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The board meets the fourth Monday
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Demand Charge Helps Maintain Fairness

The Midstate Electric Cooperative Board of Directors has decided to implement a new demand charge on residential accounts, effective January 2025. As the CEO of Midstate Electric, I want to personally address the reasoning behind this decision and the impending changes.



This decision was not made lightly, but it has become necessary due to the rising costs we are experiencing, particularly from the Bonneville Power Administration, along with significant increases in materials and transportation expenses.

During our annual meeting this year, I discussed these challenges and the careful consideration we've given to keeping rates manageable for our members. The cooperative and our board of directors have worked diligently to find a solution that maintains fairness across the membership. After evaluating numerous factors, we concluded a demand charge was the best path forward.

The new demand charge allows us to maintain the current facility charge and kilowatt-hour rate, ensuring members with higher energy demand are not subsidized by those with lower demand. We believe this approach is the most equitable way to manage the increased costs while keeping rates as stable as possible.

You will see a demand charge reflected on your January bill, and we understand this change might prompt questions. To assist you, we will offer resources to help you manage and reduce your demand, including a demand calculator on our website and instructions on how to keep track of your use through SmartHub. These tools can help you better understand how your demand is calculated and billed.

In the coming months, you will receive detailed information about the demand charge, along with tips and strategies for lowering your demand and managing your electricity use. Our goal is to provide you with all the necessary tools to make informed decisions about your energy consumption.

At Midstate, we are committed to providing reliable, affordable service to ensure our rate structures are fair and sustainable for all members. We appreciate your understanding and support as we navigate these cost challenges together.

Remember to vote in November. Your voice as a cooperative member has an impact on our future. Voting is one of the most important ways we can ensure our interests are represented, and it's critical our cooperative community makes its voice heard. To help, Co-ops Vote has a website full of voter resources and information. Check it out at www.vote.coop. Your participation helps shape policies that affect us all. Let's make sure our votes count.

Jim Anderson
CEO/General Manager

"The future of this republic is in the hands of the American voter." —Dwight D. Eisenhower