclosure statements for debtor Southern Montana Electric Generation and Transmission Cooperative, Inc."

"We will not stop our dialogue with our members because the Trustee has questioned our communications," said Boyd. "We will continue to inform members, in detail and on time, as the Southern bankruptcy issues develop."

The Trustee asked for the date to be moved out, according to Boyd. The examination will likely be rescheduled for a date after the annual meeting of the Beartooth Electric Cooperative membership, which is set for September 28. More information is available at [www.beartoothelectric.com](http://www.beartoothelectric.com) or by calling 406-446-2310.

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