

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

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Member Service Option 3 Engineering..... Option 4 Marketing..... Option 5 Operations Option 6

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

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

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Manager's Message

Veterans Day is Monday, Nov. 11

On Veterans Day, we honor the brave men and women who have selflessly served in the U.S. military to protect our freedoms. We extend our deepest gratitude for their courage, sacrifice and dedication. Veterans not only safeguard our nation but also bring invaluable skills and leadership to our communities.

We also recognize the vital support of military families, whose strength and resilience reflect the enduring spirit of service. As we reflect on our freedoms, let's take time to thank veterans, listen to their stories and honor their legacy of unity, sacrifice and commitment.



Upcoming Demand Charge Ensures Fair Energy Costs

Demand metering is a system designed to ensure each member pays their fair share based on their actual electricity use, rather than imposing a flat rate increase for everyone. This method is inherently fairer, as it accurately reflects individual consumption patterns.

By charging based on demand, we avoid unfairly penalizing members who use less electricity. A flat kilowatt-hour charge increase would disproportionately affect those with lower use, making demand metering a more equitable solution.

The Bonneville Power Administration bills us based on demand, not just total energy consumed and transmission. Historically, these costs have been spread across all members, but demand metering allows us to allocate these costs more accurately. Each member pays for what they use, ensuring a more precise and fair distribution of costs.

The cost of demand, transmission and energy from BPA continues to rise. These increasing costs are a significant factor in our overall expenses and must be accounted for in our pricing.

Your board of directors, elected by you, the members, ensures your interests are represented in all decisions. The directors are responsible for setting policies and strategic planning to guide the organization. The board consults with industry experts on costof-service studies to determine the most equitable way to recover costs. This ensures our pricing strategies are fair and based on sound financial principles.

The board of directors is responsible for setting the rates. It carefully considers all factors, including costs of delivering service and regulatory requirements, to ensure rates are fair and sufficient to cover our expenses.

As a not-for-profit company, our goal is not to generate profit but to cover costs and provide reliable service. All decisions are made with our members' best interests in mind.

Jim Anderson CEO/General Manager

"November is the month to remind us to be thankful for the many positive things happening in our life." —Unknown