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Manager's Message

Dear Member:

The Oregon State Legislature will return in February 2018 for a short 35-day session. MEC will be actively working with other Oregon electric cooperatives to remind lawmakers about the importance of affordable and reliable electricity.

There are some issues on the move and of interest to Oregon electric cooperatives. I believe it is important to keep you aware of these developments.

Cap and Trade: Oregon is likely to pursue some form of legislation to put caps on carbon emissions by the energy, transportation and manufacturing sectors. The Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association has formed a task force to prepare for this important debate we can expect to surface during the 2018 legislative session.

Columbia River Fish: Gov. Kate Brown and Bonneville Power Administration Administrator Elliott Mainzer recently met to discuss the practice of spilling water around dams rather than through generators to help fish migrate. This action has the potential to increase costs for all electric co-op members, while the benefits are under debate. The meeting seemed to be productive. We hope it will lead to more collaboration between the state and BPA.

As we head into fall and winter, these and other issues will undoubtedly pick up steam. If we are to provide affordable power and best represent your needs, we need your participation in our grassroots network of electric co-op consumers throughout Oregon. When asked, these people contact elected officials to express support or opposition to a bill that would affect electric rates.

Help us keep electric rates affordable by joining our grassroots effort, ORECA-Action. Please see page 25 for details.

Washington, D.C., Youth Tour

MEC will send one student delegate to represent us at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., June 7-15, 2018. This all-expenses-paid trip is a unique opportunity for a high school sophomore or junior whose parents are MEC members.

Call (541) 536-2126 option 5 for more information. The deadline to apply is Thursday, December 14, 2017.

Thanks to You

During this Thanksgiving season, I would like to express my thanks to everyone who helps make our rural electric cooperative so special:

- You, the consumer-owners, to whom the cooperative belongs.
- Our board members, who offer leadership and advice.
- Our employees, whose daily presence and skills keep everything running smoothly.
- Our many friends, neighbors and business associates who offer their support.

Happy Thanksgiving! Our office will be closed for the holiday. In case of an outage or electrical emergency, our after-hours outage/emergency lines, (541) 536-2165 and (800) 752-5935, will be open 24 hours a day to assist you.

General Manager Dave Schneider

Your 2018 member calendar is included in this issue of Ruralite.