



# COUNTY OF BERKS, PENNSYLVANIA

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

From: Sheila Miller, Agricultural Coordinator

Subject: Power Pooling Opportunity

Leesport --- Farmers in the PPL and Met Ed territories have the opportunity to join the Berks Agricultural Resource Network's power pool for guaranteed savings on commercial meter rates, announces Berks Agricultural Coordinator Sheila Miller. "Once becoming a member of B.A.R.N., they will have the opportunity to save money on electricity bills through a buying-pool program that I was able to coordinate in conjunction with the Greater Reading Chamber of Commerce & Industry (GRCCI) last year," said Miller. "With the assistance of American PowerNet, this partnership saved fourteen commercial meter members of B.A.R.N. who signed up for the program at the end of 2010 a total of \$8,585.59 in 2011. We are hoping more members can take advantage of cost savings through power pooling for 2012."

American PowerNet is in the process of negotiating several cost-saving options for B.A.R.N. members who qualify. They are asking current power pool enrollees and members who are interested in enrolling in the power pool to submit data so that they can go out to bid with the third party electric suppliers in the near future. At this point, the electric bid is for commercial accounts only. "You can look at the rate class on your bill to see if you qualify," explained Miller. "GS-Small will qualify for the guaranteed savings; also GS-Medium accounts with a demand of less than 200 KW qualify. If you aren't sure if you are rated in the commercial category, please contact Jordan Dialectos at 610-372-8500 and he can assist you in deciphering the utility company's statement."

For more information, contact Jordan Dialectos at [jordand@americanpowernet.com](mailto:jordand@americanpowernet.com) or call Miller at 610-898-5482. There will be two Energy Information Workshops on Wednesday, October 19, 2011. The first session will be from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and the second session will be from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. To register for either workshop, call the Greater Reading Chamber at 610-376-6766. These workshops are designed to help you understand electricity deregulations, pricing options, and current market conditions.

The deadline to submit data to American PowerNet for 2012 pricing is Monday, October 24, 2011. There is no cost to apply. Request a Letter of Authorization (LOA), filling out the "Your Company Information" section at the bottom of the page. A copy of the utility bill for the commercial meter location being applied for must also be submitted. "If you don't have an e-mail account, fax the information to 610-372-9100 or as a last resort, mail to American PowerNet at 45 Commerce Drive, Wyomissing, PA 19610," said Miller

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