



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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

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## Manager's Message

### Dear Member:

October is National Co-op Month. As we celebrate, I want to reflect on what co-ops bring to Americans.

More than 45,000 co-ops operate in the U.S., with about 350 million members. More than 900 electric co-ops maintain nearly half of the electric distribution lines in the U.S. These lines cover three-quarters of the U.S. land mass and provide electricity to more than 42 million Americans.

Like all co-ops, Midstate Electric Cooperative operates under these seven cooperative principles:

#### **Voluntary and Open Membership.**

Co-ops are open to all who are able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership.

**Democratic Member Control.** Co-ops are controlled by their members, who set the policies and make decisions. Elected representatives are accountable to the members, who have equal voting rights: one member, one vote.

**Member Economic Participation.** Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their co-op. They allocate surpluses to develop the co-op, and benefit in proportion to their transactions with the co-op.

**Autonomy and Independence.** Co-ops are self-help organizations controlled by their members. If they enter into agreements with other organizations, they do so on terms that ensure democratic control by their members.

**Education, Training and Information.** Co-ops provide education and training for members, elected representatives, managers and employees

so they can contribute to the development of their co-ops. They inform the public, particularly young people and opinion leaders, about the nature and benefits of cooperation.

#### **Cooperation Among Cooperatives.**

Co-ops serve their members by working together locally, nationally, regionally and internationally.

**Concern for Community.** While focusing on member needs, co-ops work for the sustainable development of their communities.

Join us in celebrating National Co-op Month by entering MEC's contest to win a \$100 credit on your electric bill. Nine \$100 credits will be provided again this year. See page 8 for details.

#### **Washington, D.C., Youth Tour**

MEC will participate in the 2019 National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Washington, D.C., Youth Tour. More than 1,500 rural students participate each June.

Students have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to learn the important roles electric co-ops play in their community, gain personal understanding of American history, and meet with congressional representatives and senators to understand their role as a citizen.

We will send one student delegate to represent MEC June 13-20. This all-expenses-paid trip is a unique chance for a high school sophomore or junior whose parents are MEC members.

Call (541) 536-2126 option 5 for additional information. The deadline to apply is Thursday, January 31, 2019.

**Dave Schneider**  
General Manager