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# Manager's Message



As we move into February, we are looking forward to the many projects Midstate has on the horizon. We are optimistic about the opportunities ahead and are committed to making them happen to provide the safe, reliable and cost-effective service our members expect.

One significant change this year is the implementation of the new residential demand charge, which began with January bills. This charge is designed to fairly distribute costs and help ensure accounts with higher energy demand are not subsidized by those with lower demand. It's important to emphasize this adjustment allows us to keep facility charges and kilowatt-hour rates stable, even as we face rising costs from Bonneville Power Administration and increasing material and transportation expenses.

We understand changes like this can raise questions, and our team is here to help. Don't hesitate to reach out with questions or for assistance—our goal is to make this transition as seamless as possible. We have also provided tools and resources on our website to help you better understand and manage your energy use.

Additionally, we're focusing on critical infrastructure and wildfire mitigation projects this year. We will continue to pursue every avenue—including advocating for policy changes at the national level—to secure increased right-of-way clearances on federal lands. These clearances are essential for improving safety, reliability and wildfire prevention, and we are committed to ensuring these changes take place for the benefit of our members and communities.

We remain dedicated to maintaining a strong presence and voice in protecting the Columbia River Basin dams and the lower Snake River dams. These dams are vital to our region, providing reliable power, supporting our economy and playing a key role in balancing the grid during critical periods. We continue to advocate for their preservation and the critical benefits they provide for rural communities like ours.

I'm excited about the work we have planned and confident in the ability of our cooperative to meet the challenges ahead. Your feedback and support are vital as we move forward. I encourage you to share your thoughts as we work together to make 2025 a successful year for MEC and our members.

Thank you for your continued trust in us. Together, we're building a stronger, more resilient cooperative.

**Jim Anderson**  
CEO/General Manager

*"The best way to predict your future is to create it."  
—Abraham Lincoln*