



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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Departments

Customer Service Option 3
Engineering Option 4
Marketing Option 5
Operations Option 6

**After-Hours Outage and
Emergencies: (541) 536-2165
or (800) 752-5935**

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Closed Fridays and holidays

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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:

Last month, I told you the Bonneville Power Administration put forward an average power rate increase of 5.4 percent and average transmission rate decrease of 0.7 percent to take effect October 1.

The new BPA rates will add more than \$600,000 to Midstate Electric Cooperative's cost of power. Management conducted a revenue requirements study to determine what the rates will need to be to cover the cost of power and other inflationary costs to operate the co-op.

The study determined it is necessary to do an overall rate adjustment of approximately 2.5 percent, effective with the November 1 billing. Each member's actual percentage of increase will vary from month to month depending on kilowatt-hour consumption. The effect on the average residential member using 1,219 kWhs is an additional \$2.73 per month.

I understand rate increases are never welcome. We offer several programs to assist you in keeping the impact of the rate increase as minimal as possible. These programs include free energy audits, conservation tips and rebates, budget billing, prompt payment discount and account monitoring. Call (541) 536-2126 for more information on these programs.

Look for more details on the new rate structure by mail in mid-October.

October is National Co-op Month

Every October, cooperatives are recognized for the qualities that make our business model unique: local democratic control, commitment to supporting the communities we serve, providing special

programs and services, and the return of margins—the co-op term for profits—back to members in the form of capital credits.

Cooperatives are special. We have an obligation to provide reliable, affordable and safe electricity, but we take that a step further. We also have a responsibility to support our members, enrich schools and enhance our communities.

Electric cooperatives were formed because rural communities were struggling for lack of investment. Neighbors banded together and lit up the countryside when no one else would. That's what we celebrate each October.

Please join us in celebrating Co-op Month by entering our contest to win one of nine \$100 credits on your electric bill. There are two ways to enter. Either complete the coupon on page 8 and return it by 5:30 p.m. on November 6, 2017, or like us on Facebook.

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 Road, 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