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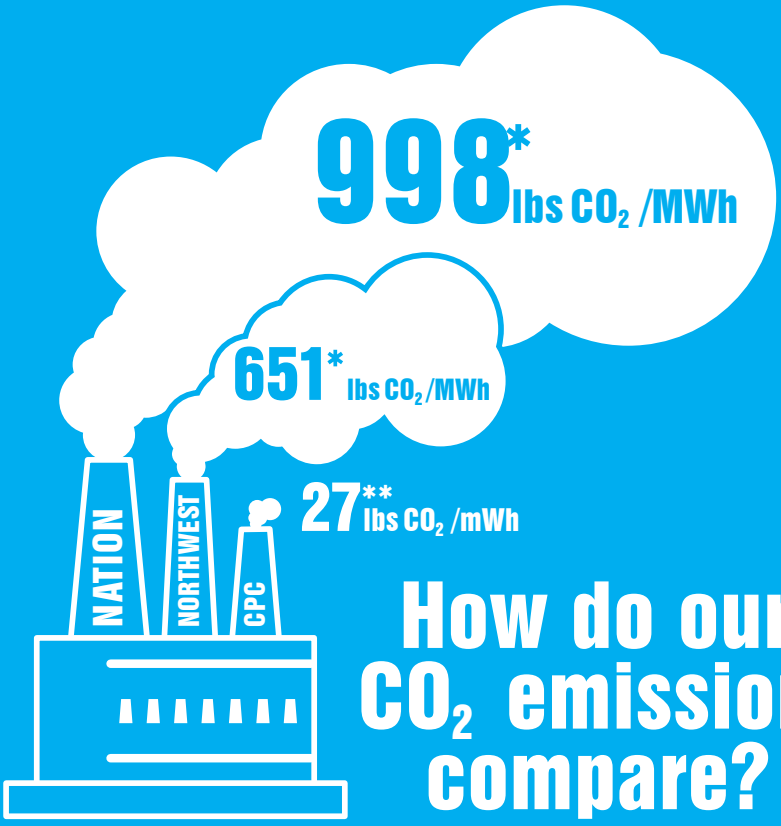
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998* lbs CO₂ /MWh

651* lbs CO₂ /MWh

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How do our CO₂ emissions compare?

Thanks to the carbon-free nature of hydropower, Clearwater Power CO₂ emissions are much lower than the regional and national averages

*EPA's Emissions & Generation Resource Integration Database (eGrid) 2016.
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Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative's main objective is to provide reliable electric service to its members at the lowest cost consistent with good business practice.

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A Safe and Joyful Holiday Season to You

Hello Members:

A very robust *happy holidays* to each and all of you! I hope you enjoy this holiday season visiting, socializing and breaking bread with family and friends whenever you can.

Good news! At Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative's recent annual meeting in Condon, I was pleased to announce a \$605,000 capital credit general redemption scheduled for the middle of this month. This action will retire all of the remaining 1990 and the 1991 outstanding patronage. Consumers who were on the system in 1990 and 1991 will receive payments shortly after December 14. The co-op has used this equity for operating capital, and now it is being returned to you.



A Season for Safety

This holiday season, think and practice safety and safe habits. Do not climb up on a chair to get that once-a-year pan down to roast a big turkey! Use an appropriate stepstool or small ladder. Think safety in all your endeavors.

At CBEC, we have adopted a Culture of Safety program—from our crews in the field to the office staff and our board of directors. A vibrant, healthy and safe employee work force is so critical to a successful organization. I believe this is also very true of a family unit. Watch out for each other, especially during the holiday season.

The holidays are a time for children, for sharing with others and for taking an assessment of all our blessings. Do an anonymous good deed for another, and it will improve your outlook on life—guaranteed. Laugh, share and smile—people will wonder what you are up to!

Best regards,

Tommy Wolff
CEO/General Manager



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Usually the first Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the PUD offices, 2345 River Rd. The public is always welcome.

Our Mission

To provide reliable, competitively-priced energy and related services that benefit our customers, in the tradition of public power.

Our Core Values and Beliefs

Local citizens championed and fought to create our People’s Utility District. They believed—and we believe—in the public’s right to own and control its electric utility.

Today, our values are a legacy from our public power heritage, as well as guideposts for a changing future.

We believe in:

- ▶ Safety
- ▶ Integrity
- ▶ Customer Service
- ▶ Respect
- ▶ Operational Excellence
- ▶ Sustainability

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Manager’s Report



Take the Opportunity to Save

Did you know that our community tends to use more electrical energy than the state and national average for our homes? It’s true. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration in 2017; “the average annual electricity consumption for a U.S. residential utility customer was 10,399 kilowatt hours (kWh), an average of 867 kWh per month” (www.eia.gov). In our community we tend to average 1,200 kWh per month. The average in Oregon is around 900 kWh per month. There are many reasons for this.

One reason is that many of our homes and businesses were constructed before energy efficiency standards were developed, and as a community we’ve lagged in making those investments to ensure our heating and cooling options are returning the most value.

Another reason, to put it simply, is that our rates have been historically low enough that the cost pressures didn’t exist to incentivize investment in new windows, insulation, heat pump vs furnace/air conditioning, or similar.

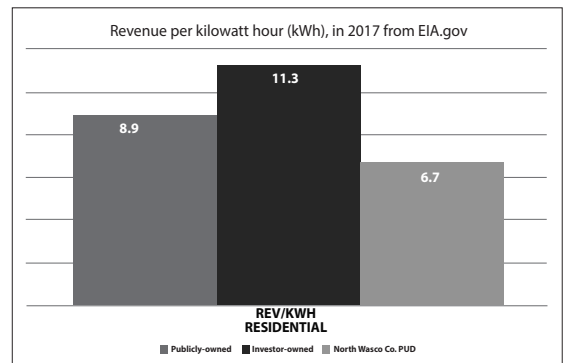
We work very hard to keep rates stable and low. We do not forecast a residential rate change in 2019 and expect to continue to be one of the lowest-cost energy providers in the state, and the lowest in the gorge. That stated, our energy procurement costs are

still the largest piece of your PUD’s overall budget. Please help us reduce this expense and your personal energy bills. The best way to accomplish this is to have a free energy audit conducted by PUD staff. Once that is completed, we can work together to see what measures are most appropriate for your home. If you happen to be a renter, we have programs available for you and the property owner as well.

This is the time of year when bills can get high due to maximum energy consumption to heat your homes and businesses. Please help us conserve energy and make those bills as low as possible. For those that are able, this is also the time of year community friends and neighbors may need more help paying those bills. Please consider donating to the Neighbor to Neighbor Program to help.

Thank you and Happy Holidays,

Roger Kline
 General Manager





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President's Report

Last month, Oregon voters spoke, and the prospect of passing a state cap-and-trade bill in the upcoming legislative session went up. Gov. Kate Brown was re-elected, and the Democratic Party gained a supermajority in the state legislature.

Democratic leaders promised at the conclusion of the 2018 session that a carbon emissions bill would be at the top of their legislative priorities in 2019. They likely won't waste any time keeping that promise.

Cap-and-trade bills have been debated in Oregon since 2015. A pair of cap-and-invest bills were proposed this year but proved to be too complex an issue to tackle in a short legislative session.

Both bills targeted companies—roughly 100 of them in Oregon—that emit more than 25,000 metric tons of carbon annually. These companies would have to buy allowances at auctions to cover their emissions, and the proceeds would be invested in clean energy programs that reduce or mitigate carbon emissions. The costs to acquire these allowances would be passed on to the company's end-use customers, namely you and me. The good news here is that CPI's energy resources are more than 97 percent carbon-emission-free thanks largely to our renewable hydropower from the federal dams on the Columbia and Snake rivers.

We will watch closely to see how this round of cap-and-trade bills will affect our members. As the old saying goes, "Elections have consequences."

Outage Preparedness

CPI's mission is to provide members with reliable service—day and night. Employees constantly maintain equipment, remove trees from rights-of-way, and upgrade the cooperative's power system.

Despite our best efforts, severe and unusual weather can wreak havoc and cause power

outages that can sometimes last for hours or even days. Snow and ice, high winds and lightning are a few examples of natural conditions that can seriously damage power equipment affecting service to large areas. Even with crews working around the clock, repairs are time consuming, difficult and often dangerous.

We have developed a list of suggestions that can help you endure the long hours of an outage. You can find it on our website at www.cpi.coop/safety/outage-preparation or call us at 800-876-9036 for more information.

Charitable Trust

In 2018, CPI Charitable Trust awarded \$12,500 in grants thanks to CPI members and employees who voluntarily give to the trust through our Operation Round Up program.

In this program, the electric bills of participating CPI members are rounded up to the next dollar each month. The extra cents collected from each participant go into the Round Up fund. Contributions to Operation Round Up are tax deductible, and we note your contribution on your January electric bill each year. Since its launch in 1993, the trust has awarded more than \$363,500 to nonprofit organizations providing assistance throughout CPI's six-county service territory.

The 2018 recipients were: Albany Public Safety Foundation, South Benton County Gleaners, S.C.I.O. Cares, Oregon Cascades West Senior Services Foundation, Cornerstone Associates Inc., South Benton Nutrition Site, Eddyville Charter School, Old Mill Center, Wren Community Club, Quilts for Caring Hands, Coastal Range Food Bank, East Linn Christian Academy, Central Coast Humane Society, Boys & Girls Club Corvallis, St. Vincent DePaul Lebanon, Linn County Animal Rescue, Hand in Hand Farms and Community Outreach Inc.

—Roman Gillen, President and CEO



Benton REA

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Manager's Message

Dear Members,

Issuing capital credit retirements has been a favorite holiday tradition at Benton REA. Many of you will receive a check from Benton REA this month. To date, Benton REA has returned more than \$12 Million back to its members.

Capital credits can be a confusing topic. This is why we've explained them in detail on our website and in the letter mailed to members who will receive a retirement check this year. If you have questions, please call us at 800-221-6987. We're happy to talk to you about this important advantage of being a member of Benton REA.

