



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:

Midstate Electric Cooperative is looking for 300 member volunteers to participate in a peak demand reduction pilot program to help minimize wholesale power costs by shifting peak time electric use to non-peak periods.

The 18-month pilot program—called Peak Hour Rewards—will be used to evaluate savings to determine the effectiveness of a full-scale program.

Volunteers will have a free Wi-Fi programmable thermostat installed to control their heating system. During peak use, a two-hour demand reduction event will be initiated, sending a signal to the thermostat. The thermostat will temporarily reduce the temperature a few degrees so the heat does not come on, moving the heating load to before and after the system peak. At the end of the event, the thermostat will return to the original programmed temperature setting.

Members will receive a \$10 bill credit each month they participate in 100 percent of the peak use demand reduction events, and an opportunity to win \$500 at the end of the pilot program.

See page 25 for complete details.

Oregon Legislature Returns to Salem

The Oregon Legislature convened briefly in January and will return this month for a long-haul session that likely will not end until late June.

MEC will be actively involved, working with other electric cooperatives through our statewide organization—Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association—to remind lawmakers about the importance of affordable and reliable electricity.

If this legislative session is like the last, a number of bills will be considered that could dramatically raise the price of electricity and jeopardize our cooperative values. As the session progresses, we may need to call on our political grassroots advocates—ORECA-Action—to band together in a collective voice to influence the political process.

If you have not yet become a grassroots member in support of Oregon cooperative values to promote common-sense solutions in keeping electricity affordable and reliable, don't wait. Join us today!

There are three ways you can join our grassroots program. Go to www.mse.coop and click on the ORECA-Action button on the upper right of our home page, call (541) 536-2126 option 5, or email your name and address to marketing@mse.coop. Thank you for your support.

MEC Prepares for Annual Meeting

Preparations are underway for MEC's 65th Annual Meeting of the Members on Saturday, May 6, at La Pine Middle School. Registration, health fair and barbecue lunch begin at 10 a.m. The business meeting starts at noon.

Districts 5 (Chemult), 7 (Fort Rock) and 9 (Sunriver) are up for election in 2017. Candidates to represent those districts may be nominated for director by filing a petition signed by at least 15 members of the cooperative residing in that district. Petitions for the three positions must be on file by Tuesday, March 7. Petitions are available at the cooperative's office.

For additional information, see page 8.

Dave Schneider
General Manager