



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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Manager's Message

Dear Member:

Midstate Electric Cooperative belongs to a statewide association called the Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association. Its role, on behalf of Oregon cooperatives, is to lobby lawmakers and state officials for legislation that supports our mission, and against mandates that jeopardize co-op values such as local control, and affordable, economical and reliable power.

We can't do this alone. Cooperatives across Oregon, such as MEC, are encouraging their members to come together to promote common-sense solutions by way of our political grassroots program: ORECA.Action.

By signing up, you become an important voice in our efforts to hold elected officials accountable and promote the importance of Oregon's electric cooperatives.

ORECA's top priorities in representing the interests of electric cooperatives before the Oregon Legislature include:

- Supporting the development and distribution of electricity with the highest quality of service at the lowest possible rates consistent with prudent business practices.
- Maintaining the integrity of the Oregon utility territorial laws and allocations that protect members and their investments in their electric co-ops.
- Supporting the coordinated development of rural areas in Oregon through the supply of low-cost, Bonneville Power Administration power to rural business, industry and homes.
- Protecting the ability of electric co-ops to do business in Oregon by

retaining the Cooperative Corporation Statutes.

- Maintaining the benefit of self-governance of member-owned utilities.
- Preserving the benefits of the low-cost federal hydro system, and preserving preference power for consumer-owned utilities.
- Opposing unnecessary mandates, regulations and costs.
- Maintaining the right of electric co-ops to provide additional services, without significant tax penalties, to their consumer owners.

From time to time, ORECA also may delve into national and federal issues to protect the interests of electric co-ops.

Please join other Oregon electric co-op members who are a part of this vital program to band together in a collective voice to impact the political process. By joining, you maximize your voice and become part of a growing team of electric cooperative advocates in Oregon.

You will be provided with information to send messages directly to your elected officials when legislation is proposed that could affect your co-op. Together we can make a difference, keep rates affordable and preserve your co-op's independence.

Don't wait. Join us today, and share this information with other cooperative members.

There are three ways you can join. Go to www.mse.coop and click on the ORECA.Action Grassroots 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.

Dave Schneider, General Manager