BE PREPARED FOR WINTER EMERGENCIES

Winter winds and storms can cause havoc on power lines. Although Benton REA strives to maintain our electric system infrastructure, we want you to be prepared in case of a power outage this winter.

The best way to do this is to pack an emergency kit. In it you should include: Water (one gallon per person), non-perishable food, a flashlight, a battery-powered or hand-crank radio, extra batteries, a first aid kit, medications and medical items, a multipurpose tool, a solar charger, family and emergency contact information, cash, blankets, games and activities for children, pet supplies, extra car and house keys and a manual can opener.

When power outages occur, our Benton REA team works diligently and safely to restore power to the greatest number of people in the shortest time possible. Restoring power after a storm involves much more than just flipping a switch at a substation or pulling a fallen tree off a downed power line.

If the outage occurs on a transmission line it must be repaired first, often by other utilities' crews, before other parts of the distribution system can be energized. Engineers and line crews check substations for storm damage while the repairs are made to the transmission lines. If the problem is not at the substation, distribution lines that carry power to neighborhoods are checked and repaired. Finally, engineers and line crews inspect and repair the secondary lines that carry power to your home. It can take many hours of work for Benton REA to complete the electric service restoration process.

The safety of our members and employees is our top priority when restoring power. Benton REA wishes you a happy and safe holiday season, and we thank you for the opportunity to serve you!

Sincerely,

Michael J. Bradshaw, General Manager
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Mission

Umatilla Electric Cooperative is a member-owned business that sells energy and invests in and supports other services to improve the quality of life in our communities.

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The Board of Directors and employees of Umatilla Electric Cooperative extend to you and your family the very best for a joyful Christmas season and a New Year filled with happiness!

We thank you for your business this past year and look forward to serving you for many years to come.





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Mission Statement

"Wasco Electric Cooperative Inc. will provide its members with competitively priced, reliable energy and related services."

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Annual Meeting Election Results

Director Elections

At the 79th annual meeting of Wasco Electric Cooperative on November 17, the following members were elected to the board of directors for three-year terms:

- District 1: Incumbent Bob Hammel
- District 2: Stacy Eakin
- District 3: Incumbent Mike Collins

Board Positions

In an organizational meeting after the annual meeting, the following directors were elected to board positions:

- President Mike Collins
- Vice President Ron Holmes
- Secretary Mathew Clausen
- Treasurer Jerry Duling



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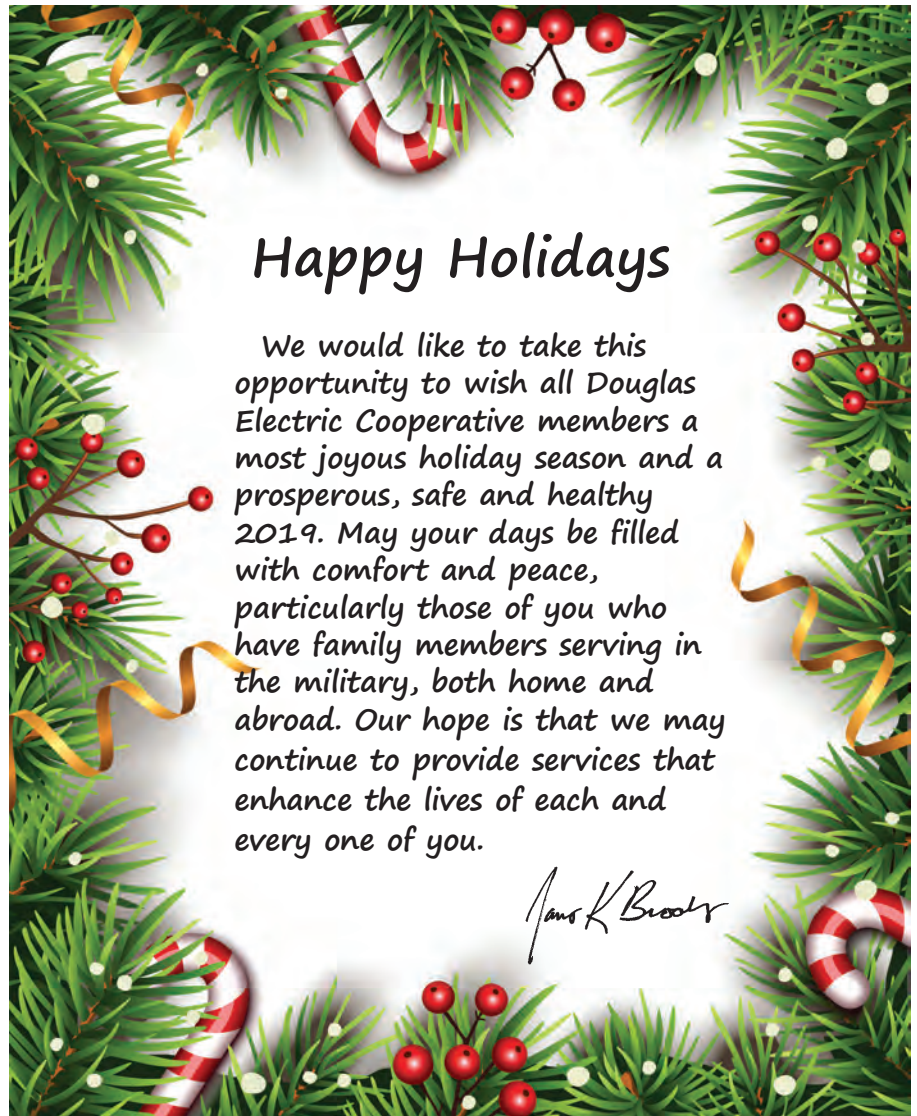
Mission Statement

The mission of Douglas Electric Cooperative, a member-owned and operated cooperative, is to provide affordable, reliable electric and other compatible services that enhance the quality of life for its members, using progressive marketing in conjunction with sound financial and management principles.

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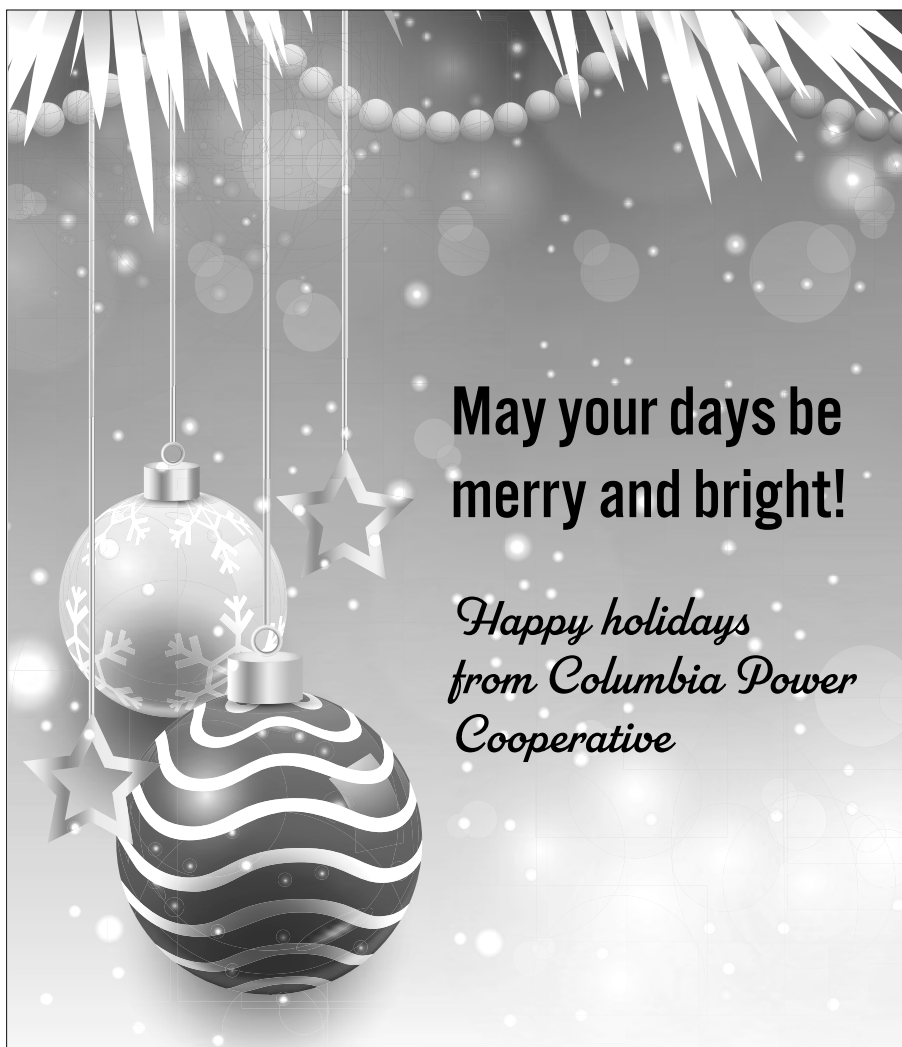
Troy Cox

The board of directors meets
the second Monday of each month.
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POWER OUTAGE NUMBERS

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Troy Cox 934-2155
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Mike Osborne 934-2067
Joe Ringering 805-9098
Gary Warner 934-2961
Brian Woodell 934-2260

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**May your days be
merry and bright!**

*Happy holidays
from Columbia Power
Cooperative*

Inclement Weather

Winter storms can cause multiple trouble spots in our service area. When storms hit, we prioritize our response to restore outages affecting the largest number of members first. Sometimes we need to quickly de-energize additional lines in order to safely complete repairs or to minimize equipment damage. Your patience and understanding during the repair process are greatly appreciated.

Our employees who answer outage calls usually do not have information about the causes of specific outages or know when repairs will be completed. Our repair priorities may change with evolving conditions or events. When outages are widespread, call takers need to keep conversations brief. Please be prepared to provide your name, address, phone number and the time your outage began. It's also helpful to know if you've seen any trees on lines, broken wires or other potential outage causes.

