



MIDSTATE CONNECTION

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Understanding Your Electric Bill

On your January billing statement you will notice a new line item for demand. The demand charge is calculated based on the highest amount of energy you use during any 30-minute period during the billing cycle. To help you understand this new charge, we've created a sample residential bill with detailed explanations of each section of your billing statement.

1 Electric Usage History: A chart that depicts your past energy use, detailing important information like average daily usage by month. This is a great tool for learning more about your usage pattern.

2 Meter Number: Your meter number is unique to your electric meter and is usually stamped or printed at the bottom of the face plate of the meter on your home.

Multiplier: This is applied to certain types of members to determine usage. For most homes, the multiplier is 1.

Reading Dates: Your bill includes both the previous month's meter reading and the current month's meter reading. The difference between the two is the kWh utilized in the current reading period.

Kilowatt-hours (kWh): The kWh shows the amount of energy that was used during the billing period. A watt is a measure for electric power and a kilowatt (kW) is one thousand of those. A kilowatt-hour (kWh) is equal to 1,000 watts of power for a one-hour time period.

Kilowatt (kW): A kW is measurement for the rate of power an electrical device, or home uses. The higher the kW of a device, the more electrical power is needed to operate it. A kilowatt is 1,000 watts (W). 1,000 W = 1 kW.

3 Energy Charge: The total amount of energy used during the billing cycle, measured in kilowatt-hours (kWh).

Demand Charge: This charge is based on your highest thirty-minutes of energy use during the monthly billing cycle.

Facilities Charge: A fixed monthly charge that covers the costs of delivering electricity to your home.

Prompt Pay Discount: A Prompt Payment Discount is available to all members who pay their electric bill in full within 10 days of the billing date. By doing so, a 1% credit is applied on the next month's electric bill.

Roundup Amount: Members have the option to participate in Operation RoundUp to "round up" their monthly bill to the nearest whole dollar amount, providing funds to support, improve, and advance communities throughout MEC's service area.

4 Total Amount Due: The total dollar amount based on your usage, fees, and services.

5 Current Charges Due Date: The date the charges are due. The due date is set based on your billing cycle.

Relief Fund Contribution: Members have the option to donate to the Relief Fund Contribution. It is a program that helps members with their bills when they are needing help due to a life event.

Account Number: 16755 Finley Butte Rd
PO Box 127
LaPine OR 97739-0127

Monthly kWh Usage
Average kWh Per Day: 60

Account Detail

Previous Balance	162.00	
Payments Received 11/19/2024	162.00	Credit
Balance Forward	\$0.00	
Energy Charge (kWh) 1,797 @ \$0.077	138.37	
Demand Charge (kW) 12.982 @ \$1.25	16.23	
Facilities Charge	35.00	
Prompt Pay Discount	2.46	Credit
Roundup Amount	8.85	
Current Charges	\$188.00	
Total Amount Due	\$188.00	

Electric Service Detail

Meter Number: 99999
Reading Dates: 11/05/2024 - 12/05/2024
Number of Days: 30
Current Reading: 143964
Last Reading: 142167
kWh: 1,797
kW: 12.982
Multiplier: 1.0

Service Location: Rate: Residential Bill Type: Regular

Current Charges Due Date: Total Amount Due: \$188.00
Relief Fund Contribution: (optional)
Total Amount Paid:

Prompt Payment Discount - 1% will be credited to your next electric bill if your current bill is paid in full and received within 10 days of billing date.
Late Charge - \$5 or 1.5%, whichever is greater, for outstanding balances not received in our office by 5:30 PM the day prior to your next billing.

HOW THE NEW DEMAND CHARGE AFFECTS MEMBER BILLS STARTING THIS MONTH:

- All accounts now include a demand charge.
- For accounts already subject to a demand charge, an additional \$1.25 per kW has been added to the previous rate.
- Accounts that previously received the first 25 kW or 50 kW at no charge will be billed \$1.25 per kW for these amounts.
- Rates for Yard and Street Lights have also increased.

Members are encouraged to use their SmartHub account to see when their energy use increases and consider what electric devices are in use during those days. The best way to reduce demand is by spreading out the use of electric devices.

For more details about our new rate structure, visit our website at midstateelectric.coop/rate-structure.



Last Call for Washington, D.C.

Youth TOUR

Applications

Midstate Electric is searching for a student-delegate to represent the co-op at the National Rural Electric Cooperative (NRECA) Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. on June 15-22, 2025.



