

The end of another year is fast approaching.

The last 6 months have gone by very fast for me as your new Manager. Dave Schneider your past Manager told me that this cooperative was a Gem, I couldn't agree more, Midstate is a role model of what a cooperative should be.

Your Board of Directors work hard at developing the Strategic Planning and set policies to help guide us into the future, always putting the membership first in each decision.

I am honored to lead an incredible and talented team who works together to overcome obstacles and develop solutions to keep the lights on safely.

This year has seen increased power sales as well as an increase in membership as new members move into our service territories and away from major cities.

Midstate and our fellow co-ops have met the continued COVID challenge head on and worked together to keep the lights on. We have also put another fire season behind us, and we are stronger and wiser from the lessons we have learned.

We will continue to be proactive in planning for all possible events as we head into the future to make sure we are ready for any situation that may arise.

Yes, 2021 is almost behind us and we can all look forward to a new year.

The holidays are a time of year that many of us eagerly anticipate. The season is marked by special foods, seasonal decorations and lots of festivities. Events are planned in our communities, many of which have become a tradition. We cherish carrying on old family traditions and enjoy creating new ones. I look forward to community events and more time spent with family and friends.

During the hustle and bustle of the season, the holidays can also offer an opportunity to slow down and reflect. For all of us at Midstate Electric, we are grateful for you, the members of the co-op.

One of our founding principles as a co-op is "Concern for Community." While our focus is providing safe, reliable and affordable energy, we want to give back. We want to help the communities we serve thrive.

From our family to yours, we would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! —

Jim Anderson, General Manager