Central Issues

Central Electric Cooperative

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The aim of Central Electric Co-op is to make electric energy available to its members at the lowest cost consistent with sound economy and good management.

Board meets the third Thursday of each month at the CEC office, 2098 N. Highway 97, Redmond, OR.

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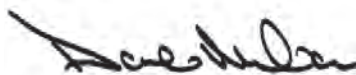
CEC Electrical Grid Continues to Amaze

As often as you hear the word “amazing” these days, I don’t find myself using it very much. It seems many times the word is used to describe something that really is not that amazing after all. But I never hesitate to use the adjective when I talk about Central Electric’s electrical system and what it takes to keep it up and running.

The electrical grid has been called the greatest real-time delivery machine in human history. It continually balances electricity supply and demand in increments of milliseconds. It links power plants, transmission systems and distribution networks across thousands of miles to homes and businesses with an overall reliability record exceeding 99.999 percent. The electrical system grows even more sophisticated every day. Nowadays, consumers can monitor their electricity use by the hour, day, week or month, as is the case when CEC members use our SmartHub application. Or consumers can connect their own energy production system, usually solar panels and, in a small way, actually become part of the grid. What also amazes me is how much this engineering marvel is taken for granted when just a couple of generations ago it was seen as a life changing miracle.

The care and management of our transmission and distribution system is an around-the-clock responsibility for the employees of Central Electric. Our members frequently praise our linemen for restoring power outages in all kinds of weather, day and night. Few realize that this work is a relatively small share of our crews’ workload. Every day their “normal” work involves projects that expand the size of the system or secure its reliability. They make proactive improvements or replace poles or underground power lines nearing the end of their service life. All are backed up by our engineers’ invaluable behind-the-scenes work. Their designs ensure the changes made by our crews synchronize with the rest of the system’s technologies and the physics of electric energy.

This dedication and expertise maintains our system of 24 substations, 45,000 power poles, more than 3,700 miles of distribution line, and 185 miles of transmission line, all spread across 5,300 square miles. This system operates around the clock delivering electricity to you—as much as you need whenever you need it. Some might say such a system is not amazing at all because it does its job, day after day, only being noticed during rare periods of failure. When such instances average less than one-thousandth of a percent of the time, I can’t help but think, “amazing.”



Dave Markham
President and CEO



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Thank You

It is with mixed emotions that I write the back page this month, as it will be my last Ruralite article before retirement.

First of all, I would like to thank the board of directors for having faith in me to lead your electric cooperative the last 12 years. I am proud that during this period we have grown and changed as an organization, focusing on improving service to members, helping our communities and remembering who we work for: you, the members.

At the same time, as with all businesses, we have had some disappointments, most of which are due to external pressures in the form of mandates, regulations, and imposed government fees and costs. We have encouraged members to join our grass-roots program, so we have the voice to let our state and federal legislatures know when we feel certain legislation is going to be costly to our rural areas.

Your electric cooperative has one of the best group of employees I have had the honor of working with. They are a hard-working group dedicated to you, the members, and improving the service we provide you every day.

All of you, our members, have been gracious, and the community organizations that exist due to your hard work have been helpful and supportive of Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative the last 12 years. Thank you! We work for you, and meeting your expectations drives every decision we make.

The board of directors has selected Brent Bischoff as my replacement. He is an excellent choice and is well positioned to lead your cooperative into the future.

Once again, thank you for allowing me to serve our communities. I wish you all a happy and prosperous holiday season and new year.

Sincerely,

Roger Meader

General Manager/CEO



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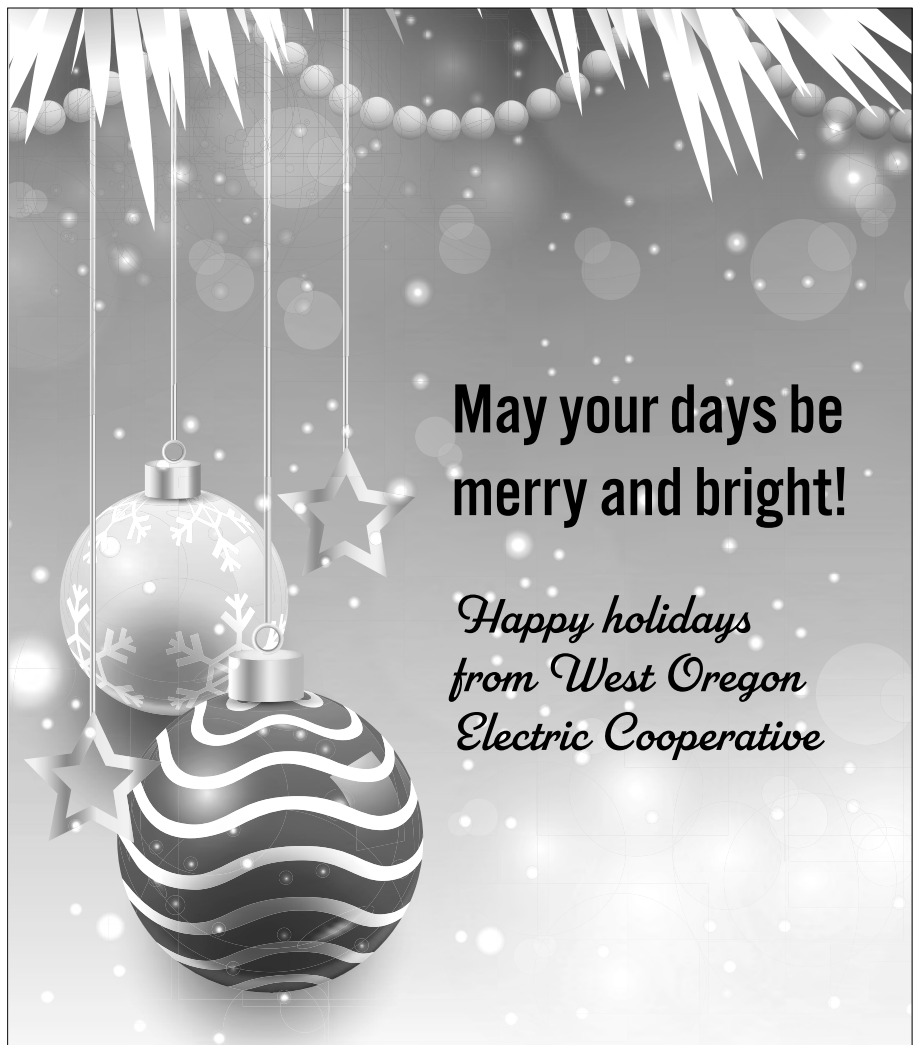
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Members are welcome.

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**May your days be
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*Happy holidays
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Inclement Weather

Winter storms can cause multiple trouble spots in our service area. When storms hit, we prioritize our response to restore outages affecting the largest number of members first. Sometimes we need to quickly de-energize additional lines in order to safely complete repairs or to minimize equipment damage. Your patience and understanding during the repair process are greatly appreciated.

Our employees who answer outage calls usually do not have information about the causes of specific outages or know when repairs will be completed. Our repair priorities may change with evolving conditions or events. When outages are widespread, call takers need to keep conversations brief. Please be prepared to provide your name, address, phone number and the time your outage began. It's also helpful to know if you've seen any trees on lines, broken wires or other potential outage causes.



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Fourth Monday of each month
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Meetings begin at 9 a.m.
(Unless otherwise noted on LEC website)

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Celebrate the Season

Dear co-op community members:

Happy Budget Season!

These past few months, the Lane Electric Board of Directors and staff have been as busy as Santa's elves building a responsible budget for 2019. The board is evaluating the proposed budget and a potential rate increase, if necessary, to support the infrastructure improvements necessary for keeping your electricity reliable. We will keep you informed as soon as the budget is adopted and any rate adjustments are made.



Meanwhile, here are some storylines from the 2019 proposed budget:

- We expect members to reduce their electric use next year by almost 1 million kilowatt-hours.
- The proposed 2019 budget's total expenses are slightly higher than the 2018 budget's total expenses.
- Next year looks to be the year for planning. Strategic planning, a substation communications feasibility plan and a disaster recovery plan are all in the works.

Happy Holiday Season!

On behalf of Lane Electric Cooperative Board of Directors and employees, we wish you a peaceful and joyous holiday season. May you cherish time with friends and family!

Matt

Matt Michel, General Manager



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Manager's Report

Dear Members,

This is my last back page in Ruralite before I retire from Blachly-Lane.

I got my first electric utility job in 1974 as a temporary groundman working for Portland General Electric. That was in the summer of my junior year at Oregon State University. I've also worked for Pacific Power and Chelan County PUD in Washington.

I've said many times, and will repeat here, the cooperative business model is, in my opinion, the best among utility business models. Private, nonprofit, consumer-owned, perfect!

Your cooperative is in good form. Much has been done to renovate the electric system and building facilities. There is still more to do, but during the next few years the cooperative will be winding down the large capital projects and transitioning into maintenance mode.

A long-range financial plan was developed in 2014 to keep the cooperative financially healthy. We have kept on the path.

The board has selected a bright and capable replacement for me in Greg Gardner. Greg will provide strong leadership for the cooperative.

The cooperative's future looks bright!

In closing, I would like to express my appreciation to the members who I was honored to serve as general manager the past seven years. I would also like to thank the board of directors who provided governance and support during that period. Thanks for your confidence in me. Last, but certainly not least, thanks to the employees of Blachly-Lane. I'm proud of your expertise, eagerness to serve and interest in the well-being of our members.

My wife, Kathy, and I have decided to stay in the Eugene area in our retirement. Hopefully, our paths will cross with yours in the future.

Sincerely yours,

**Joe Jarvis
General Manager**





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KPUD Customer Account Updates & Announcements

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When it comes to managing your utility accounts, easy access, security and detailed account information are not only on the top of your list, but ours as well.

