



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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#### Departments

Member 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

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

##### President

Alan Parks, Fort Rock

##### Vice President

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##### Secretary/Treasurer

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Board meets the fourth Monday  
of each month at the co-op office.

#### STAFF

##### General Manager

Dave Schneider

##### Operations/Engineering Manager

Steve Hess

##### Marketing Manager

Teresa Lackey

##### CFO/Accounting Manager

Jami Steinhauer

##### Information Services Manager

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Raymond Kindley

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## Manager's Message

Dear Member,

Your Midstate Electric Cooperative Board of Directors has reviewed the financial condition of the cooperative and is pleased to announce the retirement of \$1.3 million in capital credits. In mid-December, members who purchased power during 2004 will receive capital credit refunds in proportion to how much they contributed to that year's margins.

Because electric co-ops operate at cost, any excess revenues—margins—are allocated and retired to members in the form of capital credits. Margins are retained by the cooperative and used for several years as opposed to borrowing money, thus lowering the cost of providing electricity.



#### Be Ready for Outages

MEC does its best to ensure the electric system is ready to withstand winter storms by trimming and removing trees near power lines and performing routine maintenance. However, heavy snow and ice can lead to downed power lines, causing power outages. During a power outage, our crews will continue to work as quickly and safely as possible to restore power, but it is always a good idea to be equipped for extended outages.

Here are some basic items you should keep in your home in case of an emergency:

- Several days' supply of water; one gallon per person per day.
- Several days' supply of nonperishable, high-energy, easily prepared foods.
- Flashlight, batteries, candles, matches, a manual can opener, plates, utensils, cash, bleach and hand sanitizer.
- Clothing, extra blankets, sleeping bags and sanitation supplies.
- First aid supplies and medicine.
- Important documents.

If your power goes out, call us at 800-752-5935 or report the outage through our SmartHub app via a mobile device.

#### Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

As this unforgettable year comes to a close, I want to thank you for your support and understanding. MEC continues a measured and gradual approach as we look to return to normal work and business practices. We are following all recommended health protocols to keep our employees and members safe and healthy. We will continue doing our part to provide services and keep your lights on.

We wish you a merry and bright holiday season.

**Dave Schneider**  
General Manager