



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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Manager's Message

Dear Member:

As a member of Midstate Electric Cooperative, you experience the benefits of hydropower. MEC buys 100 percent of its power from the Bonneville Power Administration, which markets wholesale hydroelectric power produced by the Columbia Snake River System.

The Columbia Snake River System supplies a constant source of energy. Since the rivers flow continually, hydroelectric dams can generate electricity constantly. Hydropower offers several economic and environmental benefits:

- **Hydropower is renewable.**

Each year, rain and snow replenish the supply. Hydropower accounts for 90 percent of renewable energy in the Pacific Northwest and almost half of all renewables in the United States.

- **Hydropower is efficient.**

Hydropower plants at dams convert about 90 percent of the energy in falling water into electrical energy. By comparison, fossil-fueled plants lose more than half of the energy content of their fuel as waste heat and gases.

- **Hydropower is clean.** Hydropower produces no emissions. There are no gases or waste products that contribute to air pollution. Northwest hydropower offsets greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to 10 million cars.

- **Hydropower is secure.** Water from our rivers is largely a domestic resource that is not subject to disruptions from foreign suppliers, cost fluctuations in power markets, international political crises or transportation outages.

- **Hydropower is flexible.** By

adjusting the amount of water flowing through the dams, hydropower can be increased or decreased to meet changes in demand for power.

- **Hydropower allows for the growth of other renewable resources.**

Hydropower is a great backup resource for wind and solar power. It can be ramped up to meet demand when the wind is not blowing, and dialed down at times of high winds.

- **Hydropower is affordable.** The fuel source—water—is free, which keeps operating costs low and protects against cost fluctuations. Throughout the years, the dams have consistently provided some of the nation's most affordable electricity.



MEC's Peak Hour Program Continues

MEC will continue our Peak Hour Rewards Program for another year. The purpose of the program is to minimize wholesale power costs by shifting peak time electric use—typically between 7 to 9 a.m., from October through April—to nonpeak periods. See page 8 for more information.

National Drive Electric Week Event

Join electric vehicle drivers and enthusiasts for an electric tailgate party hosted by MEC. For further details, see page 25.

Dave Schneider
General Manager