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Beginning December 3rd, you can enroll your account in SmartHub™ via smart phone, tablet or computer by visiting **KlickitatPUD.com**. Additionally, KPUD has a new **24/7 Pay-by-Phone** feature at **888.255.5303** available for customers to make secure payments, enroll in auto-pay or enter meter reads.

We look forward to serving you now and in the future. If you need assistance enrolling please don't hesitate to call us!

Thank you,
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See more about SmartHub™ inside this issue!


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Capital Credit Checks Headed to Your Mailbox

Happy holidays from all of us at Northern Lights Inc.

I am excited to announce that this year the NLI Board of Directors authorized a total of \$1,099,662 of capital credits from the remainder of 1988, all of 1989 and 10 percent of 1990 to be returned to our members. This means that if you were a member of Northern Lights in those years, you will receive a check in the mail. Your check amount is determined by the amount of energy you used during those years.

We work hard to serve our members by providing safe, reliable and affordable electricity. When revenues exceed the cost of providing this service, these margins are returned to the members in the form of capital credits. Capital credits are not immediately paid out the year they were earned. These funds are used by NLI for electric lines, trucks and equipment needed to serve our members. This offsets our need to borrow money, which would in turn cause higher rates.

The cooperative holds unclaimed capital credits from years past. A list of all members with unclaimed capital credit distributions is available on our website at www.nli.coop. If you find your name on the list, please call us at 208-946-5130.

As another option, you can donate your capital credit checks to the Northern Lights Community Trust, which distributes the funds to local charities in our service area. Please see the insert enclosed with your check for instructions on how to do this.

Feel free to contact our office if you have any questions.

I wish you all a prosperous and happy year ahead. Merry Christmas!



Annie Terracciano
General Manager



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Parting Thoughts

As fall has given way to the winter months, no matter what the weather is doing outside our employees are hard at work keeping the power flowing to you. The months of November and December keep us busy at Columbia REA, supporting our communities and the Christmas light parades. I hope that you were able to join us as we participated in the Dayton, Walla Walla and College Place parades. The other area that keeps us busy this time of year is performing cold weather inspections of our larger services. The cooperative performs a large amount of preventative maintenance throughout our system. Even though this demands a lot of time, it ensures that we are maintaining our distribution system, which translates to fewer outages for our members.




The other parts of winter that I enjoy, are the holidays that come with this time of the year. Thanksgiving and Christmas give us a time to slow down a bit, if even for one day, and think about all the friends and family that make our lives so full. Whether it's the smell of your favorite recipe or the visit from a faraway family member; I hope that you have a great Christmas season.

Rest assured that we are here to keep your power on, and deliver it at the lowest cost possible. Merry Christmas from all of us at Columbia REA, and as always feel free to contact me with questions or comments at (509)526-4041 or by email at speters@columbiarea.coop.

Best,



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Manager's Message

Dear Member:

Electric cooperatives are local and community centered. Founded as a way to bring electricity to communities that did not interest investor-owned utilities, electric co-ops have been a cornerstone of the community and economic development in rural America for decades.

I am proud to be a part of an organization that serves the community in which we live, instead of a group of shareholders who may never set foot in our service territory.

As a member of Midstate Electric Cooperative, you not only get the benefit of safe, reliable and affordable electric service, but a benefit reserved for owners of a company: a return on your investment. MEC operates as a not-for-profit utility. The foundation of the cooperative business model is the allocation and retirement of patronage capital. This is the two-step process that returns margins to the cooperative's member-owners.

Each year, any revenues received in excess of expenses—referred to as margins—are deemed patronage capital and set aside in the form of capital credits. These margins are allocated to each member in proportion to the amount of electricity they bought that year. This allocation is the first step.

MEC retains the capital credits for a period of time. Like all businesses, MEC must maintain a balance between debt and equity to ensure financial stability. Capital credits are a significant source of equity and help fund the maintenance and growth of the system. In reinvesting your capital credits, MEC is able to keep rates competitive by reducing funds that must be borrowed from other sources.

MEC disburses or returns these capital credits when it is financially feasible to do so. Each year, the board of directors determines if the cooperative's financial position permits the return—or retirement—of capital credits and, if so, what amount of capital credits will be retired.

The board of directors has authorized the retirement of \$1.57 million in capital credits. When capital credits are retired, your equity is refunded to you. This disbursement completes the allocation and retirement process.

MEC retires capital credits using the first-in, first-out method: capital credits that have been invested in the cooperative for the longest period of time are returned to members first. In mid-December, members who bought power during 2001 and/or 2002 will receive capital credit retirement refunds.

All MEC members have an economic stake in the cooperative, both as users and owners. Capital credits benefit the individuals, businesses and governments the cooperative serves. Capital credit retirement refunds also provide an indirect benefit and economic impact as they flow back into the local communities.

Happy Holidays!

Our office is closed Tuesday, December 25, and Tuesday, January 1. Our after-hours outage line, 800-752-5935, is open 24 hours a day to assist you.

Washington, D.C., Youth Tour Applications due January 31

All interested high school sophomores or juniors should call 541-536-2126 option 5 for details.

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Interested in Running for a Position on the Board?

Applications are being accepted from Raft River Electric members interested in being candidates for the 2019 board election in Districts 1 and 3. **The deadline to apply is January 18.** Stop by or call the office for more information. Applications are available at the office or online at www.rrelectric.com.

Happy Holidays from all of us at Raft River Rural Electric Co-op Inc.!



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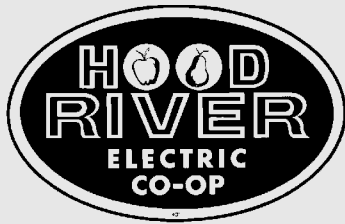
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Manager's Message

Dear Members:

It's mid-November as I write this, and the past week has brought our first wintry weather to the valley. We've had freezing temperatures and ice in some areas. It's a good time to prepare for possible storms and outages affecting your electric and internet service.

Winter storms can cause multiple trouble spots in our service area. When storms hit, we prioritize our response to restore outages affecting the largest number of members first.

Sometimes we need to quickly de-energize additional lines in order to safely complete repairs or to minimize equipment damage. Your patience and understanding during the repair process are greatly appreciated.

Our employees who answer outage calls usually do not have information about the causes of specific outages or know when repairs will be completed. Our repair priorities may change with evolving conditions or events. When outages are widespread, call takers need to keep conversations brief. Please be prepared to provide your name, address, phone number and the time your outage began. It's also helpful to know if you've seen any trees on lines, broken wires or other potential outage causes.

Please remember, if you see a downed line, stay at least 50 feet away, keep others away and immediately call 541-354-1233 to report it. Downed lines can be energized even if they look completely harmless.

When outages hit, we work as quickly as safety allows to restore your service. Restoration during major storms can sometimes take a few days. That's why we encourage you to prepare in advance. A home emergency kit can help you and your family stay safe and comfortable while we complete our repair work. To learn about preparing for winter weather, go to <https://hrec.coop/safety/outage-preparation>.

Safely restoring your service is our highest priority when storms hit. Rest assured, our crews are ready to answer the call if the need arises. Let's all hope for a trouble-free and enjoyable winter season!

Libby Calnon
General Manager

P.S. High-speed internet service makes a great Christmas gift! Call us at 541-354-1233 to learn more about our internet services available in your area.



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Manager's Message

Dear Members,

Harney Electric Cooperative is a not-for-profit utility owned by the members we serve. As a member-owner of HEC, you benefit by sharing in the patronage retirement process, including the allocation of capital credits.

This month, your cooperative returns more than \$665,000 in capital credits to HEC members who bought electricity in 1994. Members should receive a capital credits check in December.

The Patronage Retirement Process

The process returns margins to the member-consumers of the cooperative. In the first of two steps, capital credits are allocated to member accounts the year in which margins are received. The process is complete when these capital credits are paid out at a later date.

The Allocation of Capital Credits

At year-end, if HEC has collected revenue in excess of expenses, it is posted as margins. Margins are allocated to each member in proportion to the amount of electricity they bought that year. The more electricity bought, the greater share of margins allocated to the member's capital credit account.

Capital Credits Retirement

HEC maintains a capital credits account for all members of the cooperative, past

and present. Capital credits accumulate for each member until it becomes financially feasible to return them.

When HEC disburses capital credits, it is referred to as a retirement.



Capital Credits Work for You

Capital credits provide a major source of equity. Our lenders require us to maintain a certain level of equity to borrow money. Capital credits are also used to minimize debt financing and reduce your cost of service to help keep electric bills affordable.

Your Address is Important

Ensure we have your current mailing address, even if you leave our service area, so you may continue to receive your capital credits retirement checks in the future.

For more information about capital credits, visit our website at www.harneyelectric.org, or call us at 541-573-2061.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Fred Flippence
General Manager



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Capital Credit Retirement

If you were a member who bought electricity from Salmon River Electric Cooperative in 1996 and 1997, you most likely will receive a capital credit patronage check in the mail in early December.

At the October SREC board meeting, directors authorized a general retirement of patronage capital—capital credits—in the amount of \$252,000. With this retirement, your cooperative will have retired more than \$5 million in capital credits since 2005.

Capital credits are derived from the margins or profits of the cooperative. Each year, the cooperative allocates margins to its members in the form of capital credits. These capital credits reside in individual member capital credit accounts. The allocation to the member is based on the total dollar amount of purchases of electric service, which is limited to energy, capacity and monthly access charges in any given year.

Member patronage capital or capital credits represent the member's investment in the cooperative and resides on the cooperative's balance sheet as equity. Your investment is used to replace aging infrastructure such as poles, wires and equipment. What we don't fund with your equity, we fund with debt. Our priority is to find the right balance of debt and equity to provide safe, reliable and cost-effective electricity.

The cooperative's goal is to retire 5 percent of the total patronage capital annually. This amounts to rotating member patronage about every 20 years. The board of directors considers the financial position of the cooperative before authorizing any retirement.

