

# **Rocky Mountain Electric Metering Association**

Thank you for considering attending the Rocky Mountain Electric Metering Associations (RMEMA) Annual Meter School in Fort Collins, Colorado. Every year RMEMA Board of Directors strives to provide the highest quality training for all levels of the electricity metering departments for 40 years. The RMEMA Meter School is far reaching, with students, instructors and manufacturers attending from all parts of the United States.

## **Why Should You Attend**

As a part of one of the fastest changing departments in every utility, you understand the need to stay abreast of the new metering practices, technologies, and innovations that are a real part of the electric metering industry. The ability to gain knowledge and understanding of these advances will elevate your value to your utility; bringing benefit to everyone at your utility. You will be able to provide insight and fundamental basics to help drive decisions that can benefit your department and your utility.

## **Communicate Why Attendance is Valuable**

It has long been proven that conferencing with your peers brings together an opportunity to tap knowledge and experience that lends an invaluable resource to anyone in attendance. You can bring home the benefits of this knowledge and experience to share within your organization, repaying your company several times over.

A few benefits that you will experience at RMEMA Meter School:

- Discuss new technologies and trends with colleagues
- Network with experienced metering professionals
- Learn from experience instructors, both current and former metering professionals, with technical and hands on curriculums
- Gain best practices for existing and new metering applications
- Learn about future trends and innovations in the electric metering industry

As part of RMEMA Meter School you will have time to meet with qualified professionals and leaders in the field who understand your specific applications and service territory needs. They can provide insight, solutions and tools to increase your abilities to overcome any issues that you may come across in the field. You will also be able to build relationships that will provide you with a resource to lean on when you find a situation you cannot find a remedy to.

If you have already attended the Basic, Intermediate and Advanced courses, we now offer a Refresher Course that allows you to attend any session within these 3 courses. You can build your own schedule without being committed to one certain level.

## **Gain Management Buy-In**

Take some time to review the RMEMA Meter School Brochure sent to you a few weeks ago. Identify which areas of instruction will best benefit you and your company. Also Identify specific needs for your utility such as difficult applications, metering accuracy issues, tactics to prevent diversion and advanced metering technologies that you would address at the school and bring back solutions for.

To gain approval of your manager, you need to be able to logically explain and demonstrate the benefits you will gain by attending and how your training will positively impact your utility. Plan to follow up with your supervisor when you return to inform them of the experience. This will help gain confidence in having you return to the RMEMA Meter School in 2015 or attend other metering focused conferences.

You should provide all of the information concerning costs including registration, lodging, travel and meal expenses to give your manager a clear idea of the cost of this opportunity.

All information related to the costs to attend the RMEMA Meter School is in the full brochure or online @ [www.etches.com/RMEMA](http://www.etches.com/RMEMA). Registration is open now until March 16, 2014. Register by February 21, 2014 and receive an Early Registration discount of \$25.00. Thank you in advance for attending this year's school and we look forward to seeing you in Fort Collins.

Sincerely,

Rocky Mountain Electric Metering Association