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Manager's Message

As we go about our daily activities, most of us probably don't think about how reliant we are on electricity. But it is an important part of our daily lives and helps us maintain the lifestyles we have become accustomed to.

This month, I want our membership to take a moment to recognize how fortunate we are to experience the benefits of hydropower. Hydropower is one of the oldest sources of renewable energy and has been powering the nation for more than a century.

It is the most abundant energy source in the Northwest, and the lower Snake River dams—part of the Federal Columbia River Power System—supply our constant source of energy. Because hydropower costs less than most energy sources, we have lower energy bills than the rest of the country.

August 24 is National Hydropower Day. It's a time to celebrate our reliable, affordable and carbon-free energy source. The clean power generated from hydropower each year prevents about 150 million metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions from entering the atmosphere.

The first industrial use of hydropower to generate electricity in the United States was in 1880 to power a theater and storefront in Grand Rapids, Michigan. In 1882, the first U.S. hydroelectric power plant to sell electricity opened on the Fox River near Appleton, Wisconsin. Within the next decade, there were more than 200 hydroelectric power plants in the country.

In 1937, the Bonneville Power Administration was established when President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Bonneville Project Act. In the 1960s and early 1970s, the federal government built four large dams on the Snake River. Power from these dams is the largest source of electricity in the Pacific Northwest and the largest source of renewable electricity in the nation.

It is incredible to think that your electricity comes from the force of a flowing river, through spinning turbines, converting kinetic energy into mechanical energy and then into electricity.

Electricity leaving the dams travels a long distance to reach our service territory. It flows along transmission lines, passes through substations and then through transformers that change the electricity into a lower voltage. From there, it travels on distribution lines that carry energy through neighborhoods to the electric outlets that power your lights and charge your smartphones. Hydropower powers your life.

To learn about advocating for hydropower, please join our member network, Voices for Cooperative Power. VCP members work together to influence elected officials as they make important federal and state policy decisions that affect our safe, reliable and affordable electricity. Sign up at voicesforcooperativepower.com/lsrcregister.

CEO/General Manager Jim Anderson

*"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."
—Will Rogers*