The cooperative is legally required to retire capital credits at some future time. It is left up to the board of directors to determine when and how much to retire. The board is guided by its bylaws and member policies in decisions regarding the retirement of capital credits.

For more information on your cooperative's bylaws and member policies, please go to our website, www.srec.org, and look under Member Information on the left side of the screen.

Merry Christmas from the SREC board and employees!



Ken Dizes

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From all of us here at United Electric Co-op



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Happy Holidays from all of us at Lost River Electric Cooperative!



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Important Dates

December

CVEA Board Meeting: The December meeting of the Board of Directors is 1 p.m. Thursday, December 20, 2018, in Glennallen

CVEA Offices Closed:

The CVEA offices will be closed Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25, 2018, for the Christmas Holiday, and Monday, December 31, 2018, for New Year's Eve

January

CVEA Offices Closed:

The CVEA offices will be closed Tuesday, January 1, 2019, for the New Year's Holiday

CVEA Bylaws Amendment Petition

Deadline: Recommended Bylaws amendments must be submitted by petition no later than 6 p.m. Thursday, January 10, 2019

CVEA Board Meeting: The January meeting of the Board of Directors is 1 p.m. Thursday, January 17, 2019, in Valdez

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CVEA Bylaws Amendments

CVEA members may propose Bylaws amendments for placement on the 2019 ballot by filing a petition with the Board of Directors. The petition must be signed by at least 10 percent of the membership and filed at least 90 days before the annual meeting.

Please submit any amendments by petition prior to 6 p.m., Thursday, January 10, 2019. Petitions may be submitted to the Glennallen or Valdez office.

A copy of CVEA Bylaws can be picked up at either office or referenced online at www.cvea.org.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Sharon Scheidt at (907) 822-5506, (907) 835-7005, or email scheidt@cvea.org.



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It Pays to be a Member

GVEA Board Approves \$9.3 Million in Capital Credits Refunds

At the October 2018 GVEA Board meeting, the decision was made to retire all capital credits from 1993 plus 25 percent of the 2017 patronage, which totals \$9.3 million. All refunds will be distributed by the end of November 2018.

The early retirement of the 2017 portion was added due to significant operating margins in 2017, which totaled \$20.1 million.

An advantage of being a member of a cooperative is having service provided to its member-owners at cost. Because GVEA is a not-for-profit cooperative, any revenue left over at the end of each year (known as margins) is allocated to members based on the amount of power purchased throughout that year. This is what is known as capital credits.

How will these funds be distributed?

- Active members whose refunds will be greater than \$100 will be issued a check.
- Active members with refunds of less than \$100 were issued a credit adjustment on their November bill.
- Former members will be issued checks if the refund exceeded \$25 (or was under \$25 and held for five years).

While capital credits allocation happens each year, the co-op typically retains this money for a period of 25 years. During this period, capital credits are reinvested in the system for projects and maintenance, such as building substations or replacing power poles or lines.

GVEA's Board of Directors specifically authorizes each retirement only after careful consideration of the financial impact to the co-op. When capital credits are retired, GVEA issues a refund.

If you leave GVEA's system, it's very important that your current mailing address is on file, so future capital credit refunds reach you.

For more information about capital credits and a list of frequently asked questions, please visit

GVEA's website at: <http://gvea.com/resources/capitalcredits>. ■



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Manager's Message

December 1

Graeagle Holiday Festival. Downtown Graeagle. 1 to 5 p.m. Tree lighting, pictures with Santa, refreshments, carolers and more.
 For more information, visit www.graaglemerchants.com.

Loyalton's Christmas Crafts Fair. Loyalton Assembly of God Church Hall. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Two floors of fantastic shopping.
 For more information, call 530-993-0709.

Loyalton Christmas Tree Lighting. Held at dusk. Free rides on the fire trucks. Rotary of Loyalton will serve refreshments.
 For more information, call 800-200-4949.

Magical Country Christmas Lassen Co. Main St., Historic Uptown Susanville.
 For more information, call 530-257-4323.

December 1 & 2, 7 - 9, 14 - 16, & 21 - 24

Festival of Lights. Lassen County Fairgrounds. 5 to 9 p.m. Brilliant display of lights at the fairgrounds. Walk through only, no cars.
 For more information, call 530-251-8900.

December 7

Portola Light Parade & Christmas Tree Lighting. Downtown Commercial Street 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Light parade starts at 6 p.m. Tree lighting follows.
 For more information, call 530-836-6811 or email epcc@psln.com.

Artist's Opening Reception. Main Street Artists Gallery, 436 Main St., Quincy. 5 to 7 p.m. Reception for featured artist. Meet the artist and enjoy snacks at Quincy's artist co-op gallery.
 For more information, call 530-283-1909.

Artist's Opening Reception. Plumas Arts, 525 Main St., Quincy. 5 to 7 p.m. Plumas Arts Gallery welcomes a new exhibition. Meet the artist and enjoy light refreshments.
 For more information, call 530-283-3402.

December 8

Holiday Workshop – Centerpiece Class. Every Bloomin Thing, 705-670 U.S. 395, Susanville. 10 a.m. to noon. Fees: small \$32 and large \$42.
 For more information, visit www.everybloominthing.com.

Holiday Workshop – Kids Kreativity Class. Every Bloomin Thing, 705-670 U.S. 395, Susanville. 3 to 4 p.m. Fee: \$8 for kids ages 6 to 14 years old.
 For more information, visit www.everybloominthing.com.

December 12

Community Supper. Quincy Methodist Church, 445 Jackson St., Quincy. 6 to 7 p.m. Join the community for a fantastic dinner provided and served by a different host each week. Donations

gratefully accepted.
 For more information, call 530-283-1740.

December 15

Sierra City Children's Christmas Potluck and Party. Sierra City Community Hall. 6 p.m. Potluck with Christmas carols. Children will present the Nativity play. Santa will arrive on the fire truck with stockings for the kids.
 For more information, call 530-862-1347.

Tropical Christmas Escape Vaudeville Revue. Main Street Sports Bar and Lounge. 395 Main St., Quincy. 8 to 10 p.m.
 For more information, call 530-283-9788.

December 19

Community Book Club Meeting. Plumas County Library Conference Room. 445 Jackson St., Quincy. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Co-sponsored by the Plumas County Library and Barn Owl Books. Book selections can be nominated by any attendee and the final selection will be by vote. Nominated books must be less than 450 pages and available in paperback. Several copies of the books chosen will be available at the library and at Barn Owl Books.
 For more information, call 530-283-2665.

December 31

New Year's Eve Gala: "The Full Monty." West End Theater. 541 Main St., Quincy. 8 to 10 p.m. Bring in the New Year with six unemployed steelworkers in their creative pursuit to get cash quick.
 For more information, call 530-283-1956.

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Telecommunications News

PST now hosts its own speed test site, which will allow you to get a more accurate speed test directly from PST's servers, instead of a server in another state. The speed test site is speedtest.pst.coop, and can be linked to from any page at www.pst.coop.


Progress on expanding broadband services in Quincy on the coax system is going well. We recently opened a new area behind Safeway and are working on repairs for the rest of West Quincy and Chandler Road. When the Quincy and Chandler Road areas are complete, we will then be working in Plumas Pines, Loyalton and Sierra Brooks.

PST's internet services are unlimited, so you don't have to worry about data caps, and speeds go up to 20 Mbps download.

To learn more about our services or get on our interest list, please visit www.pst.coop or call us at 800-221-3474.

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Manager's Message

Dear Members,

Merry Christmas and happy holidays! We hope you have a happy and safe holiday season. If you or your family are decorating for the holidays, please remember to not overload outlets and circuits, and always look up for overhead lines before you install any tall features or exhibits.

Camp Fire and Backup Power

On Thursday, November 8, Pacific Gas & Electric cut electric service to Plumas County just after 8 a.m., shortly after the Camp Fire started. According to PG&E, due to the fire there was some damage to their lines that prevented the normal stable connections between PG&E's Feather River Canyon facilities and its sub-transmission system that serves our communities and PSREC's main feed.

Plumas-Sierra switched from our primary power supply to our backup within half an hour. PG&E was able to restore power to Quincy shortly after 10 p.m. PG&E was operating in "island" mode, using the Caribou powerhouse to carry their Plumas County customers. They did not have the capacity and stability to carry PSREC's system.

The PSREC backup system is a limited capacity line, enhanced by 6 megawatts of our generation at the High Sierra Cogeneration Plant. In addition, all three of the prisons on our system used their internal generation to carry their own loads.

PSREC recently completed a solar project in partnership with Sierra Army Depot.

As of this writing, the generation, in combination with our members conserving power, meant we were on backup power for 150 hours straight.

Thanks to everyone who conserved power! It made a real difference. The PSREC Board of Directors has invested considerable time and money into making our system resilient. This would have been a disaster without our past

efforts. Thanks to Jason Harston, our manager of engineering and operations, and his team, which has manned the control room at all hours, making sure we kept the lights on.

The member services department did a good job of making sure everyone understood what was happening. If you would like updates on major outages via text, please text PSREC to 95577.

Capital Credits

One of the ways electric cooperatives are different from investor-owned utilities is each cooperative depends on its members to provide the necessary funding, or equity, for operation. Inspired by the idea that people can pool their resources to get things done—a fact that hasn't changed since PSREC was formed in 1937 by a group of people who banded together to bring electricity to the countryside—your membership ensures access to reliable resources and services, a cornerstone of economic opportunity.

The mechanism by which members contribute equity is known as capital credits, which are determined at the close of each business year by allocating the net profits of PSREC to each member based upon the amount of electricity they purchased.

Capital credit returns are evaluated annually by PSREC's board of directors.

The board has determined PSREC will distribute a refund to members in 2018.

Members in good standing will receive capital credit refunds on their December bills, received in January. If less than \$100, the refund will appear as a credit on your bill. If your refund is \$100 or more, you will be mailed a check in January.

Thank you for your support of PSREC and the common needs of our community!