America's electric cooperatives have been bringing young leaders from rural America to Washington, D.C. on the "Trip of a Lifetime" since the 1950's.

Tens of thousands of lives have been impacted and changed through this incredible program!

This all expenses-paid trip is a unique opportunity for high school sophomores or juniors in our service territory.

During the trip, students will tour museums, visit historic monuments, meet with elected officials, explore Capitol Hill, and learn about the impact electric cooperatives have on the communities they serve.

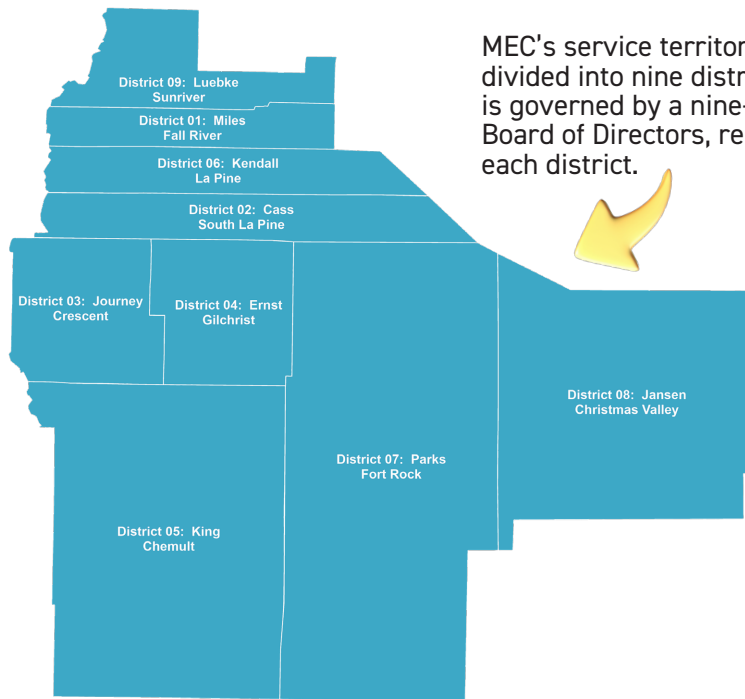
Students can apply on our website at <https://www.midstateelectric.coop/youth-tour>. Call 541-536-7220 for additional information.



SCAN TO APPLY NOW

The deadline to apply is **January 30, 2025.**

Board Positions in Districts 3, 4, and 6 Up for Election in 2025



MEC's service territory is divided into nine districts and is governed by a nine-member Board of Directors, representing each district.

At Midstate Electric Cooperative (MEC), our members are at the heart of everything we do. Our cooperative is guided by an elected Board of Directors, who represent the best interests of our members when making key decisions.

Each year, MEC members have the opportunity to run for open board director positions through a petition process outlined in our Bylaws.

In 2025, director positions in Districts 3, 4, and 6 will be up for election during our Annual Meeting on May 17, 2025. Members residing in these districts are encouraged to consider running for these vital leadership roles.

To qualify, candidates must submit a petition signed by at least 15 MEC members from their district.

Serving on MEC's Board of Directors is an opportunity to make a meaningful impact in your community. You don't need expertise in electricity or business—just a passion for serving your fellow members and a willingness to learn.

We value diverse skills and perspectives on our board. A variety of backgrounds and ideas ensures innovative and inclusive decision-making for the cooperative.

Directors are stewards of the cooperative's mission to serve members effectively, ethically, and efficiently. Directors are expected to:

- Actively participate in board and committee meetings.

- Make strategic decisions regarding operations, policies, and financial oversight.
- Represent the best interests of all members while considering the long-term health and sustainability of the cooperative.
- Stay informed through ongoing training and education to adapt to evolving energy industry trends and challenges.

Directors serve three-year terms, with elections held during the Annual Meeting on a rotating basis. The nine-member board convenes monthly to set policies, review operational and financial performance, and address issues affecting the cooperative.

Members interested in running for a director position must reside in the district they wish to represent.

Your voice matters! By serving as a director, you can play a pivotal role in ensuring Midstate Electric Cooperative continues to thrive and deliver exceptional service to its members.

Petitions may be obtained at MEC's office and must be filed on or before Thursday, March 6, 2025.

For more information about the qualifications and duties of directors, call 541-536-2126.

Let's get connected on social media so you'll never miss an update on MEC activities, programs, and contests.

