

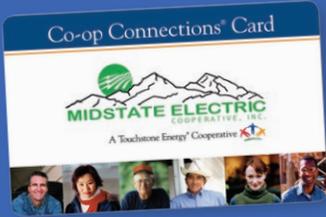


A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

MIDSTATE CONNECTION

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Touchstone Energy® Co-op Connections® Update

The Co-op Connections Card is a money-saving member benefit program that provides valuable local and national discounts. The most widely used benefit of the card, the pharmacy discount, has saved members \$1,013,210 since June 2009.

For more information, or if you need a Co-op Connections Card, call [541] 536-2126 option 5.



Midstate Electric Cooperative Conservation Rebate Program

The following measures are available for rebates through September 30, 2022:

- Air Source Heat Pump
- Ductless Heat Pump
- Heat Pump Water Heater
- Duct Sealing
- Attic, Wall & Floor Insulation
- Window Upgrades
- NEEM Certified Manufactured Home
- ENERGY STAR Clothes Washer
- ENERGY STAR Clothes Dryer

A home energy audit is required before insulation and window upgrades are made. Rebate amounts are determined per qualification specifications, are available on a first-come-first-served basis and may end at any time. All qualifying equipment and measure requirements must be met, installed and the paperwork submitted to MEC's Marketing Department to receive the rebate.

For additional information, call [541] 536-2126 option 5.

SmartHub - The Center of Member Engagement



Manage your electric account 24/7 by accessing SmartHub at www.mse.coop and Electric Services option.

With SmartHub, you can:

- Pay your bill online
- Monitor energy use
- View billing history
- Receive notifications via email or text message
- Report outages and track outage restoration progress
- Check MECs news feed

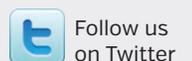


The Power Behind Your Power: MEC Line Crews



Lineman appreciation day is April 11. So during the month of April, if you see a lineman, please pause to say thank you to the power behind your power. Let them know you appreciate the hard work they do to keep the lights on, regardless of the conditions.

Friends Stay Connected



Electric Rates for Single Phase Residential and General Services

Starting April 1st, the Facilities Charge for Single Phase Residential and General Service rate classes will increase from \$29/month to \$32/month. At the same time, the Energy Charge for these rate classes will decrease from 6.68¢/kWh to 6.45¢/kWh.

Since the Facilities Charge increase is coupled with an Energy Charge decrease, a member using the average 1,300 kWh in a billing period will see an increase of just 0.01%, or 1¢. A member using 890 kWh in a billing period would see an increase of 1.09%.

A cost-of-service assessment was conducted by an independent party. This assessment reviewed the fixed costs and entirety of cost of serving every MEC member. The assessment determined that MEC's Facilities Charge is below what is required to recoup the fixed costs to MEC. The assessment was brought before the Board of Directors, and they approved the new rate structure.

The Facilities Charge is designed to recoup the fixed costs that MEC incurs before a single kWh is delivered to a member. These costs include wire, substations, poles, etc. that are needed to provide power, even before a single light switch is turned on. This charge will be \$32/month beginning April 1st.

The cost per kilowatt hour (kWh) consumed during a billing period. One kWh is equivalent to 1,000 watts being consumed for one hour; 2,000 watts consumed for one hour equals two kWh. This charge will be 6.45¢/kWh beginning April 1st.

MEC's 70th Annual Meeting

Please join us for MEC's 70th Annual Meeting of the Members on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at the Midstate Headquarters. Registrations and barbecue all begin at 10:00am and the business meeting starts at 12:00 noon. The annual meeting is an event for the entire family. It gives you, the member/owners, a chance to participate in the business of your electric co-op.

Scholarship Applications due May 9, 2022

The application is available at www.midstateelectric.coop/scholarship-programs. The final deadline for submitting the application and all required materials is Monday, May 9. For more information call [541] 536-2126 option 5.

5 STEPS FOR SAFE DIGGING

Working on an outdoor project? Careless digging poses a threat to people, pipelines and underground facilities. Always call 8-1-1 first. Here are five easy steps for safe digging:



1. NOTIFY

Call 8-1-1 or make a request online two to three days before your work begins. The operator will notify the utilities affected by your project.

2. WAIT

Wait two to three days for affected utilities to respond to your request. They will send a locator to mark any underground utility lines.



3. CONFIRM

Confirm that all affected utilities have responded to your request by comparing the marks to the list of utilities the 8-1-1 call center notified.



4. RESPECT

Respect the markers provided by the affected utilities. The markers are your guide for the duration of your project.



5. DIG CAREFULLY

If you can't avoid digging near the markers (within 18-24 inches on all sides, depending on state laws), consider moving your project location.



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