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Winter office hours start November 12. The Ely office will be open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Eureka office will be open Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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Looking Back With Gratitude on a Great Year

It's that time when we find ourselves taking notice of the many blessings we have enjoyed this year. Back in April, we bid farewell to General Manager Randy Ewell, who retired after a 37-year career. We have been so blessed to have him lead us and wish him the best on his new adventures.

In May, our employees took part in the national awareness program Red Nose Day, which was established to end childhood poverty, by making generous donations to our local Community Against Childhood Hunger foundation. Watching their acts of kindness was truly humbling.

We appreciate the loyalty our members showed during our fight to defeat Question 3. Whether it was a sign in your yard, a bumper sticker on your car or a conversation with your neighbor about the flawed constitutional amendment, your vote made a difference at the polls, defeating Question 3 by 91.86 percent for White Pine County. We are grateful that you—our members—stood by us during this challenging issue.

Mt. Wheeler Power employees ended the year with an impeccable safety record. From simple everyday tasks to major storm repairs, safety is our top priority. Returning our employees safely to their families at the end of every work day requires dedication and discipline, and we are so proud of our employees for always looking out for one another.

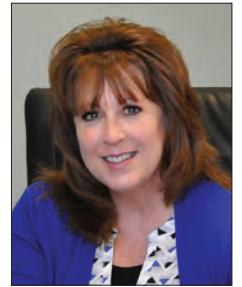
Many view success by taking a look at the bottom line, and that's exactly what your Board of Directors did when they validated the return of \$1.2 million in capital credits to our members this year.

We are closing out 2018 by once again hosting our Santa's Elves program. With your help, we will provide assistance to 35 families and put toys under the tree for 77 children this holiday. These are children who might otherwise go without. This program has been in place for more than 20 years and is only possible because of the generosity of our members.

While there is much to be grateful for this year, I am also excited about what's in store for 2019.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Shellie Watts, Member Services and HR Manager



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CEO Message



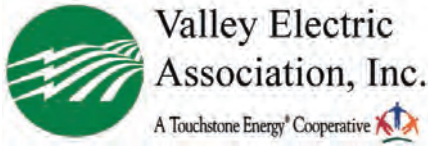
Thank you for keeping electricity safe, reliable, clean and affordable by voting No on Question 3. We appreciate your overwhelming support!

Best wishes for a joyous holiday season!

Clay R. Fitch
Chief Executive Officer

A large, dark blue silhouette of the state of Nevada is centered on the page. Overlaid on the map is the text: "WREC thanks all who voted No on Question 3. Your voice made a difference." in a white, serif font.

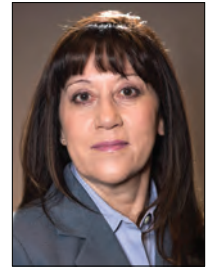
WREC thanks all who voted No on Question 3.
Your voice made a difference.



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LETTER FROM THE CEO

Meet and Greet the New CEO



As Valley Electric Association's new Chief Executive Officer, I consider it a privilege to serve you, and I am anxious to meet you.

Members like you may be curious about the direction the Cooperative under new leadership. After all, it has been 12 years since Valley Electric Association had a new Chief Executive Officer. What does such a change mean? Does it suggest a change in philosophy? How will the Cooperative operate differently? These are just a few questions that may come to mind, and I know you may have other questions concerning your Cooperative.

I believe it is important to talk to members about the Cooperative's direction, so I will visit all of our districts in December. I urge you to join your Director and me for an informal discussion of all things VEA.

The format of the December meetings will be similar to district meetings conducted each March except they will be a little less formal. The Board member in your district will give a brief introduction, and then I will follow with a presentation of my own.

Among the topics to be discussed is the transition VEA has experienced in 2018. We will

also talk about our renewed commitment to transparency, the Seven Cooperative Principles and our continued commitment to our communities. In addition, we will take a look at what the future looks like for our Cooperative.

And, please know that we will set aside plenty of time for group questions and one-on-one interactions.

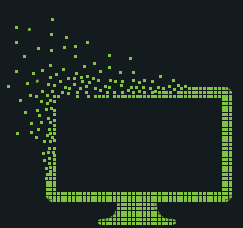
I look forward to visiting you in person and having the opportunity to answer your questions and address any concerns. As I wrote this, we were still working on the schedule. Look for emails about the district visits and fliers announcing the times, dates and locations once everything is finalized.

In closing, the holidays are fast upon us and I would like to wish each of you the warmest wishes during this special season.

Until next month,


Angela Evans
Chief Executive Officer

Angela Evans was named CEO of Valley Electric Association in October. She served at the executive level at utilities in New Mexico, Texas and California for more than 20 years before joining VEA in 2017.



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2018 Board Meeting Schedule

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Happy Holidays

We at Nushagak sincerely wish our members and communities a happy and safe Holiday season. We wish you the joy of family, friends and community as we reflect on 2018 and look forward to 2019.

Reflecting on 2018, I see a year of transition for our cooperative. As with all transitional times, it was exciting and a bit intimidating, we had our share of success and struggle, we said goodbye to a handful of employees, welcomed some new faces and celebrated in the growth of all who took up new responsibilities. We took on several new projects, the power plant upgrade, the DSL upgrade, a head end facility for our CATV and, of course, the initiation of the Nuyakuk hydroelectric project to name a few. The additional workload, training and responsibilities touched all departments and groups, from operations to customer service, administration and the board of directors. I am proud of the team at Nushagak that met these new challenges.


Looking forward to 2019, I see a year of continued opportunity. The lessons we learned, the growth in skills and teamwork will help us exploit these opportunities for the benefit of our member-owners. The goals remain the same, the highest level of service and reliability while striving to keep costs down. These goals take the place of profit in a cooperative and are a source of motivation and pride for everyone at Nushagak.

As you, our member-owners enjoy the holidays in the traditions that bring you the most comfort and joy, know that we here at Nushagak wish you happiness and success throughout 2019.

Happy holidays,

Robert Himschoot and the Nushagak family



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One of the Many Benefits of Being a Member of a Cooperative

As we move into December, it's time to look at everything we have to be thankful for. For Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative (OTEC), it is also time to reflect on the accomplishments achieved throughout the year and prepare for capital construction and other major projects in the new year.

In looking at all the accomplishments in 2018, we would be remiss if we didn't take the time to express our gratitude for the hard work of our employees, the dedication and focus of your board of directors and especially you, our member-owners. The support, feedback and encouragement we received from so many across our system have helped make our communities better, and your electric cooperative more effective and successful.

One accomplishment in 2018 was maintaining the financial health we have here at OTEC. Our financial strength has continued to improve throughout the years. We will continue to focus on our operational efficiencies and safe operating practices for our team and the public.

Because of our financial strength and forward financial outlook, your board of directors authorized a return of \$6 million in capital credit retirements to be delivered back to current and former cooperative members by a factor of two for 2018. This is the largest amount of capital credits ever returned at OTEC.

Capital credits are one of the many benefits of being a cooperative member-owner. Margins in excess of operating costs and expenses are allocated to members based on a percentage of your electricity billed during

a given year. We call these excess margins capital credits. OTEC has returned capital credits every year since 1996, totaling more than \$39 million.

Because OTEC is a not-for-profit cooperative utility, margins earned are invested into the cooperative's infrastructure. On an annual basis, a part of those margins earned from previous years is returned to the members in what we call a capital credit retirement.

Payment of capital credits at this time of year can help offset a small portion of the additional costs we incur during the holiday season and cold winter. It is important for our member-owners to know that our rates are highly competitive in the Northwest and throughout the nation, even without consideration or the return of any capital credits.

It's important that we continue to maintain a strong financial position as we move into next year, with concern on the horizon with the Bonneville Power Administration and the uncertainty of regulations that affect power supply and associated utility operations.

On behalf of all of us at OTEC, thank you for the opportunity to serve you.



Les Penning
CEO and General Manager



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**MERRY
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Dear Members:

The holidays are upon us again. Thanksgiving has come and gone, and by the time you read this, Christmas and New Year's will be right around the corner. I hope you have a wonderful time celebrating the holidays and spending time with great friends and good food.

Weather predictions for the Pacific Northwest are split. Some say we are in for a warm, wet winter. Others tell us to get ready for a cold, snowy winter.

In either case, at Ohop Mutual we are busy preparing for the oncoming season by making sure we have adequate inventory and well-maintained trucks in case wind and snow damage our facilities.

Here are a few tips to help you prepare for a power outage and to help us bring power back online quicker:

- Call Ohop Mutual Light Co. and tell us about anything you observed, such as wires down or loud bangs.
- Keep away from downed wires.
- Turn on an outside light. That tells repair crews your power is restored.
- Trip the breaker to space heaters and water heater units.
- Unplug sensitive equipment such as TVs, computers, microwaves and other electronics.
- Check your supplies. Make sure you have plenty of candles, matches, batteries, flashlights, bottled drinking water and ready-to-eat food on hand.
- Use generators carefully. Portable generators pose a serious hazard to repair crews if not used properly.

If you have any questions, please give us a call. We want you to stay safe and warm.

Since Christmas is only a few weeks away, the board of directors and I, as well as all of our Ohop employees, wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

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Parkland Light & Water Co. Fuel Mix Report

Parkland Light & Water Co. wants to keep members informed of the mutual's business. One way it does that, other than annual meetings, is by providing members with the annual fuel mix report.

This report shows how PL&WCo. power is generated. As you can see, the No. 1 power source for Parkland—and most electric cooperatives throughout the Northwest—is hydropower.

PL&WCo. buys 100 percent of its power from the Bonneville Power Administration. BPA gets most of that power from federally owned dams, but some comes from other sources, such as nuclear, coal, natural gas and biomass.

