



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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Manager's Message

Dear Member:

The 2017 Oregon Legislative Session adjourned in July after passing major health care, tax policy, transportation and education proposals.

Working through the Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Oregon's electric cooperatives were active in the legislature, reminding lawmakers about the importance of affordable and reliable electricity. The issue of rate affordability was at the forefront as ORECA worked to defeat a growing trend in the legislature: adding surcharges to your electric bill to finance new projects.

ORECA also worked to block proposals that would have added a variety of fees and mandates for electric cooperatives. These proposals would have increased members' electric bills and overridden local control of your cooperative and member-elected board of directors.

The legislature returns in February 2018 for a 45-day session. The proposals will be different, but the mission of your electric cooperative will not change: to ensure legislation allows local control of decision-making and keeps electricity affordable and reliable.

To stay informed on legislative issues, join our grassroots program at ORECA-Action.org.

BPA Raises Wholesale Power Costs October 1, 2017

Every two years, our power supplier—the Bonneville Power Administration—engages its customers in a rate-setting process for its wholesale power costs. BPA provides 100 percent of Midstate Electric Cooperative's wholesale power. The cost of power from BPA is by far the

largest single cost we incur and accounts for more than half of the amount you pay on your monthly electric bill.

BPA is still working through the rate case. We will not know the exact amount of the rate increase until later this summer. We are working closely with BPA through organizations that represent our best interests to keep any rate increase at a minimum.

Once we receive the final rate increase from BPA, MEC's management will conduct a revenue requirements and cost-of-service study to help determine what our rates will need to be to cover the cost of power, as well as the balance between covering our fixed costs through the energy charge versus the facilities charge.

At MEC, raising rates to our members is not taken lightly. Through this process, the board of directors and staff are doing everything in their power to keep your rates low while still providing you with safe, reliable and affordable electricity.

Capital Credit Forfeiture Notice

Midstate Electric Cooperative gives notice that unclaimed capital credit payments have been available since December 4, 2009, at the office of the cooperative—16755 Finley Butte Rd., P.O. Box 127, La Pine, OR 97739, (541) 536-2126 or (800) 722-7219—to the members listed on our website, www.mse.coop.

Unless the members named, or their heirs, claim payment no later than Monday, November 13, 2017, the capital credits for patronage dividends earned during 1991 through 1997 will be forfeited to the cooperative as permanent equity.

General Manager Dave Schneider