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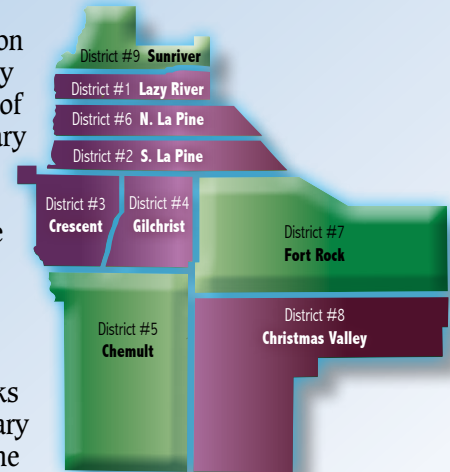
Board Districts 5, 7 and 9 Up for Election in 2011

Director positions on the Board of Midstate Electric Cooperative for Districts 5, 7 and 9 are up for election at the Annual Meeting on May 14, 2011:

District 5 - Current Director – Ken Wilson
District 5 (Chemult) The North boundary is an East-West line one (1) mile north of Highway 58 Junction. The West boundary is the Douglas-Klamath County boundary line. The South boundary is a line 4 miles south of Hub City Chrome (formerly Thunderbeast Park) on Highway 97. The East boundary is the Klamath-Lake County line.

District 7 - Current Director – Alan Parks
District 7 (Fort Rock) The North boundary is the Deschutes-Lake County line for the western portion, but it jogs south 6 miles for the eastern portion. The West boundary is the Klamath-Lake County line. The South boundary is an East-West line 2 miles north of the Christmas Valley Road. The East boundary is 22 miles east of the U.S. Air Force radar site.

District 9 - Current Director – Lee Smith
District 9 (Sunriver) The North boundary is the Cascade Lakes Hwy. The West boundary is the Lane-Deschutes County line. The East boundary is 8 miles east of Hwy. 97. The South boundary is Spring River Road (and its extension east and west).



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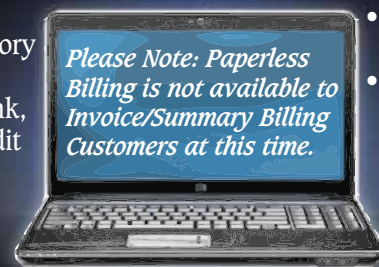
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2011 Dates to Remember

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| May 6 | Scholarship Applications Due |
| May 14 | Annual Meeting |
| May 30 | Memorial Day – Office Closed |
| July 4 | Independence Day – Office Closed |
| Aug. 12 | Calendar Photo Contest Deadline |
| Sept. 5 | Labor Day – Office Closed |
| Nov. 24 & 25 | Thanksgiving – Office Closed |
| Dec. 26 | Christmas – Office Closed |

The Changing Climate on Climate Change

With the Republican takeover of the House of Representatives in November, most believe that cap and trade legislation at the federal level is a non-starter. While concerns about the economy certainly trumped climate change in the last election, it would be a mistake to assume that energy policy will go by the wayside.

At the federal level, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is looking at using the Clean Air Act to regulate greenhouse gases (GHG). Back home, the Oregon Legislature convenes this month and while budget issues may dominate the legislature's agenda, energy issues are always an integral part of the debate. There remains considerable interest in finding ways to reduce carbon emissions and augmenting Oregon's successful energy efficiency programs. In fact, Governor-elect John Kitzhaber has made weatherization of schools a centerpiece of his economic development agenda.

Oregon co-ops are well-positioned in this upcoming debate by virtue of our small carbon footprint and our progressive energy efficiency programs. Oregon's electric co-ops sell power that is over 90 percent emission free from the Columbia River hydro system. Moreover, Oregon co-ops continue to explore renewable programs such as landfill gas, solar, geothermal and tidal power. On the energy efficiency front, co-ops offer a variety of programs and rebates to help conserve energy. "New mandates from the legislature on any of these programs will undermine the flexibility and local control that has made us so successful," said Ted Case, executive director of the Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

A new Congress and new Oregon legislature will bring new ideas and initiatives. One thing remains constant: Oregon co-ops will continue to engage its legislators on both the state and federal level to tell our story and to ensure our power remains affordable and reliable for our members.



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Happy New Year!

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