Fuel Mix				
Fuel	Percent	MWh from Market Claims on Resources	MWh from Purchases	Total
Hydro	89.54%	105,895	2,514	108,410
Nuclear	8.87%	10,633	11	10,744
Coal	0.63%	0	759	759
Natural Gas	0.82%	7	985	992
Biomass	0.07%	0	96	96
Other Non-Biogenic	0.04%	0	52	52
Petroleum	0.03%	0	33	33
Other Biogenic	0%	0	0	0
Biogas	0%	0	0	0
Geothermal	0%	0	0	0
Solar	0%	0	0	0
Waste	0%	0	0	0
Wind	0%	0	0	0
Total	100%	116,535	4,550	121,086



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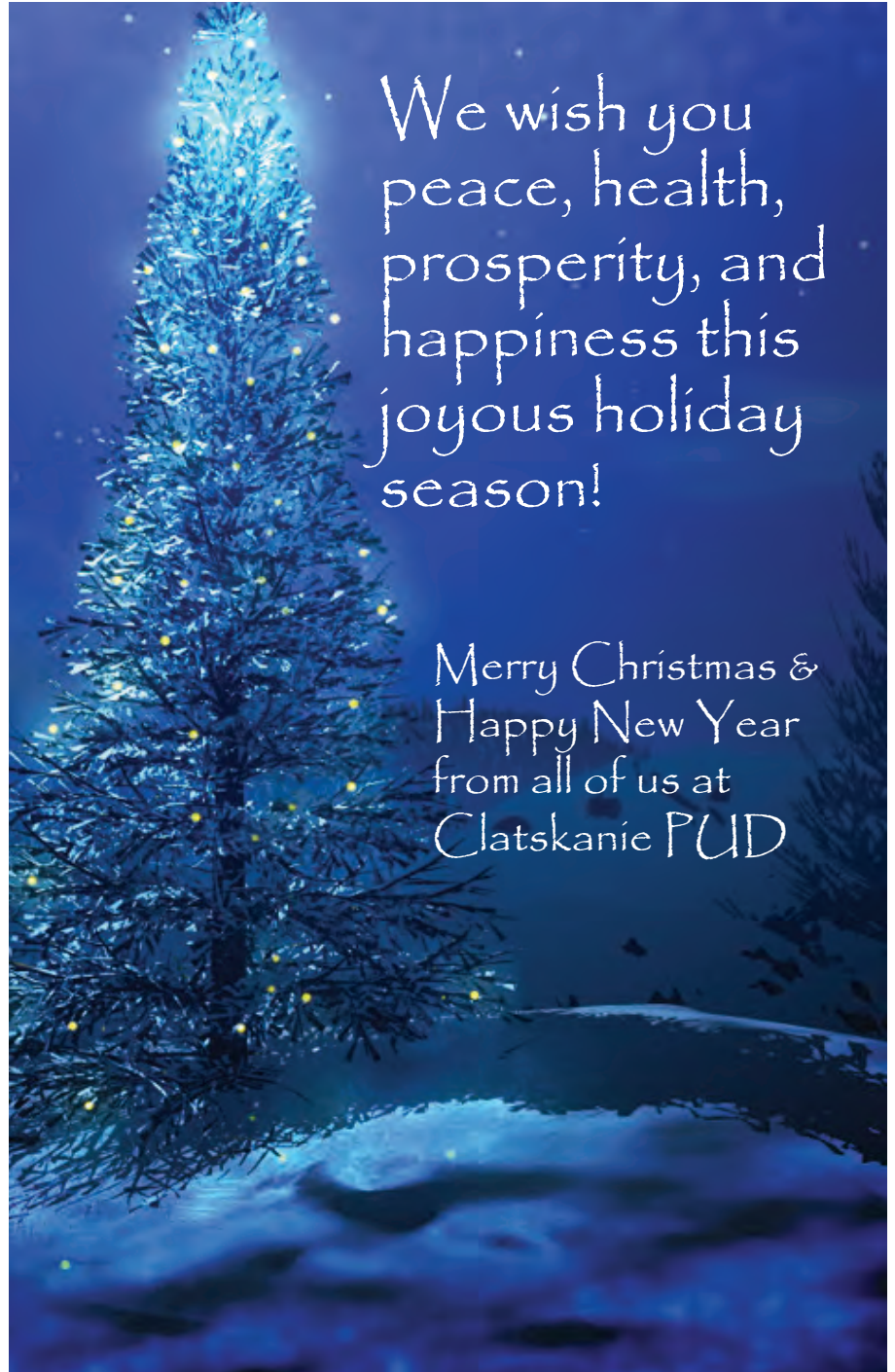
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Community Calendar

- December 1:** Clatskanie Chamber Tree Lighting at Windermere 5 pm
- December 1:** Clatskanie Cultural Center Breakfast with Santa 10 am & Movie Dec 1 & 2 at 2 pm and 7 pm
- December 2:** Rainier Tree Lighting at City Hall 5 pm
- December 6:** Clatskanie Chamber Meeting Noon at Colvins
- December 13:** Rainier Chamber Meeting Noon at Methodist Church
- December 19:** Clatskanie PUD Board Meeting Workshop at 5:30 pm, followed by regular board meeting at 7 pm.
- December 24 & 25:** Merry Christmas CPUD office closed

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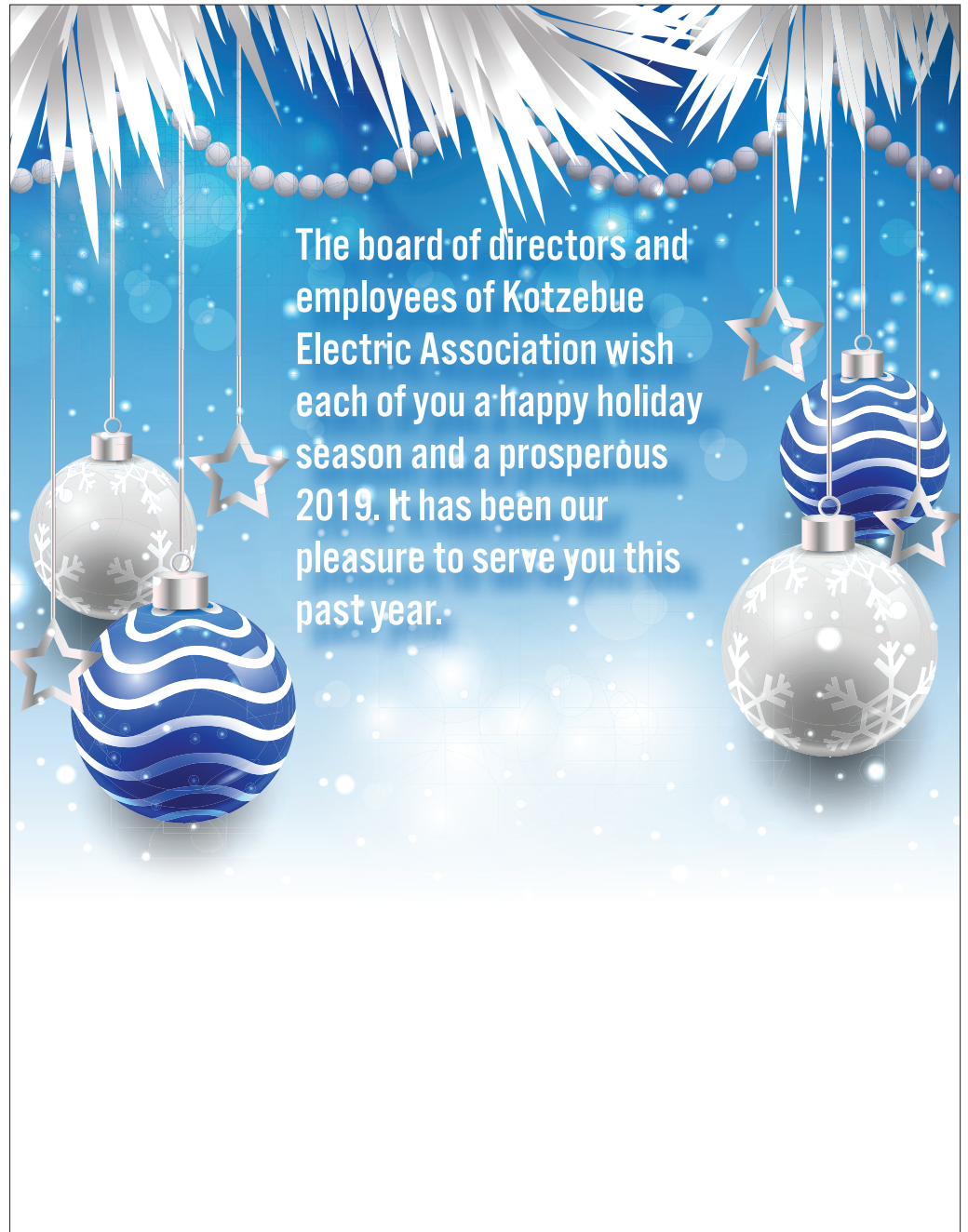
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'Twas
The night before
Christmas

And all through the house

Not a creature was stirring 'cause the power
Was out. How can this happen?

What trouble could be? The house is all dark
Even the lights on the tree.

The lineman's asleep all cozy and warm. His power apparently
was spared by the storm. Deep into slumber

But soon to awake 'cause a tree on the line has caused it to break.

The calls swamp the office. "MY POWER IS OUT!"

Get them here quickly, 'cause I carry clout." The dispatcher calls
And with a hint of despair, He informs the lineman the lines need repair.

In three or four hours the trouble is found.

You see the road didn't pass where the tree went down. After walking through snow

And fighting the storm, the line is now clear and the power is on.

And now it's morning. The kids shout with glee and their eyes shine as bright

As the lights on the tree. The lineman goes home now as tired as can be.

The storm just ignored it was his Christmas Eve.

He's not asking for praise

Or for you to applaud, 'cause according to him it's just part of the job.

But please just remember as you pick up the horn

And you call the office

He may be out in the storm.

