




A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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Departments

Member Service Option 3
Engineering Option 4
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After-Hours Outage and Emergencies:
541-536-2165 or 800-752-5935

OFFICE HOURS

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

STAFF

General Manager

James "Jim" Anderson

Engineering Manager

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Operations Manager

Vacant

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General Manager's Message

Dear Member,

October is National Co-op Month. It's amazing to think more than 900 electric co-ops provide electricity to more than 42 million Americans.

Like all co-ops, Midstate Electric Cooperative operates under the Seven Cooperative Principles:

- **Voluntary and Open Membership.**

Co-ops are open to all who are able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership.

- **Democratic Member Control.**

Co-ops are controlled by their members, who set the policies and make decisions. Elected representatives are accountable to the members, who have equal voting rights: one member, one vote.

- **Member Economic Participation.**

Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their co-op. They allocate surpluses to develop the co-op and benefit in proportion to their transactions with the co-op.

- **Autonomy and Independence.**

Co-ops are self-help organizations controlled by their members. If they enter into agreements with other organizations, they do so on terms that ensure democratic control by their members.

- **Education, Training and Information.** Co-ops provide education and training for members, elected representatives, managers and employees so they can contribute to the development of their co-ops. They inform the public, particularly young people and opinion leaders, about the nature and benefits of cooperation.

- **Cooperation Among Cooperatives.**

Co-ops serve their members by working together locally, regionally, nationally and

internationally.

- **Concern for Community.** While focusing on member needs, co-ops work for the sustainable development of their communities.



Help us celebrate National Co-op Month by entering to win a \$100 bill credit. See page 8 for more information.

Facilities Charge Increase

You invest in the co-op every time you pay your bill. A portion of this monthly investment helps cover the fixed costs of delivering electric service to your home or business regardless of how much electricity is used. This includes the costs of electrical system maintenance, tree trimming, outage restoration, taxes, insurance, materials, fuels and utility administration. On your bill, this is identified as the facilities charge.

MEC commissioned a cost-of-service study, which indicated the actual fixed cost in our area is \$35 a month.

To help ensure long-term financial stability for the co-op, the board of directors and management are working to bring the monthly charge up to the actual cost. Single-phase residential and single-phase general service facilities charges will increase by \$3 in January. The energy charge remains the same.

Your monthly investment ensures you have access to safe, reliable and affordable power when you need it. We strive to use that investment wisely.

James "Jim" Anderson
CEO/General Manager