



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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Departments

Member Service..... Option 3
Engineering..... Option 4
Marketing..... Option 5
Operations..... Option 6

**After-Hours Outage and
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OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Closed Fridays and holidays

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Board meets the fourth Monday
of each month at the co-op office.

STAFF

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Dave Schneider

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Manager's Message

Dear Member:

Would it be easier for you to make weekly or biweekly payments rather than one large payment each month? If so, our PowerPay program may be for you.

PowerPay is a voluntary program that allows you to pay for your electricity before you use it. You get to decide when you want to deposit funds into your account. It is a good solution if you move often, own rental properties or face financial difficulties.

New or existing members may choose to participate in the PowerPay program. When opening a PowerPay account, you are eligible to have your deposit waived or refunded and applied as a credit toward your current energy costs. This puts your deposit money to work for you now instead of being held on your account to secure future service.

Members elect to be notified of low balances, daily balance, pending disconnect, disconnection and reconnection via phone, email and/or text messaging. Statistics show prepay programs help lower energy costs 10% to 15% because members are aware of their daily usage patterns.

Prepaid balances are adjusted based on daily energy use. When your balance gets low, you add money as it fits your budget. You may pay as much or as often as you wish, as long as the account has a positive balance. If an account goes into a negative balance and is disconnected, no fee is charged. Power is restored when additional energy is bought.

PowerPay gives you the power to manage electric use in a way that best suits your individual situation. You can “fill up” your electric account just like you fill

up your gas tank in your car—one gallon at a time or with a full tank, whichever works best for you.

Be one of the first 50 members to sign up by September 1, 2019, and receive a \$10 bill credit a month for the first six months you are enrolled. Members who remain on the program through September 1, 2020, will be entered into a drawing for a \$500 cash credit.

For more information, call 541-536-2126 option 3, or stop by our office.

Protect the Tax Status of Oregon Electric Cooperatives

Oregon's electric cooperatives are recognized as tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Service code. Recent changes to the IRS code created an unintended consequence that government aid, such as disaster assistance or broadband grants, could threaten co-op's tax-exempt status and hamper our ability to use the full value of the grants to benefit our members and communities.

If the law is not changed, electric co-ops may have to choose between maintaining tax-exempt status and accepting Federal Emergency Management Agency assistance when recovering from a major storm or other disaster.

Legislation in the U.S. Congress—RURAL Act (H.R. 2147 and S. 1032)—will correct this unintended consequence. Help us send the message to Oregon's senators and congressional delegation to support this important legislation.

Visit our grassroots web page, www.ORECA-Action.org, and take action to urge your members of Congress to support the RURAL Act.

General Manager Dave Schneider