This poem was published in the December 1979 issue of Country Living. It was written by Kevin Hughes, an engineering technical draftsman at Guernsey-Muskingum Electric Cooperative — New Concord, OH



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*The board meets at 5:30 p.m.
the fourth Tuesday of each month.*

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LMUD Programs Offer Winter Bill Help

Winter in Lassen County can bring extreme weather at a time when the family budget is usually stretched to the brink. That is why Lassen Municipal Utility District offers a variety of programs designed to help customers conserve energy and, if needed, a helping hand through tough economic times.

LMUD's Energy Conservation Assistance Program provides assistance to LMUD's income-qualified customers who may need help paying their electric bill. ECAP provides a discount of up to 50 percent—depending on eligibility criteria—on energy use from November to April, lessening the affect of winter energy bills.

ECAP applications may be picked up at the LMUD office located at 65 S. Roop St., or downloaded from www.lmud.org.

In addition to ECAP, LMUD offers the Emergency Energy Assistance Program for income-qualified customers. The goal of the program is to avoid disconnection of service for customers faced with an unexpected financial crisis. EEAP applications are available through the Susanville Salvation Army office in the Grocery Outlet shopping center.


LMUD also offers energy gift cards in denominations of \$25, \$50 and \$100. Available for purchase at the LMUD office, gift cards can be applied to any LMUD account. They make a great gift for senior citizens, college students or any LMUD customer.

We hope that by working together, we can overcome difficult economic times.

On behalf of the LMUD staff and board of directors, we wish all of our customers a safe and happy holiday season. As a reminder, the LMUD office will be closed Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25, in observance of Christmas and Tuesday, January 1, in observance of New Year's.

Our 24-hour customer service line, 257-4174, is always available in an emergency.



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Case in Point

Last month, I had the opportunity to interview former House Speaker Newt Gingrich at a post-election forum sponsored by the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation.

As fate had it, Speaker Gingrich had been with President Donald Trump at a White House election-night watch party. He reported the president was ebullient as the results came in from Senate races in so-called red states. If President Trump thought it was a good night for his party, he wasn't paying much attention to Oregon.

As I wrote this month in my election analysis on page 4, the Democrats solidified their hold on urban and suburban Oregon in western Oregon while the Republicans continue to hold every legislative district east of the Cascade Mountains. Democratic Gov. Kate Brown also won a decisive victory despite a spirited campaign from State Representative Knute Buehler. The Democrats had a good night, and now have strong majorities to try and pass their legislative priorities. We congratulate all candidates who had the courage to step into the political arena.

Electric cooperative leaders will continue to work with both parties in the upcoming Oregon legislative session to make sure they are aware of *our* priorities: protecting the amazing federal hydro system that helped build the Northwest economy and enables us to be one of the lowest carbon-emitting states in the country; maintaining local control of electric cooperative governance; and understanding the unique challenge of serving rural farmers and ranchers who help feed urban Oregon but in doing so, often live at the far end of a dusty road. We hope these are ideas that both red and blue Oregonians can rally behind.

Ted Case
Executive Director



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Manager's Message

Enjoy the New, But Keep the Old

In today's fast-paced world, it's easy to lose sight of life's simple pleasures. Rocking on a front porch while visiting with family and friends, enjoying reading a favorite book in front of a crackling fire, watching kids chase fireflies when the sun goes down—these are special traditions our forefathers enjoyed and many of us did, too, before tablet screens and earbuds became the pastime of choice.

Especially during the holidays, I think of the special traditions I have enjoyed with my family through the years. From my own childhood Christmas rituals to new memories made with my children and grandchildren, these traditions are part of our family heritage that I want to preserve for generations to come.

Another tradition dear to me is that of the cooperative spirit: people working together in a unified effort to improve the quality of life in our area. Escambia River Electric Cooperative has a long history of working as your partner to make a positive difference in our community.

I think back on the rich history of the electric cooperative movement, and how a small group of determined individuals was able to improve their quality of life and the quality of



Clay R. Campbell

life for all those who would follow. I am thankful our community's predecessors had the vision and foresight to do what needed to be done, gathering friends and neighbors to form our electric co-op.

Just as we enjoy new technology and more conveniences added to our daily lives as time goes by, our co-op also progresses and evolves to provide the most inno-

vative energy services that are available today. However, you can count on some traditions to never change. Just as in the early days of the cooperative, EREC will continue to meet all of your electric energy needs. We also will continue to be here to help improve the quality of life in our community.

This Christmas, let's embrace the joys of the modern world we live in, but also take the time to reflect and enjoy the traditions that are meaningful to you and your family. After all the gifts are wrapped and the special dishes are cooked, take time to look into the faces of those around your table. Make some new traditions that your family will remember for years to come.

All of us at Escambia River Electric Cooperative wish you a merry Christmas!



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Economic Participation in Action

As a not-for-profit electric cooperative, we are governed by seven core principles including Members' Economic Participation. This ensures all members contribute equitably and proportionately to the cooperative's capital through their monthly bills. You can best see this principle in action each year when FKEC returns Member Capital Credits.

This year, FKEC retired nearly \$1.7 million as Capital Credits. This means if you were an FKEC member in the year 2000 you received a member capital credit with your November electric bill.

As a member-owned utility, FKEC calculates our annual margins by taking the total revenue and subtracting all operating costs. Any margins, or resulting revenue as they are also called, are allocated to each member based on the amount of electricity he or she purchased during that year in proportion to the total amount

purchased by all members. Once these margins are allocated they are called Member Capital Credits.

Like other cooperatives, FKEC retains its capital credits for a number of years to invest

in improvements and maintain the electric system. This also helps to limit the amount of money the Co-op borrows, which in turn helps lower the rates on your electric bill.

As part of the yearly return of Member Capital Credits, FKEC's directors hand delivered some checks to show appreciation to our members and the community. See facing page.

Being able to spread holiday cheer at the same time is a special added benefit.

From all of us at FKEC, happy holidays to you, our wonderful member-consumers and your families!

What are Member Capital Credits?

Member Capital Credits are FKEC member's piece of the cooperative pie. Each year, FKEC calculates our annual margins by taking our total revenue and subtracting all operating costs. The resulting margins are then allocated based on the amount of electricity you purchased during that year in proportion to the total amount purchased by all members. The allocated margins are called Member Capital Credits.

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CEO's Message

Helping Our Comrades

Another year comes to a close. For our territory, it was a year of extreme lightning activity. Barring any unusual late season hurricanes, we've been blessed without major harm.

That was not the case for our cooperative friends to the north. Starting October 10, at least six of our line crew employees were helping others recover from the devastation of Hurricane Michael. Our guys began their efforts at Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative, soon moved to Tri-County Electric Cooperative and then to West Florida Electric Cooperative, where they spent most of their time. Their final destination was Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative, whose territory was ground zero. The need for help was so great at Gulf Coast, we even sent staff personnel to assist. The last of our men returned home November 7. I heard only good reports from the CEOs of those cooperatives regarding our employees, who made us proud. My thanks to them and their families, who sacrificed in their absence.

Our guys are home safe and sound, but that was not the case for all working this recovery. Three linemen were killed by a driver careening through their coned-off work area as they restored power for West Florida Electric Cooperative members. Memorials and funds have been set up for these men. As we enter this giving season, please consider donating. The information to do so follows:

► West Florida Electric Cooperative

Donations for Bo Ussery's family can be made to Lynn Ussery, 1547 Williams Road, Chipley, FL 32428

► Lee Electrical Contractors

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Donations for Ryan Barrett can be made to the Ryan Barrett Memorial Lineman Scholarship Fund by mailing a check to NCC Foundation, 522 North Old Carriage Road, Rocky Mount, NC 27804. Make checks payable to NCC Foundation-Ryan Barrett. The memo line on the check must include Ryan Barrett Scholarship Fund. To give online, go to www.nashcc.edu.give; Gift Designation: NCC Foundation Student Scholarship Program; Designation Comments-Ryan Barrett Fund; This gift is made in memory of Ryan Barrett.

The power lines may be back up, but recovery is far from over. Many more families and communities in the Panhandle can use our help. Reach out and do so. It fits the season.



Jeff Brewington



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Any PRECO member may attend a Board Meeting. Due to building security requirements and for us to facilitate attendance, members wishing to attend a Board Meeting should contact the Cooperative in a timely manner for logistical information regarding the meeting.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING DATES

December 18, 2018

January 22, 2019

February 26, 2019

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PRECO Members to Receive \$1.4 Million in Capital Credits

This month, our members will be unwrapping a \$1.4 million gift from Peace River Electric Cooperative. But, it won't be under the tree.

In mid-December, members who had service during the years of 1994 through 1997 will receive a Capital Credits check in the mail. Those with an active PRECO account receiving less than \$50 will see a credit on their electric bill.

Let's look at how these funds go from patronage, to being allocated to accounts, and finally to being retired as Capital Credits.

Patronage Refund Process

The Patronage Refund process returns profits (known as "margins") to the member-consumers of the cooperative. In the first of two steps, Capital Credits are allocated to member accounts the year in which margins are received. Second, the Patronage Refund process is completed when these Capital Credits are retired (paid).

Allocation of Capital Credits

Each year, if PRECO (a not-for-profit co-op) has collected revenue in excess of expenses, it is posted as margins. Margins are allocated to members in proportion to the amount of electricity they purchased that year. The more electricity purchased, the greater the share of margins allocated to the member's Capital Credits account.



Capital Credits Retirement

PRECO maintains a Capital Credits account for every co-op member, past and present. Capital Credits accumulate for each member until it is financially feasible to return them. When PRECO disburses Capital Credits, it is referred to as a "retirement."

PRECO's lenders require us to maintain a certain level of equity and financial stability. Capital Credits are the primary source of equity that satisfies these requirements. Capital Credits are also used to minimize debt financing and reduce the cost of service to help keep electric bills affordable.

Please verify that we have your current mailing address, even if you move away, so you may continue to receive your Capital Credits in the future.

For more information about Capital Credits, see page 4 of this magazine or visit our web site at www.preco.coop.

Randy
PRECO CEO